



PLATYPUS TRACKS AUTUMN EDITION 2022



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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

I would like to start by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, live, work and play. I would also like to pay my respects to elder's past, present and emerging.

Welcome to 2022 and hopefully a brighter year for our community.

Hopefully all communities subject to the extreme flood events in NSW and Queensland are getting the assistance they need from emergency and health services. I'm sure the local Aboriginal organisations are all swinging into action too, as they did in the catastrophic fires.

Board Activities

Our first Board meeting of 2022 was held in February, and I'm very pleased to say that BADAC is in great shape, thanks to the excellent work of the CEO, exec team, our dedicated staff, and of course BADAC's hard working Board.

Current Board activities and updates include:

- Model Rules is a work in progress. Jon Kanoa and David Carter are continuing to align the current Model Rules with the current Cooperatives act and aim to have this completed in the near future.

Early Years

Perridak Burrton (Brown Hill) is continuing to operate successfully with numbers almost at capacity as another local childcare agency has had to close its doors due to infrastructure issues. Yirram Burrton (Sebas) hopes to open the doors to families in the near future and recruitment of families is currently underway. The internal/external works are almost complete which is coming up great.

Medical

BADAC is excited to welcome two new doctors and also new nurses into the team over the past 2-4 weeks which will give us a significant boost in resources in Medical.

COVID

We now have our doors open and groups are coming back which is great. We are still abiding by the numbers and rules around COVID and will continue to watch what restrictions are in place on a daily basis. Our staff have been bubbling which has been a challenge and we are abiding by all gov protocols.

Building works

Our new units in Main Rd are well underway with completion hopefully by mid-year. Right next door at The Hub, our Cultural Therapeutic team along with the Maintenance team are hard at work putting down new flooring, new walls, tidying the yard and getting it all ready for community to enjoy. We should have programs and events running from there in April.

Thanks again to Karen and all the BADAC staff for your commitment and continued show of leadership during these difficult times. Huge thanks to our Aboriginal community who have continued to connect with and support BADAC, patiently pivoting to new COVID ways of working.

I hope to see you all at a cultural event in 2022.

Regards,

Larry Kanoa

Chairperson



From Our CEO - Karen Heap

Hi everyone,

Welcome to 2022! It's been a busy start for everybody, with children returning to school at last, people catching up with loved ones and life in general, and everyone coming to grips with the latest COVID-19 health advice.

It's fantastic and so heart-warming to have BADAC's doors open again and our programs all up and running.

As I write, NSW and Queensland are battling floods and our hearts go out to all the affected communities. Hopefully by the time you read this, things will be almost back to normal with no further tragic loss of life and homes nor further damage to Country.

BADAC Program news

Do Drop In program is very busy with so many people coming to enjoy social time and craft activities. You can ring BADAC reception on 5331 5344 to find out more, or please do just come along! Do Drop In runs every Wed and Fri from 10am – 2pm. Our staff will greet you and ensure you feel comfortable.

Gobata Burron (ACAC) is already having fabulous success, supporting Aboriginal parents to learn more about parenting techniques and strategies, and helping to keep families together. Often people are surprised to learn that raising children is something we can all learn and build strength in. It takes a village to raise a child!

Our Elders Independent Living Village project is progressing, with funding applications lodged and plans drawn up. Huge thanks to everyone who helped out by answering the survey about the project – our funding bodies love to see evidence of Aboriginal community support.

Thankfully, BADAC continues to expand and we welcome all our new staff.

CEO Activities

The start to 2022 has been very busy for me, as for so many people.

In February our Chief Operations Officer Jon Kanoa and I attended the three-day VACCHO members meeting.

Some of the key issues arising were:

- We attended an information session about Data Sovereignty and Ownership. VACCHO is doing some work on this for the ACCOs.
- The Royal Commission into Mental Health: As per the recommendations, a Mental Health Centre of Excellence has been established with VACCHO and will launch in March 2022.
- VACCHO is developing a strategy for the upcoming Federal and State elections.
- Federal and State elections are coming up. I urge every community member to ensure they are enrolled to vote and that Aboriginal voices count. The enrolments cut off about one month before the election, so it's best to do it as soon as you can. <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>

Also in February, the BADAC executive team met off-site for an intensive planning session regarding the long-term future of BADAC, to lock in sustainability and future succession planning.

BADAC's future is looking very robust, thanks to Chief Finance Officer Leigh Skelton's financial genius, Chief HR and Governance Officer David Carter's aptitude and talent, and Chief Operations Officer Jon Kanoa's deep knowledge of community and strong management skills. And I'm very proud to continue to offer my vision and leadership as BADAC's CEO!

Other important meetings include with the local Ballarat police to meet with Aboriginal liaison officers, government departmental meetings to ensure BADAC continues to align with funding expectations, and CAFS Board meetings, where I work to ensure an Aboriginal perspective is embraced and celebrated.

Advocacy and broader community leadership

I'm still 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.

Currently we are exploring a project which will inform and empower regional leaders with cultural competency, in order that they can better understand Aboriginal issues and support their Aboriginal communities.

I also sit on the BHS hospital redevelopment project, providing a voice for a culturally welcoming redevelopment.

Childcare news, enrolments and seeking early Years staff

Our 100-place kinder and child care centre at Perridak Burron is growing well, with many children enrolling in our fantastic centre. We still have a few places available.

Works are progressing well at our culturally safe, community-owned kindergarten Yirram Burron, located in Rubicon St, Sebastopol. We are looking forward to opening in the near future. We are accepting expressions of interest now.

Check it all out at <https://www.yirramburrton.net.au>.

Yirram Burron is also recruiting – if you are Aboriginal and have Early Years qualifications, we want to hear from you!

Please contact Casey Brown at admin@yirramburrton.net.au or tell us about yourself via <https://www.yirramburrton.net.au>.

Media

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

CO-VID19

It's wonderful to be able to get together once more with friends and family, and enjoy cafes and events. Please stay mindful that the pandemic is not over. I ask everyone to remain careful and continue to follow Health guidelines.

Condolences

I want to finish by expressing my heart-felt condolences to family and friends of community members who have recently passed away. Their sad loss is deeply felt and our thoughts are with you.

Kind regards,

Karen Heap



Medical Centre

A visit from Jeroen Weimar



In February we welcomed Jeroen Weimar, Commander of Covid-19 response to experience our medical centre and vaccination clinic at BADAC.

Jeroen had the opportunity to speak with staff and community around the impact of Covid.

We thank Jeroen for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us here at BADAC and acknowledge the hard work our staff have done and continue to do to keep our community safe!

COVID-19

With restrictions and rules forever changing, please make sure you keep up to date with all the latest information by visiting the Coronavirus Victoria website at:

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

We hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying a few more freedoms!

BE COVIDSAFE

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.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US TO SERVICE YOU TO THE BEST POSSIBLE STANDARD!

Bus Trip to Breast Screen

The Best Protection is Early Detection.

Are you a Koorie woman aged 40-74 years?

Have you had your Breast Screen in the last 2 years?

Enjoy some time meeting other women in the community, have a great afternoon tea and have a free Breast Screen

If you have any questions, ask Sandy.

Bookings can be made at BADAC Medical Reception 5331 5344



Medical Centre

Medical Appointments

To ensure you receive the best service, we request the following:

- Notify Medical Reception upon your arrival at the Medical Centre
- Please be available in the waiting room at the time of your appointment for the Doctor or Nurse to avoid missing you and attending to the next patient
- If you need forms to be completed by Doctor's please advise Medical Reception upon making appointment, as Doctors will need to allow a longer time to complete forms.



For Bookings Phone: 5331 5344 (Option 2)

ALL Medical Services FULLY BULK BILLED

Advanced Care Plans

Did you know that the nurses at BADAC can assist you to write an Advance Care Plan?

We encourage all our patients young and old, well or unwell to begin thinking about how they would like to be treated should they become unwell or be in an accident that may lead to them being unable to speak for themselves at the time.

An Advanced Care Plan lets the medical team here at BADAC Medical Clinic and at the hospital know what sorts of treatments you would like to receive or not receive at the end of life.

If you would like more information you can make an appointment with Anthony to discuss

Transport Assistance

BADAC has a Medical Driver for Aboriginal Patients who do not have their own means of Transport.

The criteria for using the Medical pickup service are:

- Patient must live within the Ballarat area
- Pickups for medical appointments only
- Contact must be made the day before appointments
- Once you have seen the Doctor please be available immediately for the driver to take you home
- No pickups will be done after 4pm

If you have made a booking for transport and you are not going to be at home or no longer wish to be picked up, please inform medical reception ASAP.

Updating Your Details

To ensure our community receives the best services from BADAC Medical, we would like to request that you please update your contact details if there are any changes. This can be done at Medical when you're next visiting or phone us to update details via phone.

Maternal & Child Health

BADAC's Maternal & Child Health unit now has a Facebook page. Please give their page a like and share around the community.



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Children & Youth Services

After School Youth Group



The Youth Group team have had a busy start to the year with Wayapa, flag creating, painting, traditional games and much more planned for the remainder of the term!

The team are busy preparing for the next lot of school holidays as well so keep your eye on the BADAC YOUTH Facebook page for details.

Upcoming activities for the remainder of Term 1

March 7th	Art Expo
March 21st	Gardening/Cooking
March 28th	Stolen Generation discussion
April 4th	Special Person's Day

We're working on a recycled art piece and would love any spare jar lids or bottle tops you have around the house. Please drop off at reception or send along with the kids to YG.

We want your bottle caps and Jar lids!!!



The CYS team would like to congratulate Taj on being awarded his 'Senior Leader' badge for showing great leadership within the junior youth group by assisting the workers when needed and for helping the younger kids during every activity. Congratulations Taj!



If you have children that you think would like to join in on all the fun and make some new friends, please

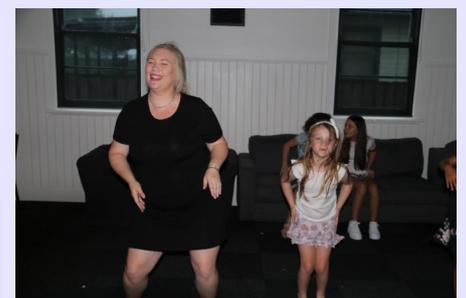
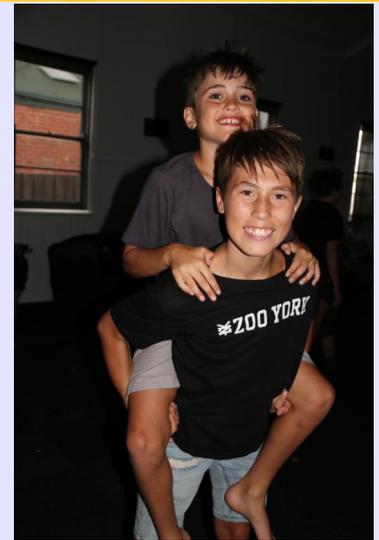
Contact our Children & Youth Services Support Team on 5331 5344

Youth Group is each Monday 4pm-6pm at Beverin St, Sebastopol.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Children and Youth Services Holiday Program

The CYS Team and children had a blast these summer holidays. They enjoyed outings to playgrounds, skateparks, Melbourne Zoo, comic workshops a disco and loads more! Well done to the CYS team for another awesome holiday program.



Community Projects

Op Shop Project

The Children & Youth Services team are currently planning on setting up a “small scale” Op Shop downstairs at 12 Ararat Street.

Although there is still a lot to plan, the aim is to give members of our Community the chance to access good quality second hand clothing and goods at a cheap price, while creating some additional funding for the CYS Youth Group program.

To start, we plan for the shop to be opened on Wednesday and Friday's from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each week, with an opening date to be sometime after Easter.

We will be open to receiving clean “good quality” clothing and goods **from the local Community only**, but will not be accepting shoes, socks or underwear, electrical goods or large items.

If you have some things you would like to donate, please feel free to drop a bag or two of washed and clean items off at Reception. We would appreciate it! Remember, good quality only, and no shoes, socks or underwear. This will help save us paying unnecessary fees to dispose of unsellable items.

If you would like to volunteer to assist us with this project, or have some unused cloth racks or coat hangers you don't need, please contact Reception.



BADAC Learner Driver Program

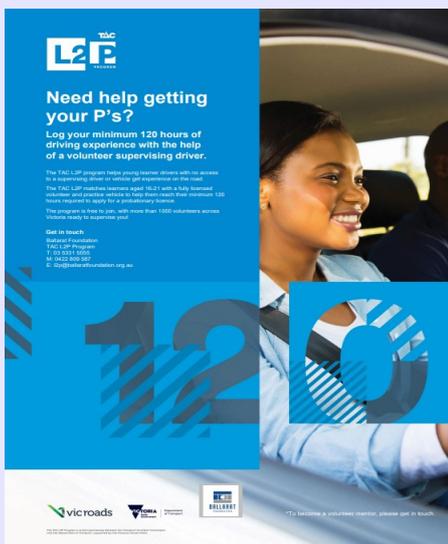
Last year, BADAC entered into an agreement with the Ballarat Foundation to support our Community to access the L2P Program.

BADAC gifted one of our aging fleet vehicles to the program, and trained 8 staff in the mentoring program, which in turn has provided the opportunity for Community members to gain their drivers licence, while having a BADAC staff member supporting them.

To date we have had 15 people register to join the program, and 8 staff members who are working as mentors.

If you are interested in getting your driver's licence, please see Reception for an application form, which must be accompanied by a copy of your Learners Licence.

If you are interested in becoming a L2P Mentor, please contact Reception so we can pass on your details. Being a mentor is a great opportunity to help others in our Community. You need to be over the age of 21 and hold a current full Victorian Licence. Training will be provided.





TAC L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

MENTORS REQUIRED!

Volunteer Mentors

To become a volunteer mentor in the TAC L2P program, you need to:

- * Be interested in helping young people
- * Over the age of 21 years
- * Hold a current full Victorian Licence
- * Screened by your local TAC L2P program (National police check, WWCC and Driver history check) Volunteers to undertake one day training to become a supervisor driver mentor.



The TAC L2P program is a partnership between the Transport Accident Commission and the Department of Transport, supported by Victorian Government

"I highly recommend this program, its lots of fun. My mentor not only taught me how to drive but taught me life skills."

– Steph, Learner

"In exchange for mentoring a young adult, I get to be inspired by a young adult who challenges the way I view the world".

– Catherine, Mentor

"Learning to drive has made me feel a lot more independent this would not have been possible without TAC L2P".

– Emma, Learner

"The highlight of this experience has been seeing my mentees driving confidence and sensibility soar".

– Jude, Mentor

Upcoming training

- 5th Mar 2022-Creswick
- 26th Mar 2022-Ballarat
- 28th Apr 2022-Ballarat

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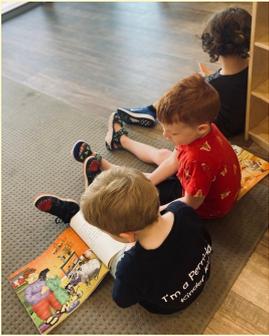
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Perridak Burron Early Learning Centre

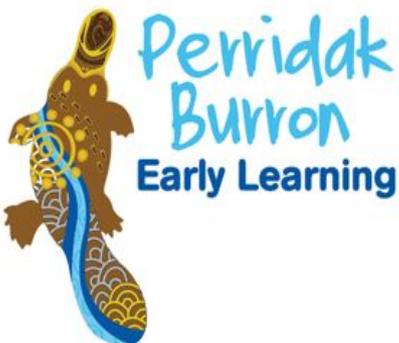


What a great start to the year both the Children and Staff have had at Perridak Burron. A new playground has been installed and enjoyed by many with all the beautiful weather we have been having, and Perridak Burron also celebrated its 1st birthday!!

The children continue to enjoy exploring the big wide world and all the surroundings they are so fortunate to have around them.



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.



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Yirram Burron Early Learning Centre



Yirram Burron
EARLY LEARNING



Yirram Burron is very close to opening and looking amazing. Congratulations to everyone involved in getting this project completed and ready for the community to enjoy.

You can visit the website

<https://www.yirramburron.net.au> to register your expression of interest and also email admin@yirramburron.net.au for any enquiries.



Bengadak Babab—meaning Celebrating our Children.

Meet our new playgroup facilitator Danielle!!

Danielle has worked in Early Childhood Education & Care for 12yrs and looks forward to meeting all our families and children at playgroup.

There will be a new look program running from Yirram Burron Early Learning centre this year.

Playgroup will run from 10:30am—12:30pm on Monday's & Friday's.

Keep an eye out for further information regarding commencement dates.



Cultural Therapeutic Program



Stolen Generation Group

The Stolen Generation group will commence their gatherings for 2022 on Wednesday 16th March from 11am. The group will then meet each Wednesday fortnight from then.

Gatherings will be hosted from a new home 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

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.

Women's & Men'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

Men's Group

When: Thursdays 10:30am—3pm (depending on activity)

Where: 403 Main Rd (unless otherwise advised)

Lunch provided

If you are interested in attending please call

Rob Watts on 53315344

Dijila Tjarri

This is a new program commencing in April

Creative arts and play based therapeutic program for children in Kinship care.

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

Where: 403 Main Rd

Afternoon tea provided

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

Cultural Awareness Training

These sessions will be held the first Friday of each month commencing in April.

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

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



BADAC Cultural Therapeutic Support
@badacctsp · Community organisation

Send Message

Hi! Please let us know how we can help.

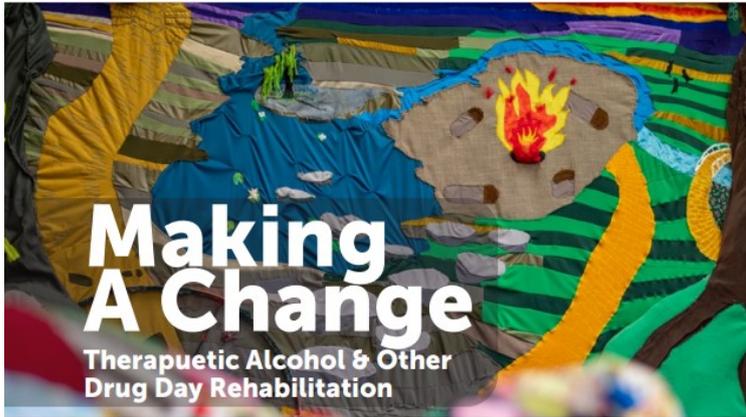
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Make sure you follow the CTS Facebook page for all program updates and information.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Make a Change Program



Making A Change Therapeutic Alcohol & Other Drug Day Rehabilitation

The Making A Change (MAC) Therapeutic Alcohol & Other Drug Day Rehabilitation Program is an 8-week program that runs four times a year - in line with Victorian school terms.

FREE PROGRAM!

MAC RUNS: 9.30am – 3.30pm
Tues, Wed & Thurs (Friday is optional)

Here are just some of the range of topics we cover in our program:

- Setting Goals
- Communication
- Conflict Management
- Managing Stress & Anxiety
- Health & Wellbeing
- The Benefits of Exercise
- Cooking
- Budgeting
- Community Connection
- Relapse Prevention
- Equine Therapy
- Art Therapy
- + much more!

Referrals to MAC can be made via other services or you can self-refer. You must be over the age of 18 to participate.

MAC is FREE for all participants. Places are limited and an assessment will be undertaken prior to successful enrolment in the program.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be stable in their substance use and mental health, and they must be able to attend the program not affected by alcohol or other drugs.

TO GET STARTED: Send your enquiry and/or referral to: aodintake@bchc.org.au

For more info call 03 5338 4500 or visit bchc.org.au/service/making-a-change-program/



The remaining MAC dates for 2022 are:

Term 2: 3rd May to 22nd June (Orientation 28th April)

Term 3: 26th July to 14th September (Orientation 21st July)

Term 4: 18th October to 7th December (Orientation 13th October)

If you are interested in taking part in the program, please send an email to aodintake@bchc.org.au or call 5338 4500.



WRISC Family Violence Support

WRISC Family Violence Support and the Aboriginal Program, support Families and the local Aboriginal Community, who have experienced Family Violence, especially, during Corona Virus.

If you or someone you know is needing support for Family Violence, please call our reception on 53 333 666 and speak to someone in the Aboriginal Program.



Staff Professional Development



SEWB team members Kirra Roberts and Shane Murphy have the amazing opportunity to present at the Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association conference—Child and Adolescent Mental Health, later this month on the Gold Coast 'YAY!'. Their topic is 'Healthy community, healthy mind.' An evidence based culturally sensitive child and adolescent mental health program. Kirra and Shane say 'We are grateful to BADAC for supporting our paper and look forward to providing feedback'.

Congratulations Kirra & Shane, we look forward to hearing all about it!

Staff Profile



Name: Aunty Leah Keegan

Current Position: Manager Koorie Family Services

Time at BADAC: 12 years

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

AFLDM Community Convener, Kinship Care Worker, Manager of Koorie Family Support Services overseeing 8 programs & Women's Kooronya Healing Program

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

BADAC has grown so much since I first started. We only had the old part of BADAC, Beverin Street, Martin Drive and Main Road buildings. Staffing was 50 at the most, but over the years BADAC has really grown - our programs have expanded covering a wide range of services in Health, Family/Children's programs, Justice, Housing, Education, Stolen Generation, Maintenance, Youth, Cultural programs, Elders programs, Community programs, Early Childhood and many more, all providing a culturally safe environment for staff and community. Staffing over the years has gone from approx. 50 or less when I first started, to approx. 160 plus staff now, which has seen BADAC staff being housed at around 9 or more different locations to ensure that we can provide our services to the community.

What do you love most about working at BADAC?

I am very proud of BADAC and really all Aboriginal organisations that work hard to provide a culturally safe environment to service our Community. In my role here at BADAC I have learnt to work and gain skills/experience in the Child & Family services area and through my experience I hope that I can help our families become stronger and know how to protect and care for their children to keep them out of the system. I love that our families can now have a voice in the decision making for their families and be more confident when talking with the Department, its about change and healing and through the programs offered by BADAC, our community/families can work on providing safe healthy homes and learn to not only look after family but also take time and care for themselves, I love that BADAC can provide the opportunity for our mob to make this happen. The respect and care that BADAC has shown me in my role, allowing me to have voice in managing my program/team and trusting my judgment especially when representing BADAC at DFFH Child Protection and other mainstream Support Services Agencies really makes me feel like a valued member of the BADAC staff.

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

I have been given some great opportunities working here at BADAC to attend relevant training/professional development programs to continue to upgrade my skills/knowledge in the role that I am in at the moment, I have had the opportunity to attend the SNAICC Conference in Perth with my staff, which was good for team building and enabled us to look at some really great Culturally safe programs happening in Aboriginal communities nationwide. I have been able to work my way up over the years here at BADAC, from being a Case worker to becoming a Manager of numerous programs in the Koorie Family Services program and managing between 9 – 20 staff over this period of time, BADAC supports me to continue to develop my skills through training, attending meetings relevant to KFS and encouraging us to enrol and complete the Diploma of Community Services, my goal would be to become a consultant to assist our families in the area of DFFH Child Protection.

Staff Profile

What hobbies do you have?

Most of my hobbies are more watching now than playing. I use to play netball, basketball, indoor cricket, softball and a few games of football. I enjoy watching my Grandchildren playing sports now. I also love music - a vast range of genres but of course Country is my favourite and watching movies all except horror.

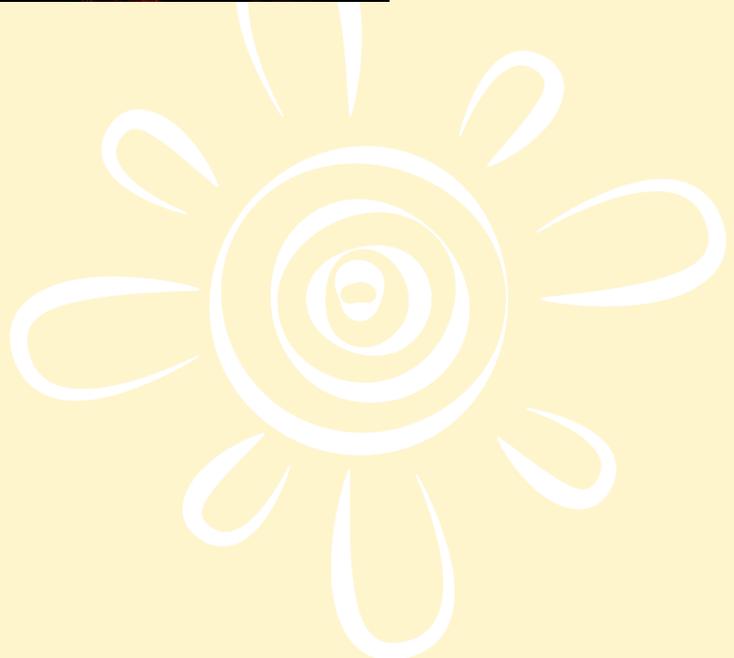
Any other words of wisdom or stories you would like to share?

I would like to share the below quote with you from Lionel Rose. We are all champions working to improve the lives of our people in one way or another, fighting for the best outcomes for our mob, whether we do it intentionally or without knowing, I believe our Aboriginal Organisations, BADAC, allow us to continue to fight, the fight for our families, for our community and we are starting to see a difference.

“I wasn’t aware of the impact that I had made on the lives of Aboriginal people until I did a bit of travelling and visited various communities throughout Victoria. To see the way that my people looked at me and to know that I made a difference to them, was an honour” (Lionel Rose)



Aunty Leah Keegan (centre) with some of her Koorie Family Services team members (L-R: Shelley, Michelle, Nathan, Stacy & Belinda)



BADAC 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.

Some of the activities booked for the coming weeks include:

March 11th— Begonia festival exhibitions and nature walk, lunch at Bluebell hotel

March 18th—Trivia games day, cold meat & salads for lunch

March 25th—Elders meeting & games

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.

'Do Drop-in'

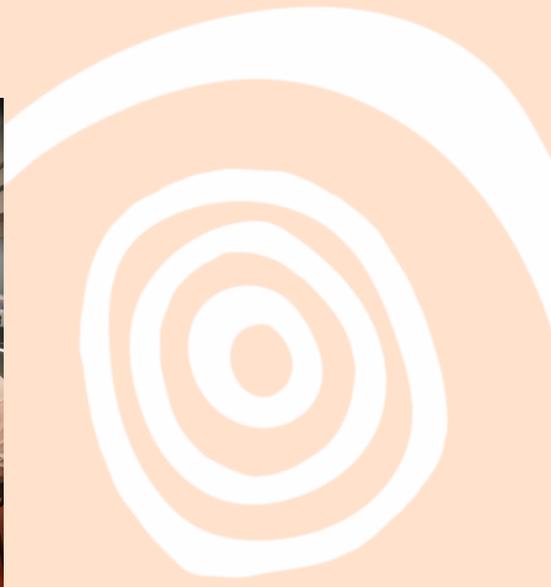
'Do Drop-In' is held every Wednesday & Friday from 10am in the Community Room at BADAC.

You do not need to register. Just 'drop-in' to catch up with friends, have a cuppa and a chat and maybe get creative while you're here.

You can bring your own craft projects in, read a book, or make something with all the supplies we have here.....there is always something to do!!

A \$3 donation from all attendees is welcome to help cover the cost of supplies/activities.

We look forward to seeing and welcoming you!



NAIDOC Week 2022



GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

3-10 JULY 2022

With restrictions easing more and more, we are very hopeful that we will get to hold our NAIDOC Week Community Open day this year.

Please keep Wednesday 6th July in your calendar and keep an eye out for further details regarding location, times and activities.

Merchandise for sale



We have a great range of merchandise for sale at reception. Please give us a call or come in and visit to check it out and purchase.



Easter Raffle & Competitions

This Easter, we will be running a raffle with some great prizes up for grabs. Tickets will be available from mid March.

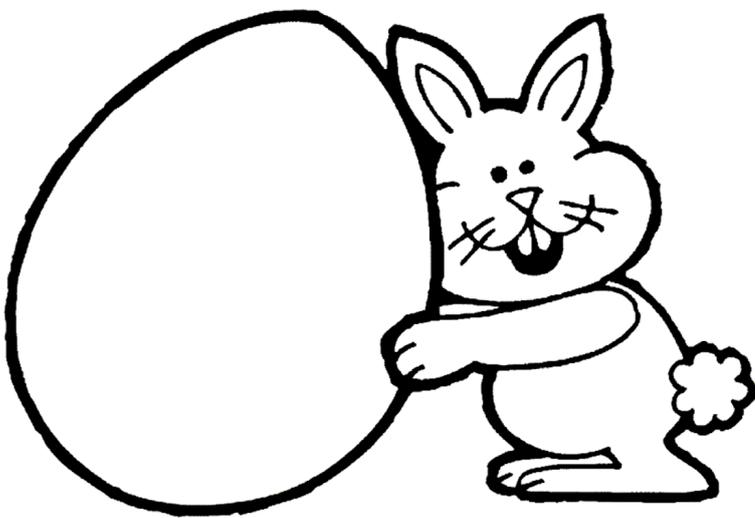
They will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We will also be running a 'Guess how many eggs in the jar' competition. These tickets will be \$1 each.

And we haven't forgotten about the younger ones either! There will be a colouring competition which will be broken down into age groups of: 0-4yrs, 5-9yrs & 10-14yrs.

These will also be available from mid March.

Please keep an eye on the BADAC Facebook page or reception area for further details regarding all activities.



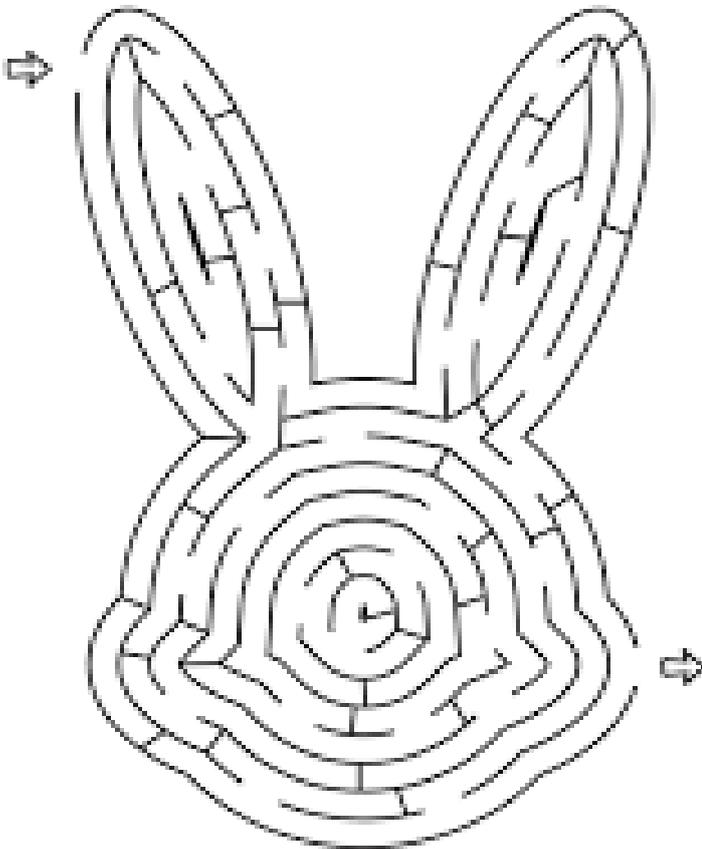
0-4yr old colouring



5-9yr old colouring

10-14yr old colouring





EASTER MAZE

How does Easter end?
With an R.



What kind of books do bunnies read?
Ones with a hoppy ending.



What did the mommy egg say to the baby egg?
Your egg-stra special



What stories does the easter bunny like to read?
Ones with happy endings.



How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
Egg-ercise



Why did the easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken.



What happened to the egg when he laughed?
He cracked up.



What music do Bunnies listen to?
Hip-hop



Good News Stories

BADAC Children's Clinic

Thursday 13th January seen our first Children's vaccine clinic take place. Since that first clinic, the medical team have administered 95 vaccinations to kids between 5-11yrs. Well done to all the kids who have taken the brave step to get vaccinated for their own health and those around them.

We are holding Children's clinics fortnightly on Thursday's so if you would like to book Children aged 5-11 to get vaccinated, please contact Medical reception. Please keep an eye on the BADAC FB page for any extra clinics and updates.



Congratulations



Aunty Marjorie Pickford at her Graduation ceremony

Congratulations to Aunty Marjorie Pickford whom recently completed her Certificate IV in Teaching an Endangered Aboriginal Language in 2021 after studying for 12 months with Swinburne University with 9 other participants.

Marj graduated on 21st December 2021 at the Melbourne Convention Centre and was the only one from her group that attended the graduation in person.

Prior to completing the Certificate IV, Marj had also completed the Certificate III in Learning an Endangered Aboriginal Language in 2020 which led and encouraged her to complete the Certificate IV.

Marj also completed a 6 week teaching round at Ararat North Primary school with students in which they really enjoyed.

Congratulations again Aunty Marj and all the best with your future teaching endeavours.

Also a big Congratulations to Marjorie and her husband Merv, as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in early February. Merv & Marj celebrated the occasion with a family dinner.



Good News Stories

Woorangalook Surfing Titles

The Children and Youth Services Team took 17 excited local kids to attend the 2022 Woorangalook Victorian Koori Surfing Titles again this year.

Held at Urquhart's Bluff, Anglesea on February 5th & 6th the weather was perfect for a few days at the beach. Great to see every single kid in the surf giving it a go.

Our team stayed in two beautiful houses in Anglesea and came together each night for dinner and activities.

Saturday was a huge day which started with a beautiful Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Corrina Eccles and the kids were soon in the surf with all the right equipment and coaches.

Who knew we had such surfing superstars in our community and we came away with 4 titles!

Macy Marini Winner of under 10 girls

Levi Marini Winner of Under 13 boys

Alicia Wait Winner of Under 15 girls

Relay tag team Winners (Alicia, Hunter, Aliah, Levi and Bailey)

Kids are super excited for next year and have made lasting memories. It's so great to see the connections and friendships continue into Youth Group as well.



Welcome to new BADAC Staff

BADAC continues to grow week by week and we welcome the following new staff to the BADAC family.

Kira Leishman

Koorie Youth Justice Worker
Children & Youth Services Team



Brett Trindle

Aboriginal Access Support & Community Linkages Co-ordinator
Community Home Support

Alexandra Allemand

Medical Clinic Driver



Azlan Harris

Case Support Worker
Gobata Burron Program

Cassandra Hood

BADAC Receptionist



Kristen Cassells

Medical Receptionist Team Leader

BADAC Buildings



108 ARMSTRONG STREET NORTH
MAIN RECEPTION &
HACC

As our Staff and community grow, so do our buildings!! Here are some photos of our current buildings that house our Staff and their programs.

340—348 HUMFFRAY STREET BROWN HILL
PERRIDAK BURON EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



124 ARMSTRONG STREET NORTH
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

212 MAIR STREET
FINANCE & HUMAN
RESOURCES



206 MAIR STREET
GOBATA BURRON



8 MARKET STREET
FAMILY VIOLENCE
AND JUSTICE
PROGRAMS



111 RUBICON STREET
SEBASTOPOL
YIRRAM BURRON EARLY
LEARNING CENTRE



106 ARMSTRONG STREET NORTH
BADAC MEDICAL AND SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING SERVICES



WARRENHEIP
MAINTENANCE TEAM



115 ARMSTRONG STREET
NORTH
OPERATIONS & IT

Become a BADAC Member Today



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

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

SPEAK TO THE FRONT RECEPTION STAFF ABOUT A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM!

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

Garden Maintenance Services

Our lawn services are available for participants under the Community Home Support and HACC-PYP Programs who are in need of help to maintain their gardens/yards. Our services included in this program are as follows.

- Lawn Mowing
- Weeding
- Clearing footpaths
- Green waste removal
- Minor pruning



CHSP services support eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged (50+) and non-Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander person aged (65+).

The Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP) provides short term support for people with disabilities aged under 50 years.

For more information please contact BADAC reception on 03 5331 5344

For Sale



A community member has this Girls Diamondback bike for sale.

Hardly used, in good condition—\$80.

Please contact BADAC reception if you are interested.

Thank-you

Community Information

New Members Welcome

Thinking of becoming a member?

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.

Contact Reception to find out more!

Ph:03 53315344

Contact Us

BALLARAT & DISTRICT ABORIGINAL COOPERATIVE

P.O. Box 643

Ballarat VIC 3350

106-108 Armstrong St North

Ballarat VIC 3350

T: (03) 5331 5344

F: (03) 5333 1637

Our Services

BADAC supports the health and wellbeing of the Ballarat and District Aboriginal community with a range of holistic services, including:

- Badac Medical Clinic
- Koorie Family Services
- 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

Have you changed your Address

OR

**Want your magazine
delivered via email**

**If so please let reception know either by dropping in or
giving us a call (03) 5331 5344.**

**You can also email our Social Media Officer, Erin Kanoa
ekanoa@badac.net.au**

Important Numbers (After Hours)

Triple Zero 000

The Triple Zero (000) service is the quickest way to get the right emergency service to help you. You can contact Police, Fire or Ambulance in life threatening or emergency situations.

Lifeline 13 11 14

24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention service.

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Helpline for children.

SuicideLine Victoria 1300 651 251

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.

Parentline 13 22 89

Parentline Victoria is a state wide telephone counselling, information, and referral service for parents and careers of children age 0-18 years. Parentline's hours are 8am-12 midnight 7 days a week.

BHS Mental Health Services 1300 661 323

Anyone can contact Mental Health Service if they are worried about their own changes in mood, ideas or behaviour, or someone else living in the region.

Direct Line 1800 888 236

Direct Line is a 24/7 telephone service providing counselling, information and referral service for anyone in Victoria wishing to discuss alcohol or drug-related issues.

Aboriginal Legal Services – Victoria 1800 064 865

VALS is an Aboriginal community controlled organization operating Statewide in Victoria, providing community justice services and legal practice services to all Victorian Aboriginal community.

Nurse-On-Call 1300 60 60 24

Nurse on call is a 24/7 phone service that provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse.

Maternal and Child Health Line 13 22 29

The Maternal and Child Health Line is a free 24/7 statewide telephone service available to Victorian families with children for birth to school age.

Gambler's Help 1800 858 858

Gambler's help is a 24/7 free support service for people who are affected by gambling.

National Debt Hotline 1800 007 007

A national, free, confidential & independent financial information service.

BADAC SERVICES INFORMATION (BUSINESS HOURS ONLY):

MAIN RECEPTION 5331 5344, Option # 9

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES 5331 5344, Option # 9

MEDICAL RECEPTION 5331 5344, Option # 2

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH 5331 5344, Option # 2

FAMILY VIOLENCE 5331 5344, Option # 9

GOBATA BURRON 5331 5344, Option# 9

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING/SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT 5331 5344, Option # 3

CULTURAL & THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT 5331 5344, Option # 9

KOORIE FAMILY SERVICES 5331 5344, Option # 9

HOME & COMMUNITY CARE 5331 5344, Option # 9

Please let Reception know if you want to speak to someone specifically. A message will be given to staff member to phone you back.

