

PLATYPUS TRACKS

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We wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land of Ballaarat, The Wadawurrung people.

We acknowledge their Elders, Past, Present and emerging and also acknowledge those people from other nations who after being part of the Stolen Generations, chose to make Ballaarat their home.

From Our Chairperson — Larry Kanoa

AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on Thursday 17th November. There was a great turn out and quick meeting with the new Board as follows:

Larry Kanoa—Chairperson

Ian Petty—Deputy Chair

Marjorie Pickford— Treasurer

Debbie Callister— Secretary

Renee Bosworth—Director

Brandon Green—Director

Kylie Laxton—Director

Lastly, I would like to thank Karen and all the staff at BADAC for your continued commitment to our community and providing the services you do.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing community gathering together again in 2023.

Stay safe.

Regards,

Larry Kanoa

Chairperson

Covid

As covid starts ramping up again,, I encourage everyone to keep safe and adhere to the continued health advise we receive. We need to ensure that we keep our community safe and healthy so that we can enjoy the upcoming festive season with our loved ones.

Board News

At board level we are progressing our model rules which we are hoping to engage members to discuss what may need to be looked at in strengthening the organisation in moving forward.

I would like to thank outgoing members Peter Lovett, Pauline Scott and Isaac Hucker for the work they have done during their time on the Board and look forward to working with the new team in 2023.



From Our CEO - Karen Heap

Hi everyone,

I'm delighted that this year we can enjoy connecting with family and friends for Christmas.

Christmas can be a difficult time for some members of our community. If you need help, whether material, mental or physical, please contact BADAC. If you are aware of any Aboriginal person of any age that requires support, please also contact us. We are here to help.

We are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic. I ask that everyone makes a special effort to show kindness and compassion to each other during the holiday season.

Christmas Hampers

BADAC members! Please don't forget to put your name down by early December for one of our festive season Christmas hampers. Our team spend time and care putting them together, so we need a few weeks' notice.

An active member is someone who has attended BADAC or been involved in programs within the last 12 months.

Exciting News

We have had a number of thrilling funding announcements from the Victorian Government.

We are delighted that BADAC has received support to renovate the space at 214 Mair St to become our Aboriginal Art Gallery. Huge thanks to all our community members who answered the survey about the project – that positive community response assisted us to secure the funding (100% in favour!). The hardest thing will be for us all to be patient while we renovate the space and work through operational matters.

We are all very excited and can't wait to see our Aboriginal Artists showcasing their art to Ballarat locals and visitors. Stay tuned!

Our Cultural & Therapeutic program has also received support from the Victorian Government, with funding for a modified shipping container to accommodate new art forms including sculpture and a mobile popup shop for markets and events, which can offer BADAC information, sell art, and partner with other community organisations for displays.

We have also secured funding for the planning stage to double the size of our medical clinic. Planning funds will cover architect's fees, computer modelling, quantity surveyor, geotech testing, soil tests, permits and consultation. This will enable us to submit a well-planned application in future funding funds.

Congratulations

Much-loved and respected community Elder Uncle Frank Laxton, was recognised with two prestigious community awards. Uncle Frank was awarded the **COTA (Council on the Ageing) Victoria Senior Achiever Award**, and was also inducted onto the **Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll**.



Aboriginal Children's Forum

In October, our Chief Operations Officer Jon Kanoa and I attended the ACF in Wodonga, with other ACCOs and Departmental Secretary and leadership team. The Grampians ACCOs had a follow up meeting in Halls Gap, where we explored how to better work together as a region, to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and families.

Advocacy & broader community leadership

I currently sit on CAFS Board, providing a voice for the Aboriginal community of Ballarat. BADAC and CAFS have created a partnership regarding Stolen Generations issues, and establishing better links for the community.

I'm an active member of the Central Highlands Regional Partnership, which includes CEOs, business representatives, community advocates and key government decision makers. The group identifies the region's strategic priorities and brings them to the government.

Media

BADAC continues to feature in local newspaper, radio and TV, to tell Aboriginal stories and portray Aboriginal people in strong and positive ways.

Thank you

BADAC continues to grow and thrive. We now have 167 staff and offer 64 culturally safe programs, services and events for our Aboriginal community. We are a strong and resilient organisation, and that strength comes from you, our Aboriginal community, Board, our executive team and our dedicated BADAC staff, who take such pride in their roles. I am so proud to be a member of this fantastic organisation and community.

My sincere thanks to you all.

Please stay safe this festive season, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Kind regards,

Karen Heap



Medical Centre

Covid-19

With another wave of covid being reported, we urge everyone to stay vigilant and safe over the coming months. Please continue to wash your hands and wear face masks where required.

We still run covid clinics each Thursday and they are available for any dose that you may require.

Please ring Medical reception on 5331 5344, opt #2 to book your appointment.

Coming into Christmas and New Year, we hope everyone stays safe to spend time with their families and loved ones.



Christmas & New Year

Our operating hours over the Christmas /New Year period will be as follows:

Thursday 22nd December—close at 12pm

Friday 23rd — Tuesday 27th Dec—closed

Wednesday 28th — Friday 30th Dec—open

Monday 2nd January—closed

Tuesday 3rd January—open

Cancelling your Appointment

If you are unable to attend your appointment for whatever reason, please do one of the following to cancel:

- **Cancel via SMS Message/Reminder (Free Message)**
- **Contact BADAC Medical Reception as soon as possible so that we can give that appointment to someone else who is in need.**

Human Resource & Governance



Human Resources & Governance
David Carter (Chief Human Resources & Governance), Amanda Rowland, Laura Eddington, Stacey Ramadge, Kim Ericksen, Natasha Salleh (Human Resources Manager), Tim Sands (Absent)



From all of us in the Human Resource & Governance team, we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

See you in 2023.



Elders Group

The Elders group recently enjoyed the festivities of Halloween and dressing up.



Please see Reception to purchase tickets for the Elders group raffle.

The HACC team wish all their clients and community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Join the Elders Group!

The Elder's Group enjoys regular outings and activities every Friday. Cost \$5.00 per person per Outing/Activity unless otherwise stated.

We welcome new members, however you will need to be registered with My Aged Care or the National Disability Insurance Scheme to be eligible.

For more information on any of the above activities or joining the Elders group, please contact Janine Green in Home & Community Care on 5331 5344 or jgreen@badac.net.au.

Children & Youth Services

After School Youth Group

Thank you to the CYS team for another great year of fun, laughter and culture.

The last YG session for this year will be Monday 5th December, returning in 2023 on Monday 6th February



January Holiday Program

The Children & Youth Services team will be running the holiday program during the month of January.

As activities and dates are still to be confirmed, please keep an eye out on our social media pages—BADAC Youth and Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-Operative, for further information and booking details. Bookings for activities will be taken via phone with the CYS team only.



Baarlinjaan Dance Group



Baarlinjaan Dance Group

Open to all ages.

Dance practice: Tuesdays, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Location: 115 Beverin St, Sebastopol.

Contact: Aaron Clarke – Baarlinjaan Dance Group Coordinator, 0400 342 363

Christmas Tree Event



BADAC'S CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT

BADAC CAR PARK

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

- *Santa visiting with presents for our Community kids.*
- *Barbeque for Everyone*
- *Jumping Castles*
- *Performance from BADAC Baarlinjan Dancers*
- *Face Painting/Balloons/Popcorn/Fairy Floss/Coffee Van and much more*

Please Contact Reception for more information

5331 5344

Community Information

BADAC Christmas Tree Event

BADAC had a call from Santa to let us know that although Christmas is not for a few weeks, he is very busy, and is getting his Elves to build presents for BADAC's community kids.

This year will be asking parents and carers to provide \$5 per child or \$15 per family, which will contribute towards great quality presents for children up to 12 years old.

Presents will be hand delivered by Santa himself on Friday 16th December, when we hold our annual Christmas Tree Event at BADAC.

If you would like to put a child's name down for a present, please contact Main Reception and provide the child/s name, gender, age and which BADAC Service you or your child/ren are connected to. We now have an EFTPOS machine at Reception, so payments can be made over the phone or in person if preferred.

We will be closing Santa's list on Friday December 2th, so please have all details and money to BADAC Reception by this date.



BADAC Op-shop

Located at 15 Ararat St, Ballarat Central, the BADAC Op Shop continues to grow with the help of volunteers, BADAC Staff and community members. Currently we are only open on Wednesday and Friday's 10am – 2pm.

We would like to give a BIG Thankyou to our volunteers, especially Jenny Muir, who have worked very hard, giving up their own time to help us get the Op Shop established. We appreciate all of you.

In July, we were given many donations, shelving and clothes racks from CAFS, and although this has stretched our current shop for space, we appreciate their generous donations.

We are hoping to open our Op Shop for longer hours and more days, and have begun networking with Job Agencies to provide an opportunity for young people to gain shop experience.

As we continue to learn more about the best way to operate the Op Shop, we plan to continue to sell items at a low price, with most items being \$2.00 unless otherwise marked. We are also exploring options of online sales as well.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Op Shop any day of the week - please contact BADAC Reception.



Perridak Burron & Yirram Burron Early Learning Centres



Perridak & Yirram have recently been showcased as facilitating high quality early childhood education programs within the state of Victoria through the VAEAI Early Years Conference held in Melbourne recently. It is an absolute testament to the outstanding amount of hard work our Early Childhood staff have put in since the opening of both services.

We have spent the last two terms exploring Ngarra Dja (learning on country) and our amazing natural surroundings, diving deep into Culture through song, dance, art & movement and creating new relationships with organisations and other stakeholders within the community including local primary schools, the library, retirement village and local shops! Our KPSA's have been extremely busy exploring the 99 kindergartens within the district sharing Culture and passion amongst children and Educators from other services.

Our enrolments are growing, as is our team of Educators, alongside the variety of programs we are now able to offer within the services. All educators are currently working on upcoming celebrations including an impressive 2023 Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony, fun filled Christmas family gatherings and end of year celebrations with the children in our care.

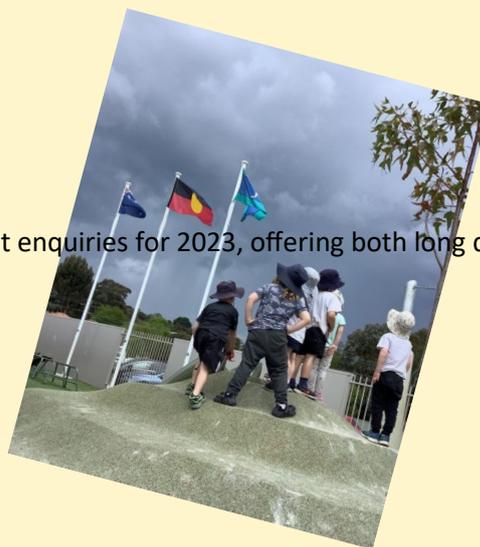
We are now open for enrolment enquiries for both Perridak & Yirram for long day care and government funded kindergarten sessions for 2023. We look forward to yet another prosperous year where Yirram will celebrate their first birthday in April, and Perridak turn 2 in February.

Perridak Burron (348 Humffray Street N, Brown Hill)

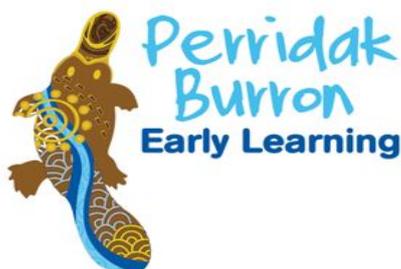
- Please contact admin on 03 5334 4727 for a tour and enrolment enquiries for 2023. Perridak offers long day care and funded 3 & 4 year old kindergarten.
- Perridak operates
 - Monday – Friday
 - 7am – 6pm
 - 52 weeks per year

Yirram Burron (111 Rubicon St, Sebastopol)

- Please contact admin on 03 5335 6231 for a tour and enrolment enquiries for 2023, offering both long day care and funded 3 & 4 year old kindergarten
- Long Day Care operates;
 - 8 – 5.30pm
 - Tues, Wed, Thurs
 - 3 & 4 yr old Kindergarten operates;
 - 9am – 2pm
 - Tues, Wed, Thurs
 - (Closed during school holidays)



Culture • Education • Community



Perridak Burron Early Learning provides funded three and four-year-old Kindergarten programs in a culturally inclusive environment.

We are passionate about educating children *through* culture and are dedicated to providing a service focused on quality.

Contact us today to book a tour.



P (03) 5334 4727
E admin@perridakburronel.com.au
D 340-348 Humffray St North,
Brown Hill, VIC 3550
W perridakburronel.net.au

Perridak Burron & Yirram Burron Early Learning Centres



Yirram Burron
EARLY LEARNING

Family Christmas Celebrations

- Yirram Family Christmas Party – for families that attend the service will be held at the Yirram Burron premises on the 15th December from 5.30 – 7.30pm. We are excited to celebrate our first Christmas with our Yirram community with celebrations including face painting, balloon man, sausage sizzle, Christmas themed activities and a special visit from Santa.
- Perridak Family Christmas Party – for families that attend the service will be held at Victoria Park inclusive playground, cnr Sturt Street & Russel St from 5pm – 7pm. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic, enjoy our sausage sizzle, games, face painting and entertainment for the whole family. Plus a visit from Santa!



Bengadak Babab—meaning Celebrating our Children.

Danielle—Playgroup Facilitator

This term at playgroup has been so busy with so many new activities and experiences.

We've been engaging in lots of nature and sensory play during our space week activities, playdough, painting with nature brushes, and exploring outdoor environments in offsite sessions to local parks and playgrounds around Ballarat, to enjoy some sunshine and a morning tea picnic.

We have enjoyed a couple of Story Time sessions at the Ballarat Library, and have a session coming up with The Moogies at Main Rd, and Halloween dress up day and Loud Shirt Day were big hits, with lots of spooky costumes and bright colourful shirts worn to the sessions.

We have some Christmas craft and activities planned for December, and I am currently planning our special end of term/year experience, which I know is going to be a very exciting session.

Bengadak Playgroup – Facilitated at the Yirram Burron location

Please contact Danielle Creelman at dcreelman@badac.net.au to register your interest for playgroup sessions in 2023, or alternatively call 03 5335 6231.

Playgroup operates; 10.30 – 12.30 on Mondays & Fridays. Closed during school holidays.

Cultural Therapeutic Support



Stolen Generation Group

The Stolen Generation group meet each Wednesday fortnight.

Gatherings are hosted at 403 Main Rd (formerly The Hub)

For further information please contact:

Vicki Peart, Stolen Generation Worker

Phone 5331 5344

Carer's Circle

Social and support group for carers of Aboriginal children. The program has a strong focus on supporting carers to ensure children are connected to their culture and community.

The group meets Monday's 10am—12:30pm at 403 Main Rd with morning tea provided.

For further information please contact Kate Clarke on 0459 764 249

Women's Group

Women's Group

When: Tuesdays 11am—1pm

Where: 403 Main Rd (unless otherwise advised)

Lunch provided.

If you are interested in attending please call

Kate Clarke on 53315344 or 0459 764 249

Stories in Song

Music making—song writing, instrument workshops and regular jam sessions. No musical talent or knowledge required, just a willingness to join in!

If you think this is something for you, please contact Kate Clarke on 0459 764 249. Afternoon tea provided.

Cultural Awareness Training

Cultural Awareness training is available for external groups through our Cultural Therapeutic Support team.

To register or for further information, please contact Shu Brown at sbrown@badac.net.au

Dijila Tjarri

The next intake will be in Term 4.

For further information, please contact Kate Clarke on 0459 764 249

When: Wednesday's & Thursday's 3:30pm—5pm

Where: 403 Main Rd

Afternoon tea provided

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, OR TO ENQUIRE ABOUT SMOKING CEREMONIES OR CULTURAL EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT CULTURAL THERAPEUTIC MANAGER, SHU BROWN THROUGH BADAC RECEPTION OR sbrown@badac.net.au

Stronger Brother

Stronger Sister

Rural and District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd

Recovery Healing Support
Connect with Respect

11.30am - 2pm Fridays

Lunch Provided

403 Main Rd

Contact Jo-Anne Morrow—0447 078 099

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

The staff at Social and Emotional Wellbeing would like to wish community a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We thank you for your support over the past year as we transitioned back from covid restrictions to some type of normal. It has been great to see everyone face to face again.

We will only be closed for the public holidays and will be available for support over the holiday break between Christmas and New Year's Eve. We know this time of year can be difficult for some, so we are here to help.



Your SEWB Team wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

SEWB Services Hours over the holiday period:

Thursday 22nd – Open 9am- 12pm

Friday 23rd—Tuesday 27th December – Closed.

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th December – Normal Hours.

Monday 2nd January – Closed.

Extra support numbers and phone apps:

Yarning safe 'n' strong: 1800 959 563

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Lifeline 24/7 hotline: 13 11 14

BHS Mental Health Services 24/7 1300 661 323

Team member Katrina celebrated her 60th birthday in October.



ACAC

The last few months the program has been working with our Young people, Parents and carers to continue to provide service delivery for our families. The team have been continuing their hard work to ensure our parents, carers and children receive the best support and outcomes.

Coming into the Christmas period the Gobata Burron team have been working with the families to ensure they are supported through the Christmas period by engaging them with the appropriate services externally and also within the BADAC community. We are looking forward to the BADAC Christmas tree event, as it will be a great afternoon for our young people, carers and parents to come along to.

Over the Christmas period we will have staff working within the program to support families. We wish our parents, carers and young people a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe new year.

Kinship/First Supports

Over the past few months since our move into our new building in Mair street the Kinship/First Supports programs have been busy engaging with our Young people and ensuring they have what they need.

With the end of year coming to a close we have been inviting families along to our BADAC Xmas Tree celebrations, as well as ensuring families in need are getting registered with a local agency for support with gifts/hampers if needed.

One of our neighbouring agencies Cafs are also hosting an event for Foster & Kinship Carers. Please see the following details:

[Cafs 2022 Carer Family Day is an opportunity for up to 150 guests to participate in fun filled day of outdoor experiences and a family lunch at Cave Hill Creek's Beaufort camp venue.](#)

[Date: Saturday, December 3](#)

[Time: 10:00 – 4pm](#)

[Inc: Lunch and activities](#)

Please contact Cafs directly to enquire!

From all of us here at the Kinship/First supports Program we would like to thank all of the wonderful carers and young people we work with, for being patient while finding our feet and allowing us to support you all.

There will be staff in both programs throughout the Holiday period, please contact BADAC on **53315344** select the option for Gobata Burron Program if you need support.

Alternatively, carers can contact the carer help desk on **1800 319 510** for any minor tasks they may need assistance with.

We hope your Christmas is Wonderful and safe from the Kinship Team.



Merry Christmas
from the
 Family Violence Team



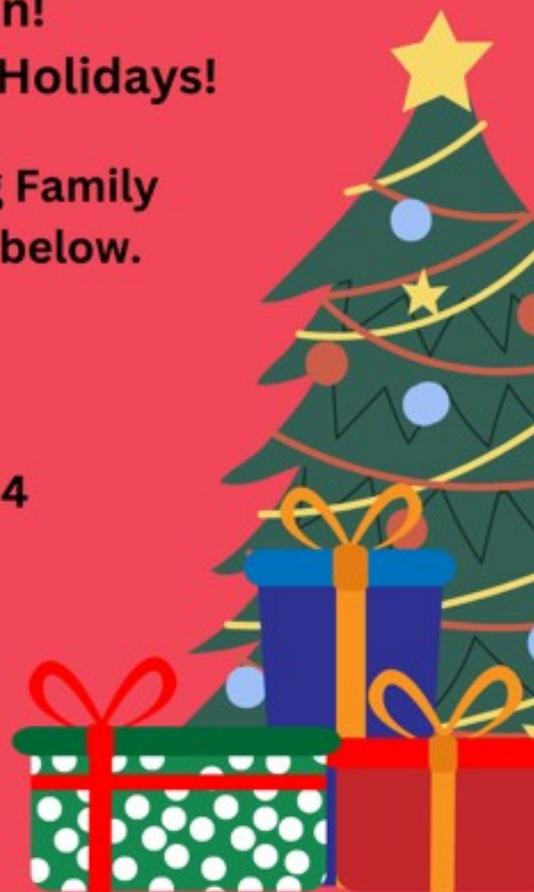
**We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.**

**We have enjoyed being able to have community
back in the office this year and being able
to get out and about again!**

We wish you all safe and happy Holidays!

**If you, or someone you know is experiencing Family
Violence, please see the support numbers below.**

- **VicPol: 000**
- **The Orange Door: 1800 219 819**
- **BADAC Family Violence Team: 03 5331 5344**
- **Lifeline: 131 114**
- **Berry Street, A/hours: 03 9429 9266**
- **Safe Steps: 1800 151 188**
- **Men's Referral Services: 1300 766**



Staff Profile



Name: Katrina Hetherington

Current Position: SEWB team leader & Cultural Support

Time at BADAC: 15 years

What other roles have you held in your time at BADAC?

Medical driver, Medical receptionist, Clinic co-ordinator and Practice manager

How has BADAC as a whole (buildings/community/staff) changed since you've been here?

BADAC's growth over this time has been enormous going from 30 staff to over 160.

This is due to Increase in much needed services for our community, therefore BADAC has outgrown our building and now requires multiple buildings.

What do you love most about working at BADAC?

Working in a community organisation.

Are there any work/life goals you've been able to achieve whilst working at BADAC?

Very happy with the knowledge & qualifications I have gained at BADAC that has allowed me to move forward.

What hobbies do you have?

Motorsport has been in my family for over 45 years. I enjoy watching and supporting and back in the day I was an active pit crew member. I currently enjoy watching the grandchildren who have already started in motorsport.

Welcome to new BADAC Staff



Kerry Thornbury

Administration & Program
Support Officer
Gobata Burron



Liam McPhan-Smith

Medical Driver

Kiralee Hogema

Aboriginal Health Worker
BADAC Medical



Kirsty Williams

Kinship Care Case Support Worker
Gobata Burron

Tyreece Nikkelson

Carpenter Apprentice
Maintenance Team



Nicole Peverill

Receptionist
Cultural & Therapeutic Support



Darrell 'Tony' Henderson

Labourer
Maintenance Team

Josh Dorn

Grounds Keeper
Maintenance Team





Christmas Word Search

N	S	W	J	P	K	K	C	A	N	D	L	E	J	G
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- ORNAMENT
- MISTLETOE
- GREEN
- RED
- SILVER
- BELLS
- JINGLE
- HOHOHO
- STAR
- SANTA
- HOLIDAY
- STOCKING
- JOY
- MERRY
- CARD
- PRESENT
- BOW
- SNOWFLAKE
- TREE
- GINGERBREAD
- WREATH
- SNOWMAN
- CANDLE



BROTHERS GROUP



Experience Virtual



Reality

Learn to play the Yidaki



115 BEVERIN STREET, SEBASTOPOL

WEDNESDAY 3:30PM TO 5:30PM

ABORIGINAL MEN

13 TO 18 YO

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP WITH YOUR KOORIE MATES & DISCOVER YOUR CULTURE, CREATE MUSIC, BASKETBALL, LEARN SELF DEFENCE, FILM, LEARN ON COUNTRY AND EXPERIENCE VIRTUAL REALITY.

Contact: Azlan or Jarrat @ BADAC

0499 716 119 - 0436 329 919

Community Information



BALERT GERRBIK - Strong Families Together (Taungurung Language)

BADAC PARENTING PROGRAM

Koorie Families as First Educators

- Do you have a young child aged 0-6 and in your care?
- Would you like some supports to deal with their tantrums, grumpy moods, fussy eater sleep routines or just time managing your routine?
- Do you need some helpful tips on raising your little ones?
- Would you like a visit from someone friendly to chat to?
- Would you enjoy outings with other Parents to discuss things parenting?

BADAC's Koorie Parenting Program is here to help!

This free service is safe, confidential and culturally sound, and available to all Mums, Dads or Carers who just need some advice, support or a listening ear.

We offer evidenced based training in Triple P, BUGK to help support you as a family as a whole and stand beside you through the parenting journey.

If this sounds like a program you would find helpful...please contact the Koorie Parenting Program Workers today.

Sarah—0436 000 217

Brittany—0475 141 246

BADAC Parenting Program
Sarah 0436000217

Good News Stories

Centre for Excellence in Child & Family Welfare

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare reached out to BADAC to do a Welcome to Country for training that was delivered to ACCO's and CSO's from all over Victoria that run the Family Preservation and Reunification Response. Some may know this program as Keeping Families Together (KFT).

The training was held on the 9th November at the Ballarat Civic Hall with the Welcome to Country done by Katrina Hetherington and Shu Brown.



Happy Birthday Alvida Clarke

Alvida Clarke was born on 4th December 1922, turning 100 this year!!

Alvida is a Ngarrindjeri woman who grew up in Kingston, South Australia and eventually settled in Creswick, Victoria with her late husband Eric Clarke and their children.

We wish Alvida a very happy birthday on what is an tremendous achievement.



Alvida in 1944



Alvida on her 90th birthday



Christmas Raffle



Tickets for our Christmas raffle are now available. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please come in and see reception to purchase. Eftpos available for purchases over \$5.



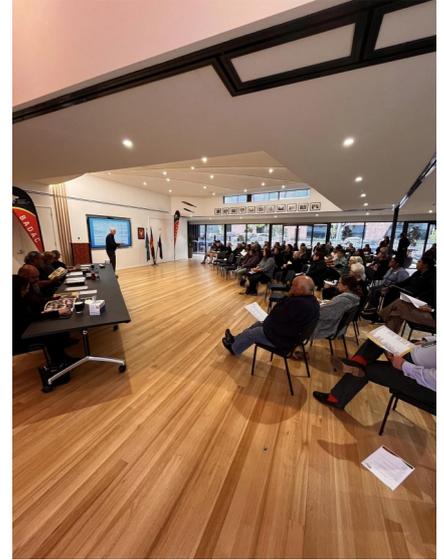
Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting on 17th November.

It was great to see the community spirit with everyone having a feed and yarn before all the formalities.

We'd like to thank outgoing Directors Peter Lovett, Pauline Scott and Isaac Hucker for their work on the board.

Congratulations to our new board consisting of Uncle Larry Kanoa, Aunty Marjorie Pickford, Deb Callister, Ian Petty, Renee Bosworth, Brandon Green and Kylie Laxton.



Become a BADAC Member Today

Membership of BADAC is open to all members of the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Community.

To be a member, you must have lived in the Ballarat Region for 12 months and you must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

People who are married or De facto partners of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are also able to become members providing their partners are eligible for membership

Membership is a great way to connect with BADAC's services and your community.

Applications are sent to the Board who make all decisions about approving new members.

Benefits of BADAC Membership:

- Have a voice on BADAC's future (Nominate for the Board)
- Priority access to BADAC Housing opportunities
- Regular Newsletters and Annual Report
- Additional supports when needed including Food Hampers and household goods
- Part of making a difference for the Ballarat Aboriginal Community
- Special mail outs for events and community information

BADAC member's enjoy some great benefits and it only costs \$.10c to apply .

SPEAK TO RECEPTION STAFF ABOUT A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM!

Community Services

Drug Court

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything related to Drug Court, please contact:

Ashlee Rodgers

Koori Liaison and Support Officer

0436 421 222

Ashlee.Rodgers@courts.vic.gov.au



Magistrates' Court of Victoria Drug Court referral process

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria's (MCV) Drug Court is a solution-focused court that aims to address the underlying causes of offending behaviour. MCV Drug Court is an innovative response to drug-and-alcohol-related crime, and an effective intervention to address the revolving door of offending.

1. Referral

Referrals to the Drug Court are generally made by the accused's legal representative. A referral cannot proceed unless the accused person pleads guilty to all offences. Once all charges are resolved, the Drug Court registry will provide a date for a screening hearing. The referring party must file a Request to Access Drug Court form.

3. Screening hearing

At the screening hearing the magistrate determines whether the accused meets the eligibility criteria. If the magistrate determines the criteria is met, the matter is adjourned for four weeks to allow for assessments to be conducted.

2. Pre-screening

Prior to a screening hearing, Victoria Police will assess the accused's matters against the criteria. Eight days prior to the screening hearing, Victoria Police must provide a screening response, which will be provided to the magistrate and legal representative.

4. Assessment

A clinical advisor conducts an extensive clinical assessment, and a Community Correctional Services case manager conducts a suitability assessment. The assessment reports must be provided to the court two days prior to a sentencing hearing.

5. Sentencing hearing

At the sentencing hearing the magistrate decides whether the accused is suitable for a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Order (DATO). If found suitable, the magistrate will sentence the accused to a term of imprisonment (not exceeding two years) to be served in the community through a two-year DATO.

6. Commence DATO

When placed on a DATO, the participant will immediately report to the Drug Court's off-site therapeutic facility to be inducted into the program and undergo urinalysis testing.

Eligibility criteria

- Not be subject to a parole order, or a sentencing order of the County Court or Supreme Court of Victoria
- Plead guilty to an offence within the jurisdiction of MCV, punishable on conviction by up to two years' imprisonment
- The offence must not be a sexual offence or involve the infliction of actual bodily harm, unless minor in nature
- The accused's usual place of residence (if they have one) must be within a postcode area serviced by MCV's Drug Courts as specified in the Government Gazette
- The candidate is dependent on drugs and/or alcohol, and/or the candidate's dependency contributed to the commissioning of the offence.

The candidate must consent in writing to the imposition of a DATO.



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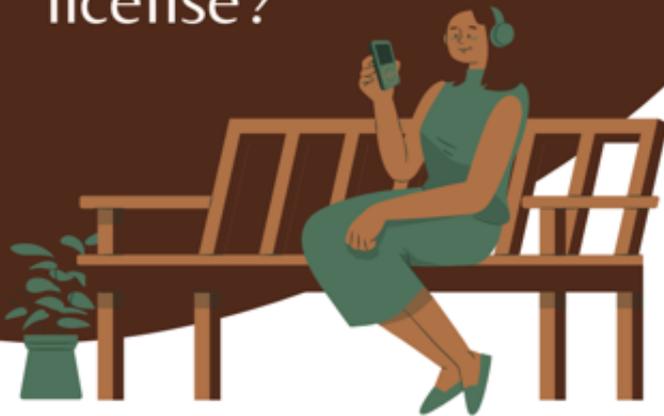
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- Stronger Families
- Integrated Family Services
- Kinship Care
- Aboriginal Family Lead Decision Making (AFLDM)
- Early Years/Playgroup
- Home and Community Support
- Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Support
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing Program
- Justice Support
- Family Violence Support
- Social Worker
- Youth Groups
- Youth Leadership Programs
- Cultural Outings and Camps
- Stolen Generations Support

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SuicideLine is a 24/7 telephone counselling service offering professional support to people at risk of suicide, people concerned about someone else's risk of suicide, and people bereaved by suicide.

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Direct Line 1800 888 236

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