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# NEWSLETTER

May 2025

## NAGANGBI HELLO!

What's been happening since the February newsletter?

The soft opening was marked by an invitation extended to local government officials and various organisations that can utilise the Hub's resources. The event featured Cultural Performances by the Djiriba Waagura Dance Group, which included a traditional Smoking Ceremony and dance. Uncle Richard welcomed all attendees, setting a warm and inclusive tone for the gathering.



Djiriba Waagura at the Port Kembla Hub



Another highlight was the celebration of **The United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**. This event featured Aunty Adelaide, who shared her personal story, which resonated deeply with attendees. Her narrative brought forth a wave of emotions, leading to tears in the room as participants connected with her experiences and insights.

Additionally, Layne Brown contributed to the event by sharing his family's history and journey. His presentation included a meaningful dance performance with Kugang Djarambi that complemented his storytelling, creating an atmosphere of unity among those present.



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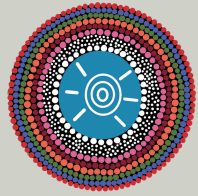
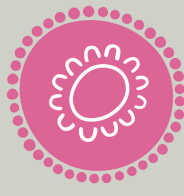


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**Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation**

**SORRY DAY**

**MONDAY 26TH MAY**

**10AM to 12PM**

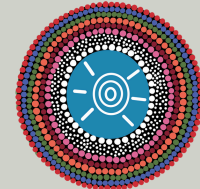
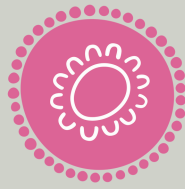
Alison Byrnes MP will be speaking on Sorry Day. Auntie Sharralyn will discuss the significance of Sorry Day and its importance in acknowledging the history and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Following this, there will be a dance by Kugang Djarambi and finishing up with morning tea.

**IAC Head Office**  
**4 Wentworth St Port Kembla**







## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is held on the same dates every year – 27 May - 3 June.

This year's theme Bridging Now to Next reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future and urges us to look ahead, to continue the push forward as past lessons guide us. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together.

At a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, this theme calls on all Australians to step forward together.

## Ngalambay Reconciliation Walk

**When:** Wednesday 28 May 2025. Time: 9:30 am arrival for a 9:45 am start. 12:30 pm finish approx.

**Where:** Holborn Park, Holborn Street Berkeley. What: All participants are invited to take part in the Reconciliation Walk, which will depart from Holborn Park walking to Hooka Point and returning to Holborn Park. To begin the Reconciliation Walk we will have a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. Following the walk participants are invited to take part in Cultural Dance and a community picnic.

## CareWays Reconciliation Walk

Join us for a Reconciliation event on Thursday 22nd May at 10:30am, Lakeside Reserve. The day will include a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, Cultural dancing and a short walk to Koonawarra Community Centre for a free BBQ.



join us for a  
**RECONCILIATION WALK**  
Thursday 22nd May 2025 | Starting at 10:30am

You're invited to join us from 10:30am for a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and Performances at Lakeside Reserve, Koonawarra Bay.

This will be followed by a short walk and a BBQ at 12pm at the Koonawarra Community Centre.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY      CULTURAL PERFORMANCES  
SMOKING CEREMONY      GUEST SPEAKERS

## Staff update

We have some new staff members onboard to better assist you.

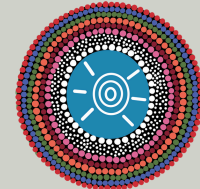
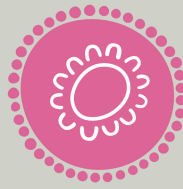
**Marilyn Brown** has joined us at IAC as our **Housing Manager**.

Joining Marilyn is

**Aaliah Vojnovski** - Housing Officer & **Lillian Luland**-Housing Support.

We also welcome **Renai Smith** - Going Home Staying Home- Caseworker. Welcome to the IAC.

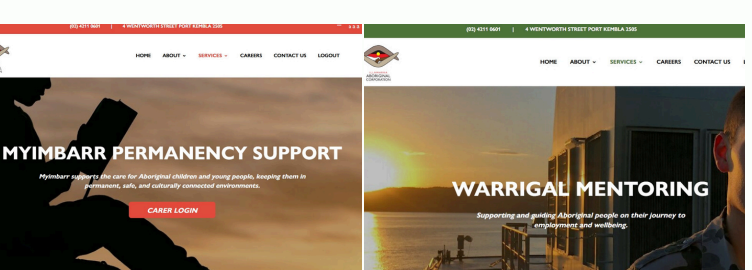
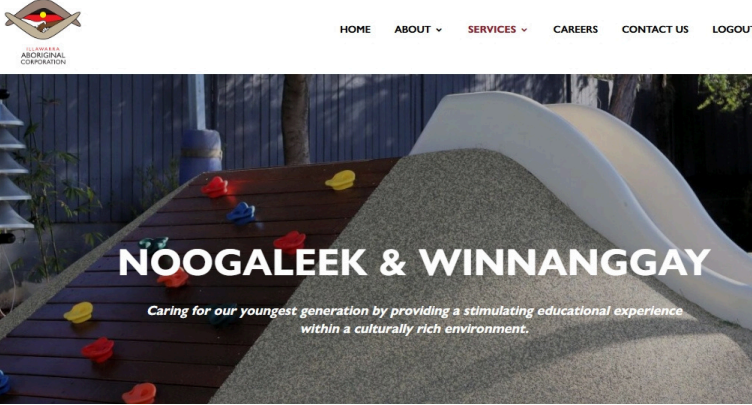
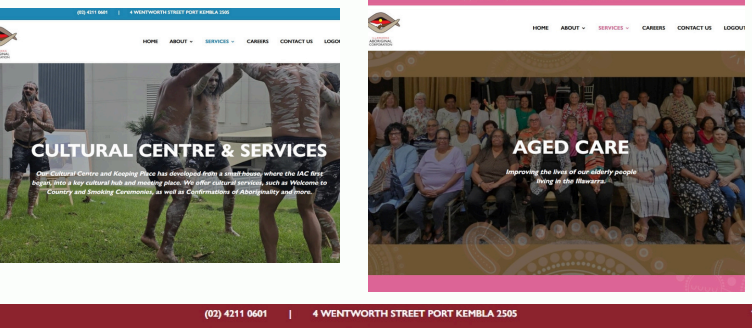




# IAC Website Update

Over the last few weeks, we have been updating our website and fixing issues. You can now access applications and forms from the site as well as keep up to date with what's happening.

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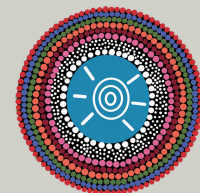
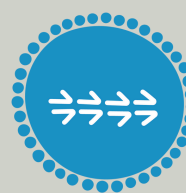
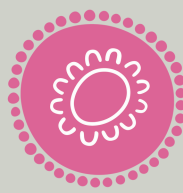
## Happy Mothers Day

Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation wishes everyone a Happy Mother's Day. We acknowledge all carers and wish you all a fantastic day. The Elders group had a little Mother's Day lunch to mark the special day.

## Sorry Day

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May** the IAC will hold a morning event for Sorry Day. Everyone is welcome to join us. This will start at 10am at the Port Kembla office with special guest Alison Byrnes MP and Aunty Sharralyn to speak on the importance of the day. This will be followed by Kugang Djarambi doing a dance and light morning tea where we can gather and reflect. We hope to see you there.





# Warrawong NAIDOC Family Fun Day

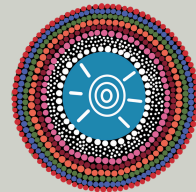
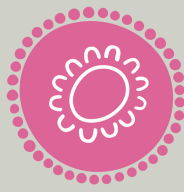
8th July 2025 10AM TO 1PM

DARCY WENTWORTH PARK  
33 CARLOTTA CRESCENT, WARRAWONG

## Save the Date!

Join us as we celebrate NAIDOC Week  
2025 and our Aboriginal & Torres  
Strait Islander Cultures.





## NAIDOC Awards 2025

Tickets for the 2025 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards (Regional NAIDOC Awards) are on sale NOW!

The Regional NAIDOC Awards is a prestigious local event celebrating the achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, organisations and businesses across Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions.

The awards will be held at the Shellharbour Civic Centre on **Saturday 26 July 2025.**

Time: **4pm – 9:30pm**

Venue: Shellharbour Civic Centre

NAIDOC Awards presented on the night will include:

- Elder of the Year (Aunty and Uncle)
- Community Member of the Year
- Young Achievers of the Year (two awards)
- Caring for Country and Culture
- Aboriginal Community Volunteer of the Year
- Organisation of the Year (not-for-profit or business)

Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation (open to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal nominees)



# COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (CHSP)

CHSP Helps people stay healthy and live independently in their own homes.

Are you or someone you know in need of Allied Health services?

We can help First Nations People access important services to support your health and well-being.

What we Can Offer:

- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Dietitian Services
- Exercise Physiologist
- Wellbeing support
- Counselling
- ATSI Health worker, and more

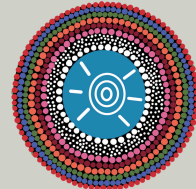
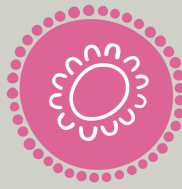


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