



Wandiyali Newsletter



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Welcome to the first Wandiyali Newsletter!

The Wandiyali newsletter aims at keeping our clients and the community up-to-date with what is going on not only here at Wandiyali, but within the community.

Every three months a new issue will be released. Each issue will have regular articles, like:

- What's been happening?
- Upcoming Events
- Service in Focus, where we let you know about one of our services or programs and fill you in on the great work our services do for the community

▪ Meet the 'Wandi Crew' – each issue will introduce you to another member of the team here at Wandiyali

▪ Kids' Space – each issue our Ginda Wakulda support workers will give you play ideas, craft or recipes to enjoy with your little people!

▪ Community Info – we will share general interest information that comes our way

This newsletter is for you – the community! So we would love to hear from you on what you would like to see more of, any event that you would like covered, questions you may have about our organisation or services, anything at all.

You can email your ideas through to shannon@wandiyali.com.au, or PM us on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

Foster Care Week, 11-17 October

Wandiyali will be a part of the Hunter Interagency Carers Picnic day on Wednesday 28 September at Maitland Park, Les Darcy Drive, 10am-2pm.

Lots of fun and entertainment for the kids and carers!

Wandiyali Children's Day, Thursday 6 October, Cardiff Football Oval

The Wandiyali National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was postponed on Sunday 7 August due to bad weather, but will now be held on Thursday 6 October.

Wandiyali Brighter Futures and OOHc clients are VIP guests to the event and will receive a wristband that will cover them for a free lunch. Please register your attendance with reception (02) 4957 5900 or your case worker.

Visit our website or facebook page for more information on these events.

What's been happening?

In recent months Wandiyali has participated in, and hosted, a number of events. Some of the most notable events we have recently been a part of are:

Saturday 18 June 2016 – Wandiyali Carers Appreciation Dinner, Wests Club Mayfield

Our first ever Carers Appreciation event to say 'Thank you' to the amazing carers of our children and young people in Out of Home Care.

These carers go above and beyond to give safety, care and a sense of belonging to these kids. We appreciate the tireless and selfless

work that our carers do each and every day!

Monday 4 July 2016 – Newcastle NAIDOC day, Newcastle Foreshore

Wandiyali participated in this year's NAIDOC week celebrations at the Newcastle NAIDOC day.

We provided hot soup and bread rolls to help warm everyone up on this cold winters day while enjoying the live entertainment and activities.

Congratulations to Awabakal Ltd. on organising an excellent day for the community to enjoy!



- * Eye checks
- * Haircuts
- * Employment services
- * Clothing
- * Personal hygiene supplies
- * Food and groceries

Tuesday 9 August 2016 – Hunter Homeless Connect Day, Newcastle PCYC Broadmeadow

Our Going Home Staying Home (GHS) and ACRASS teams represented Wandiyali at this year's Hunter Homeless Connect Day by providing necessities such as socks to those who attended.

The Hunter Homeless Connect Day aims at providing an opportunity for the community to come together in assisting people experiencing homelessness.

This year's event saw larger than every numbers as well as an increase in service participants. Some of the services provided this year included:

- * Health checks



Service in Focus



The Ginda Wakulda program was delivered by our two mobile playgroup workers, Jess and Sara Whiteman, to be delivered to families that are a part of the Brighter Futures program

The purpose of the program is to bring play and learning to families while building relationships.

The Ginda Wakulda Support Workers work with both parents and children to develop a 5-week play-based learning program based off the Early Years Learning Framework of child care centers and preschools.

This program will be based on each individual families' interests, strengths, needs and goals.

The program is delivered in participant's homes. How We deliver?

- Connecting families
- Fun, Creativity and positivity
- Outings and excursions
- Fortnightly home visits
- Cooking with kids
- Personalised weekly programs
- Parent involvement
- Resources provided

5 learning goals have been established to help with the development of each child:

1. Children have a strong sense
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world
3. Children have a strong sense of their social and emotional wellbeing
4. Children are confident and involved learners
5. Children are effective communicators



Kids Space!!

Playdough Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ½ cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- Up to 1 ½ cups boiling water (adding in increments until mixture feels just right)

Food colouring (optional)

Few drops glycerin (optional – adds more shine)

Method

1. Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
2. Add food colouring to the boiling water and then add the water into the dry ingredients
3. Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
4. Add the glycerin (optional)
5. Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone. This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency! If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right.



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There has been a lot happening here at the Child Care Centre! We have been exploring projects and interest areas.

We just held our very own Mini Olympic Games which the kids loved! They were very interested in learning about where the Olympic Games originated and what the Olympic Rings symbolise.

The children are now busy making Father's Day presents for their wonderful Dads, Grandfather's and Uncles displaying their emerging creative skills. We are also hosting a Father's Day morning tea to celebrate this occasion here at the Centre.

Our Educators have been working hard on children's portfolios to ensure they are ready to be given to our families at the end of the year, which is fast approaching. We have also been working alongside the local public schools and other preschools/long day care Centre's in the community to offer a school readiness evening to our school leaver families in September to be hosted at Cameron Park Community Centre.

We pride ourselves on building positive relationships within our local community and we recently went on our first excursion to Glendale Technology High School to attend their NAIDOC celebrations, we were honored to be included in this event and we hope it is the first of many more excursions in the future.

Wandiyali Child Care Centre mini Olympics!



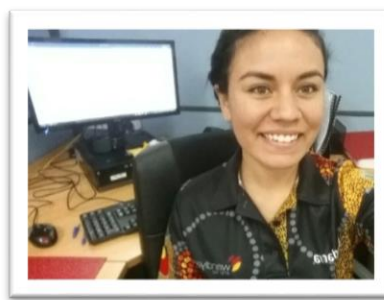
Meet the 'Wandi Crew'

In this issue we introduce you to our two Out of Home Care (OOHC) trainees, Chloe Archibald and Andrew 'Bud' Roberts.

In a Wandiyali first we have created trainee roles in the OOHC department to achieve a goal of developing our own Aboriginal case workers. One of the challenges we, as an OOHC agency, have faced is been able to recruit Indigenous case workers who have the skills, experience and qualifications we require for doing a job that is very demanding and tough.

Our solution, develop our own! Starting as trainees and learning every aspect of the OOHC case work role over a two-year period, the aim is for these guys to complete their traineeship with a qualification in Community Services and valuable exposure to the job itself, before stepping into a full-time role with a full case load.

We are so excited about this initiative! Chloe and Bud are now three months into their traineeship and are exceeding our expectations in every way. Welcome to the 'Wandi Crew' Chloe and Bud!!



Name: Chloe Archibald

How long have you been a part of the 'Wandi crew'? 3 months

What is your job here at Wandiyali?
Trainee OOHC Case Worker

What do you love most about your job? My passion in life is to be able to help people help themselves in becoming the best version of themselves. As a Caseworker at Wandiyali I am given the opportunity to work closely with children and Young people that have had a rough start to life. Laying the foundations for a Child though stabilising and ensuring safety within their living environment is paramount for their chance to become strong, independent and resilient Adults.

Knowing that I work within an organisation that supports and encourages my growth every day to eventually become a caseworker that could help contribute to these children's lives, makes it exciting to get out bed in the morning. Even on the days that I doubt my abilities of becoming that person, I know that I can turn to any team mates or manager for support and they will go above and beyond to ensure I get back on track.

3 words to describe Wandiyali?
Supportive, Encouraging, Passionate

What cartoon character would you choose to describe yourself and why? Crush the Turtle (Finding Nemo) - The turtle is my spirit

totem, they symbolise peace, the ability to stay grounded, even in moments of disturbances and chaos. Slowing down, pacing yourself, determination, persistence and emotional strength and understanding. The turtle is also linked to the spirit of the water and the fluid nature of emotions.



Name: Andrew Roberts

How long have you been a part of the 'Wandi crew'?
3 long, enduring months!

What is your job here at Wandiyali?
Trainee Case Worker

What do you love most about your job? I've always wanted to help my culture and community and make a difference, and what better way than working and ensuring that our kids are well looked after and getting the best support for their future.

3 words to describe Wandiyali? Can I give you five? 'built from the ground up'

What cartoon character would you choose to describe yourself and why? I don't know? Joker, I like to muck around and laugh!!



Community Info

In this section we will share information from around the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley and Port Stephens communities.

If you have anything that you would like to have featured in this section of our newsletter, please forward it to shannon@wandiylali.com.au.



LIL mike
Junior Health Club

**Have You Had Your
715
Health Check?**

Get your 715 Health Check at Awabakal today and join the **Lil Mike Health Club**.

As a member you will get access to exciting health initiatives.

Speak with staff from the Awabakal Medical Centre to book your appointment on 02 49078555.

Deadly Dolphins

If your child is aged between **0-9 years** and has a 715 Health Check at Awabakal Medical Centre Awabakal Family Health Team will provide them with

10 FREE swimming lessons

Terms and Conditions apply.
Call Awabakal Family Health Team on 4918 6400

Junior Sports Stars

If your child is aged between **9-16 years** and has a 715 Health Check at Awabakal Medical Centre Awabakal Family Health Team will provide them with

a Rebel Sports gift voucher

Terms and Conditions apply.
Call Awabakal Family Health Team on 4918 6400

Housing Contact Centre – Phone number change

Family and Community Services (FaCS) have changed the **Housing Contact Centre** number to **1800 422 322**, replacing 1300 HOUSING.

This new number is free to call from landlines and most mobiles.



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- * Internal & external Painting *
- * Plastering *
- * Garden maintenance *
- * Gutter repairs and cleaning *
- * Solar panel cleaning *
- * Carpentry * Decks * Fencing *
- * Rubbish removal *

NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL



Creating pathways for greater Indigenous well being and brighter futures

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Program Overview

- **Completion of Certificate II and III in Business.**
- **Affordable accommodation provided for duration of study with our Youth Mobility Program.**
- **Work experience one day per week at a local Indigenous organisation**
- **Mentoring and support for duration of study/stay**

Career Opportunities

- Administration Assistant
- Clerical Worker
- Data Entry Operator
- Information Desk Clerk
- Office Junior
- Receptionist

Course Details

Date: 12 September 2016

Start time: 10:00am

Finish time: 3:00pm

Duration: 8 weeks

Venue: YarnTeen College

71 Prospect Road

Garden Suburbs NSW

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Timetable detailing dates, times and duration of training will be issued on information day.

Enquiries

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Course Details

Date: 30th January 2017

Start time: 10:00am

Finish time: 3:00pm

Duration: 16 weeks

Venue: Yamteen College

71 Prospect Road

Garden Suburbs NSW

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Timetable detailing dates, times and duration of training will be issued on information day.