MARRA WORRA WORRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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NEWSLETTER

Stories from MWWAC

Welcome to the second edition of Marra Worra Worra's quarterly community newsletter.

This newsletter provides an opportunity to share updates on our community projects, programs and services, celebrate the achievements of our members, participants, staff and partners, and highlight the positive work happening across the Fitzroy Valley.

Over the past three months, Marra Worra Worra has continued to work alongside the people, families and communities of the Fitzroy Valley, supporting local leadership, strengthening community connections and creating opportunities for people across the region.

In this edition, we share some of the great work happening across our programs, from community projects and women's activities to youth programs, employment pathways, community services and local events.

We sincerely thank our community leaders, Board members, staff, participants, partners and supporters for their ongoing commitment and contribution across the Fitzroy Valley.

Employment Services back on track!

With mutual obligations now back in place, many RAES participants are returning to their regular appointments and reconnecting with employment support.

The RAES team regularly travels out to communities across the Fitzroy Valley, visiting each community at least once a month to meet with participants and provide employment support. By bringing the service directly into communities, the team can stay connected with participants and provide ongoing support.

The team supports participants to stay engaged, build skills, explore employment and training opportunities, and work towards their individual goals.

The RAES program is proudly funded by National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Community Greenhouses Continue to Grow

The community greenhouses in Muludja and Gillarong are continuing to develop, with local workers putting in the time and effort to create productive and welcoming community spaces.

The greenhouses are being used to grow a range of plants, including flowers, vegetables, trees and fruit.

In the meantime, both communities have been helping and supporting each other as the projects continue to grow.

These projects are about more than growing plants. They are creating opportunities for local people to work together, develop practical skills and contribute to spaces that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

In Muludja, students from the local school have also been getting involved and contributing to the development of the community space.

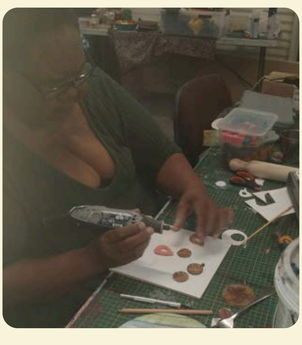
In Gillarong, the team is looking forward to the arrival of the Water Corporation, which will allow the next stage of work to be completed.

Women Connecting Through Skills and Creativity

Women's activities in Fitzroy Crossing and Muludja continue to provide opportunities for women to come together, share knowledge and learn new skills.

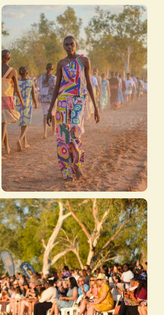
Over the past few months, activities have included bush medicine, bush dyeing, jewellery making and sewing. These sessions provide a welcoming space for women to create together and have a yarn.

The program continues to create opportunities for women to connect with each other while taking part in activities that celebrate local knowledge and creativity.



SKUTTA '26 Fashion Show

SKUTTA '26 was a wonderful celebration of culture, creativity and confidence, bringing the Fitzroy Valley community together for an evening of fashion, music, art and local talent.



Held along the banks of the Martuwarra Fitzroy River, the fashion event saw local models on the runway wearing collections created by local designers, schools and community programs.

Ten local designers showcased their collections, with the event also featuring Creative Pop-Up Market stalls where local creatives could share and sell their work.

The designers presents were MWW Night Space, Rukaji Designs, Muludja Remote Community School, Marninjarra, Marnin Studio, Manjulli Studio School, Mangkaja x Gorman, John Prince Siddon, Jaloyimiya and Fitzroy Valley District High School.

The MWW Night Space Girls Program also presented its own collection. The girls had spent time working on their garments and developing their confidence in preparation for the event.

For many of the young people, SKUTTA was about much more than fashion. It provided an opportunity to build confidence, try something new, express creativity and feel proud of who they are and where they come from.

The event also showed the incredible creative talent that exists across the Fitzroy Valley and provided a space for that talent to be celebrated by the wider community. SKUTTA also built on the confidence and runway experience granted to young people through their participation in KAFTA earlier in the year.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making SKUTTA '26 possible!

SKUTTA '26 was proudly supported by Lotterywest. Special thanks to KAFTA for assistance with the event.

"We have a community that is so creative, so talented, and we wanted that space so they can shine and be celebrated by our whole community."

MWW Community Programs Manager Deborah Carter.

2nd Anniversary of the Night Space & Opening of the upgraded facilities

September marked a major milestone for the Night Space, which celebrated its second anniversary and the official opening of its newly upgraded facilities.

Over the past two years, the Night Space has continued to grow as a safe and welcoming place for young people in Fitzroy Crossing and the surrounding communities.

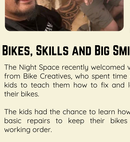
TWO YEARS OF NIGHT SPACE

952
Young people engaged

30,000+
Interactions

55,000+
Meals provided

The anniversary celebration was an opportunity to recognise its growth and celebrate the people who have made the Night Space what it is today.



The newly upgraded facilities have created even more opportunities for young people, including a new Learning Hub, full-sized all weather basketball court, fire pit, upgraded amenities, and new areas designed to support a range of engagement activities.

Blank Walls brought colour, creativity and local stories to the Night Space, painting 11 walls over 10 days with vibrant artwork featuring local kids.

The official opening brought the community together to celebrate the completion of the project and look towards the future.

The upgrades were made possible by a 3 million capital investment from the WA Government via Royalties for Regions funding. And further investment from Lotterywest to support the beautiful artwork on the walls across the facility, by artist Blank Walls.

Two years of the Night Space has demonstrated the need for safe, positive and culturally informed spaces for young people in the Fitzroy Valley. The upgraded facilities will help the program to continue providing opportunities for young people for years to come.

Touch Rugby

With limited after-school activities and sporting opportunities available locally, the MWW Youth Team introduced Touch Rugby during Term 3 to give young people the opportunity to try something new, stay active and have fun.

Around 20 young people participated in each session, providing a valuable opportunity to connect with others, build confidence and develop teamwork and sporting skills. The sessions helped address a gap in local activities, offering a positive and engaging way for young people to spend their time after school.

The Touch Rugby sessions have now concluded, and it was encouraging to see so many young people getting involved and giving a new sport a go. Their enthusiasm highlights the value of accessible, organised activities that support young people's wellbeing and strengthen social connections.

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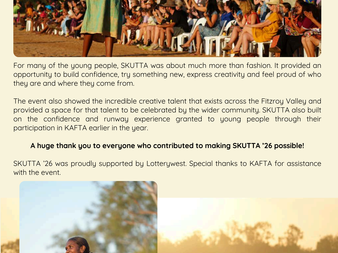

Learning New Skills Through Haircuts

As part of the Education Engagement and Attainment Initiatives (EEAI), also known as the Dalja Program, young people who are disengaged from education have been taking part in a hands-on activity to learn how to cut hair.

It has been a great opportunity for participants to try something different and learn a new skills!

The activity has been a real hit, with the young boys enjoying their time with the Bush Barber.

It's great to see young people getting involved in activities that interest them while building confidence and enjoying positive experiences.

The Dalja Program is supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency

Bikes, Skills and Big Smiles

The Night Space recently welcomed volunteers from Bike Creatives, who spent time with local kids to teach them how to fix and look after their bikes.

The kids had the chance to learn how to make basic repairs to keep their bikes in good working order.

The visit also came with a very special surprise, with around 20 bikes given to local kids to take home and enjoy.

It was a great afternoon of learning, getting hands-on and, of course, plenty of excitement around the new bikes!

A big thank you to the Bike Creatives volunteers for spending time with the kids and sharing their skills.

Investing in Karrayili Community Hub

Karrayili Community Hub is set to receive a boost thanks to support from Lotterywest with a grant to fund a much needed refurbishment and upgrades to the centre.

Member for Kimberley, Divina D'Anna visited Karrayili Community Hub to present the grant certificate, marking an exciting step forward for the project.

The improvements will help create a safer and more welcoming environment for community members while supporting the different services delivered by Karrayili. It is a great investment in a space that plays an important role in the Fitzroy Valley.

A big thank you to Lotterywest for supporting this important investment in Karrayili Community Hub.

ECU Tax Clinic Reaches Remote Communities

Through Marra Worra Worra's Financial Counselling Program, four ECU students have returned to the Fitzroy Valley twice since the end of the financial year to provide tax support to community members.

The students have travelled to Fitzroy Crossing, Bayulu, Wangkatjungka, Yakanarra, Djugerari and Yungngora, bringing their tax knowledge directly into communities.

Providing tax support in community helps make these services more accessible, giving people the opportunity to get assistance without needing to travel to Fitzroy Crossing.

The visits have also given the ECU students valuable experience working in remote communities and connecting with people across the Fitzroy Valley.

It has been great to see the students return and continue supporting community members through the Financial Counselling Program.

Marra Worra Worra thanks the four ECU students for their time, commitment and willingness to travel across the Fitzroy Valley to provide this important service.

JALANGURRU MAYI CAFE GETTING READY TO REOPEN!

There is exciting news for the Jalangurru Mayi Cafe, which is currently undergoing renovations and preparing to reopen.

The team is hoping to bring the cafe back to life and reopen it in 2027!

The cafe is also currently recruiting, providing opportunities for local people who are interested in working at Jalangurru Mayi Cafe.

If you or someone you know is interested in a job at the cafe, please get in touch with the team to find out more.

WE ARE HIRING

LOCAL PEOPLE ONLY

FULL TIME - PART TIME - CASUAL

- → SUPERVISOR
- → COOK
- → CAFE ASSISTANT
- → RETAIL ASSISTANT
- → KITCHEN HAND
- → CLEANER
- → COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

TRAINING IS PROVIDED
LICENCE IS PREFERRED
POLICE CLEARANCE IS NEEDED.

SEND YOUR RESUME TO HR@MWW.ORG.AU
OR TALK TO YOUR CASE MANAGER - 1800 699 237

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE RENOVATIONS COMPLETED AND WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY BACK TO JALANGURRU MAYI CAFE!

Supporting a Plumbing Apprenticeship

Five weeks into his plumbing apprenticeship, one of Marra Worra Worra's Employment Services participants is already making a strong impression in the workplace.

His employer, Jila Plumbing, recently requested a plumbing apprentice toolkit to help him build the practical skills needed for the trade, and we were pleased to provide this support.

Having the right tools is an important part of learning a trade and developing confidence in the workplace. The toolkit will help him continue building his practical skills as he progresses through his apprenticeship.

His commitment to learning and willingness to engage in the workplace has been recognised by his employer, who reports that he is progressing well in his role. He has also had the opportunity to travel out to communities and learn from senior members of the team, which gave him additional experience.

We are proud to support him on his apprenticeship journey and look forward to seeing him continue to develop his skills to build a successful career in the plumbing industry.

Meet Our Reception Team

We are pleased to introduce our reception team, who support the day-to-day running of the MWWAC office and are often the first point of contact for community members, visitors and staff. Reception plays an important role in creating a welcoming and positive experience for everyone coming through the MWWAC office

The team comprises of staff at different stages of their career, with some continuing to complete training and build their knowledge of MWW's programs, services and day-to-day operations. The team's friendly approach and willingness to learn and support each other are helping them settle confidently into their roles.

We look forward to seeing the team continue to grow, develop their skills and support the community.

Financial Freedom Podcast

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Thank you for reading the second edition of Marra Worra Worra's quarterly community newsletter.

We are proud to share the stories, achievements and important work happening across the Fitzroy Valley.

From community projects and youth programs, to employment pathways, community services and local success stories, these outcomes are made possible through the commitment of our staff, Board, community leaders, members, participants, partners and supporters.

We look forward to continuing to share updates, celebrate local success and highlight the positive work being led by and for our communities.

For more information about Marra Worra Worra's programs and services, please visit the MWWAC Office or contact us on 1800 699 237.

Stay tuned for the next edition in January!

THANK YOU!

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