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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

NAGANGBI HELLO!

As we move through the year, it's been a steady and positive few months here at IAC. While things may have felt a little quieter, there's still been plenty happening across our teams and community, and lots on the way

Elders Group

Our Wednesday Elders Group have been keeping busy with their creative projects, recently producing some beautiful dolls in frames.

The elders are going to continue crafting and will be attending local markets to showcase and sell their creations.

We will keep the community updated on upcoming market dates so you can come along and support their work.



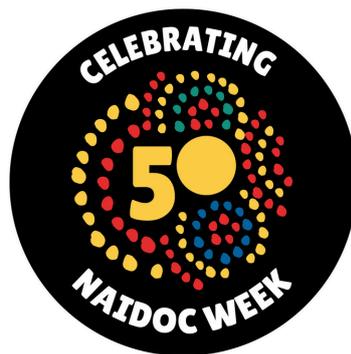
NAIDOC Week

Looking ahead, NAIDOC Week is fast approaching, and this years theme is **50 YEARS OF DEADLY**

a truly significant milestone celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures. IAC is excited to be hosting our very own Community Fun Day, with more details to come soon—so keep an eye out!

We will also be attending the Warrawong NAIDOC Family Fun Day and are already underway with planning.

SAVE THE DATE July 7th 2026



**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026



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Warrawong NAIDOC Family Fun Day

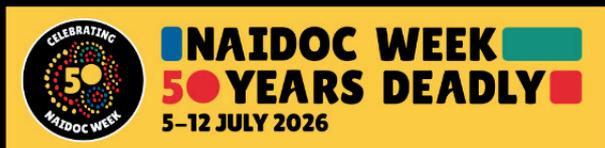
Save the Date!

7th July 2026

10AM TO 1PM

DARCY WENTWORTH PARK
33 CARLOTTA CRESCENT, WARRAWONG

Join us this NAIDOC Week 2026 and
help us celebrate Aboriginal &
Torres Strait Islander cultures.



Warrawong NAIDOC Family Fun Day is an inclusive event



For more info contact Kerri at kwebster@illawarrallegalcentre.org.au





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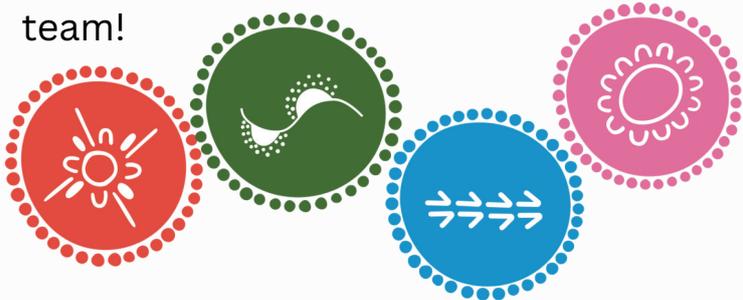


IAC Staff

We have welcomed several new staff members to the IAC team.

Chantell has joined Housing as a new Housing officer, Amelia has come on board as the Illawarra Mentor with Barringirra, and Storm has joined the Myrimbarr team.

We wish them all the very best in their new roles. Additionally, Lillian has transitioned from Housing to support our Aged Care team—welcome back, Lil! and welcome back Alex over at GHSH team!



Cultural Centre Programs

If you are interested in attending a monthly program for both Aboriginal women and non-Aboriginal women please contact Errolyn. This program runs for 2 hours and is aimed at strengthening our shared communities. We engage in a range of activities including weaving, Yarning Circles and more. the next upcoming sessions are:

Monday 13th April

Meet at Hill 60- bring hat & share plate

Monday 4th May

IAC Port Kembla- Yarning Circle

Monday 1st June

IAC Port Kembla- Weaving

10am-12pm

Contact- errolyn.strang@iac.org.au

Tuesday night Women's program runs weekly from 5pm to 8pm. The program is funded by Aboriginal Affairs NSW. The women engage in a number of activities including lamandra harvesting, weaving, printing and sewing.

Aboriginal
Affairs



IAC held two Possum Skin Workshops with Aunty Amanda. The women enjoyed the sessions, and it was great to see some mum's and daughters working together on cultural activities.

The programs were funded through Stronger Communities Programme and the Department of Industry, Science and Resources on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.





In May we are hoping to run a day for women who haven't finished their possum skin work. This day will be for those who have started their work with Aunty Amanda, but haven't finished their pieces. Please register if you want to finish your work. These sessions are capped at 14. Contact Errolyn via email errolyn.strang@iac.org.au or call 02 4211 0601

Regional NAIDOC Awards

Nominations for the 2026 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards are open. This is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

Award categories include:

- Elder of the Year (Aunty or Uncle)
- NAIDOC Aunty of the Year
- NAIDOC Uncle of the Year
- NAIDOC Community Member of the Year
- NAIDOC Young Achiever of the Year x2
- NAIDOC Caring for Country and Culture

- NAIDOC Aboriginal Community Volunteer of the Year
- NAIDOC Organisation of the Year (Not-for-Profit or Business)
- Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation (Aboriginal or Non-Aboriginal)

We encourage community members to nominate someone who is making a positive impact and helping strengthen our community.

This year's awards are with Wollongong City Council and will be held on **Saturday 18th July at the University of Wollongong.**





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FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation is looking for caring individuals or families to provide foster care for children in need

- Are you willing to provide high quality care by ensuring a safe & nurturing home environment?
- Do you have suitable accommodation & resources to care for a child?
- Aboriginality preferred but not essential.

For more information about how to become a carer please contact the Myimbarr team

02 4211 0601 iacoohc@iac.org.au

seeking interests for foster carers. Please reach out if you would like more information about becoming a carer. - iacoohc@iac.org.au

Bike Safety Program

Free Aboriginal Bike Safety Program at Cringila Mountain Bike Park.

Every participant will receive a free helmet and water bottle. Plus, we will have a bike mechanic to do minor repairs on their bikes.

The original day was postponed due to bad weather and will now be **Thursday 7th May 2026 from 4pm-6pm.**

Please call or text to register.

0411 260 735

Foster Carers Needed

Myimbarr is the IAC'S Permanency Support Program dedicated to working with children, youth, carers and families.

This program aims to give every Aboriginal child and young person a loving home for life, whether that be with parents, extended family/kin, or a foster carer placement. As one of the few local Aboriginal-led Out of Home Care Services, Myimbarr provides tailored and culturally appropriate services to vulnerable children so that they can grow up in stable, secure and loving homes.

At the current time, Myimbarr are

IAC Easter Colouring Competition!



With Easter fast approaching IAC have 2 CHOCOLATE EGG GIFT PACKS to give to the 2 winners of the 2026 colouring in competition! On the last page of this newsletter is the page. Get creative and send us a snap of your work and we will have the Wednesday Elders group judge them on Wednesday 8th April 12pm.

Email your pictures to admin@iac.org.au or hand them into an IAC office.

age groups are under 10s and under 16s





IAC Room Hire

Port Kembla

Looking for a space to hold your next meeting, workshop, or community event?

IAC has two versatile rooms available for hire in Port Kembla:

1. Boardroom

- Seats up to 14 people
- Equipped with audio-visual facilities
- Ideal for meetings, small workshops, or strategy sessions

2. Main Room

- Partially enclosed with an outdoor terrace
- Audio-visual facilities and whiteboard
- Tea & coffee station included
- Fully equipped with cups, mugs, plates, cutlery, urn, milk, and sugar
- Perfect for larger gatherings, workshops, or community events

Special Rates:

- NGOs receive a discounted hire rate
- Free hire for local Aboriginal community members holding a Wake

For bookings or enquiries, please contact:

02 4211 0601

admin@iac.org.au





NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TENNIS CARNIVAL

Wollongong Come & Try Day

DATE: Thursday 28th May 2026
(Wet Weather date Thursday 18th June 2026)

VENUE: Wollongong Regional Tennis Centre
(Beaton Park), Dharawal Country

TIME: 9am - 2pm

REGISTRATION: If your school is interested in attending, please complete the School Registration Form by Friday 1st May 2026

**SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
FORM**



FREE EVENT INCLUDES:

- Traditional and modified tennis activities with professional coaches
- Student Pathways Information
- Equipment and lunch provided
- Prizes and Giveaways
- Cultural activities presented by Deadly Ed



CYBER SECURITY COURSE

A three hour course set on one day only. Through interactive activities, participants will practice implementing essential security measures on their devices.

Topics covered in this workshop:

- Phishing
- Password security
- Social Media safety
- Two-factor Authentication
- Password managers
- Anti-virus Software
- Security settings
- Understanding the importance of privacy controls

Cost - \$0* for eligible participants

Run by Kiama Community College at Women Illawarra
170 Corrimal St Wollongong
Register your interest now

COURSE DATE
APRIL 8
12.20-
3.30PM

**KIAMA & SHOALHAVEN
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**



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IAC Tenant Forum

Thursday 23rd April at 11:00am
Aunty Dolly Henry & Mr Fred Moore
Aboriginal Services Hub

Address: 4 Wentworth Street, Port Kembla, NSW, 2505

Come Meet the Housing Team

Hear from ACHIA and other providers on the day
Refreshments will be provided

RSVP by 21st April to housing@iac.org.au




WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Join us for our next sessions

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

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Name _____

Age _____

PH: _____

