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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

In Memory of Aunty Mary Murray

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Aunty Mary Murray, a respected Elder and the longest serving Board Member of the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation.

IN LOVING MEMORY



MARY LORRAINE MURRAY

06.01.1947 – 17.08.2025

Beloved Wife, Mother, Nan, Sister, Aunty and Friend.

Funeral Service:

Monday 1st September 2025
Hanson and Cole, Kembla Grange 12pm

Aunty Mary gave many years of dedicated service to IAC, providing guidance, cultural leadership, and a strong voice for our community. Her commitment, wisdom, and advocacy have left a lasting legacy that will continue to shape and strengthen our organisation.

As a mark of respect for her extraordinary contribution, the IAC office will be closed on Monday 1st September, to allow staff, Board, and community members to pay their respects.

We extend our deepest condolences to Aunty Mary's family, friends, and all who mourn her passing. Her legacy will forever remain a part of IAC's story.

Rest peacefully, Aunty Mary.

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NAGANGBI HELLO!

Since our last newsletter, our community has come together to recognise several important events – Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day, and NAIDOC Week. These occasions gave us the opportunity to reflect on our shared history, honour the strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and celebrate culture, achievements, and connection.

IAC hosted a Sorry Day event at the Port Kembla Hub on Monday 26th May. We all gathered outside and discussed the significance of the day and the importance of acknowledging the history of First Nations people.

Thank you to everyone who joined in, shared stories, and helped keep these important conversations alive.



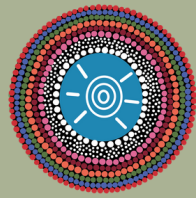
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NAIDOC Week

Warrawong Family Fun Day

On Tuesday July 8th, we joined the community down at Warrawong oval for the annual family fun day celebrations.

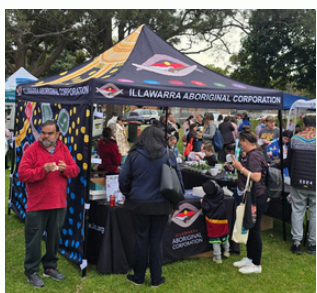
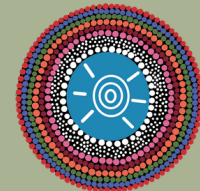
The rain held off just enough so that we could all gather and celebrate the yearly event. This year was even bigger than the last, and i believe it will only grow.

A very special ‘Thank You’ to Peta and the girls from Bunnings who donated to IAC and came down to help the kids paint and plant. We are very lucky to live in such a great community.

How deadly does the new IAC gazebo look!

We can't wait to do it all again next year.





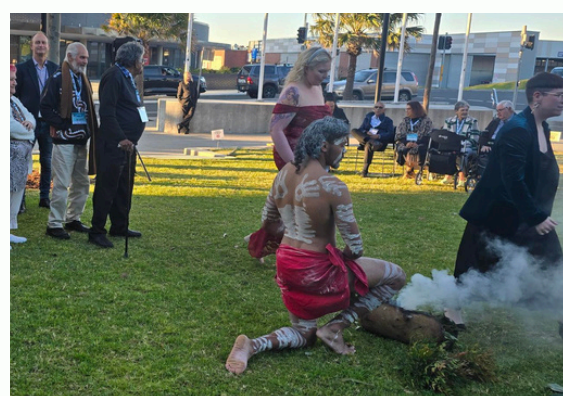
NAIDOC Awards Night

On Saturday July 26th, the Local Government Regional NAIDOC awards night was held at the Shellharbour Civic Centre.

The evening started with a Smoking Ceremony and Dance followed by Welcome to Country.

The night was a fantastic night celebrating the work, dedication and achievements of our community members.

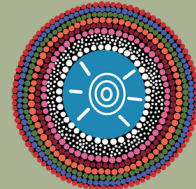
A big CONGRATULATIONS to all the nominees & the winners.



Christmas in July

On Wednesday 23rd July the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation held its Elders luncheon at Kiama Leagues Club. The event has been created to help keep our Elders connected and engaged. Mob joined us from as far as Wreck Bay all the way to LaPerouse. It is such a meaningful day and great to watch everyone mingle and re connect. A big Thank you to CEO William Henry for making the day happen. We also want to thank the guest speakers that attended to share important information about what's happening in the community.





Notices

If you have any upcoming events or information for community that you would like us to share, please email admin@iac.org.au

Current programs at IAC Port Kembla are:

Women's Weaving workshop.
Monday 15th Sep from 10am-12pm

Tuesday evening Aboriginal Womens program. 5pm-8pm

Wednesday Elders Social Group
10am-2pm

OCP Sewing Group & Mens Group



PORT KEMBLA MENS GROUP MEN MENTORING MEN



PORT KEMBLA MEN'S GROUP IS A SPACE FOR MEN TO GATHER EVERY WEEK IN A COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS EACH OTHER THROUGH VARIOUS PROJECTS.

- ☕ COFFEE AND LUNCH WITH GOOD CONVERSATION
 - ✂ HANDS-ON PROJECTS AND SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOPS
 - ♟ GAMES LIKE CHESS
 - 🌿 GARDENING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
 - 👥 A DIVERSE, FRIENDLY, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
- COME AS YOU ARE. THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME!



EVERY WEDNESDAY
9AM - 2PM

PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY CENTRE
CR CHURCH AND WENTWORTH
STREETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PHONE GEOFF: 0439 539 482
OCP: (02) 4276 3433
EMAIL: ADMIN@OCP.ORG.AU



Our Community Project

OCP SEWING GROUP

SEW 4 ZERO WASTE

Give new life to donated and recycled materials

using a sewing or overlock machine.

Projects and machines provided or feel free to
bring along your own!



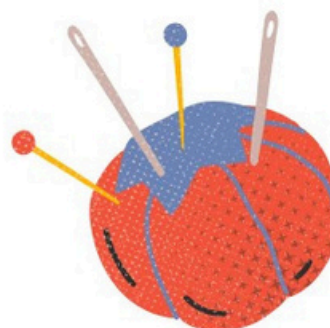
Held at Port Kembla
Community Centre Hall

First Saturday of every month

10am - 2pm

All ages and abilities welcome!

Beginner friendly!





Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation **Aged Care Program**

Supporting our Elders with Care,
Respect and Independance

We can help with:

- Everyday wellness& wellbeing
- Domestic assistance (e.g cleaning & laundry)
- Allied health (e.g podiatry, physio)
- Assistance with groceries
- Aids & equipment (e.g walkers, shower chairs)
- Prepared meal delivery
- Transport for appointments
- Home modifications (e.g handrails, ramps)
- Lawn & garden care
- Social connection and community activities

CHSP



Commonwealth Home Support Program

CHSP is part funded by the Commonwealth and offers specific services at a basic level of care, and you only pay a contribution towards the service needed. It is for low level needs, short term (after accident or illness) or while you wait for a Home Care package. Think of it as a stepping stone before you receive at Home Care. If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person over 50, you can apply for CHSP support to keep you safe, healthy and socially engaged. You will then need to find a provider in your area who has service hours and funding available for you.

HSP



Home Support Packages

A Home Care package gives you access to a broader range of home care services, along with case management to support you at home. There are different levels of packages based of your needs with level 1 being basic to level 4 recipients needing high needs care.

Where do I start?

We understand the process to join may seem hard to some, so we want to assure you our team will walk you through each step and help you through the process whether it be in the comfort of your home or we can bring you into the office. All you need is your Medicare card, ID, such as a licence or Centrelink card and the types of services you require assistance with. If you would like more information or wish to speak to Aged Care to make an appointment, please call Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation and ask for our Aged Care manager Mavis Brown.

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AGED CARE

ELDERS GROUP

WEDNESDAYS

Transport
Available!

10AM

A social day for our Elders to connect and stay engaged whilst participating in a mix of activities and outings.

If your over 65 and would like to join in, please call Mavis and register to attend

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ILLAWARRA WOMEN'S DAY OF DANCE + CULTURE

TICKETS ARE NOW LIVE!

This year's theme, "Take Me to the Islands" brings the bold spirit and rich traditions of the Pasifika Islands

Wollongong Town Hall | Main Auditorium

Friday 5th September, 2025 | 10:30am-2:30pm



Tickets & Information:

Adult - \$30 + booking fee

Children U6 - Free



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ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO - 2025



Live Panel 3.30pm to 4.30pm

"Supporting healthy relationships within our schools and wider community"

With over 60 services attending the expo, ranging across 9 different support categories, you don't want to miss out. This is a great way for services to collaborate and members of the community to see how much support there is available to them.

What services can I access at the expo?

- Accommodation
- Child Protection + Safety
- Cultural Support
- Education + Employment
- Family Support
- Health
- Legal + Domestic Violence
- Mental Health+Counselling
- Youth Services+Mentoring



ILLAWARRA SPORTS STADIUM

TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

12PM TO 3PM

culture Mix

eat dance celebrate

Sat 20 Sept

11am - 7pm

Wollongong CBD

On Dharawal Country

wollongong.nsw.gov.au/culture-mix



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