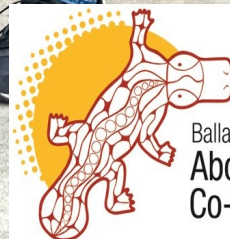


# PLATYPUS TRACKS SPRING 2023



Brothers, Tristan & Azlan Harris played at NAIDOC Elders Lunch.



Ballarat and District  
Aboriginal  
Co-operative Ltd

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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 KANOVA

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, live, work and play.

## ELDERS INDEPENDENT LIVING VILLAGE

Things are moving along nicely at the Elders Independent Village with all framework completed on all 8 units.



## BOARD NEWS

Just a reminder of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is coming up in November.

## YES CAMPAIGN

BADAC will be hosting an information session for this. For further information on the Voice to Parliament and the YES Campaign, you can drop into Catherine Kings's Office or visit YES23 Website. [www.yes23.com.au](http://www.yes23.com.au)

## TREATY

BADAC hosted Treaty-First Peoples Assembly Representatives in late August. It was great to see Community attend this session. It was a good opportunity to meet the newly elected members and have discussions around Treaty.

Regards

Larry Kanoa

Chairperson





# FROM OUR CEO—KAREN HEAP

## VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The referendum on “the Voice” is nearly upon us. Just a reminder, Please enrol to vote if you are not already enrolled.

If you are already enrolled to vote in elections, you do not need to enrol again for the referendum,

**\*You must be enrolled to vote in order to have your say in the referendum.\***

This is Aboriginal people’s first opportunity to be recognised in the constitution. Being recognised in the constitution and having that Voice to Parliament is going to be really important to progress Aboriginal health and towards true self-determination.

**The Voice to Parliament** proposal arose from **The Uluru Statement from the Heart:**

*“The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an invitation to the Australian people. We ask Australians to accept our invitation to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future. We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making and truth-telling about our history.”*

Please don’t let all the misinformation and attempts to party-politicise confuse and mislead you. There is a lot out there and it can be difficult to sort out fact from vested interests fiction. BADAC will run information workshops so that our community feels that we have the information we need.

Hello Everyone. I’d like to start by thanking everyone who was a part of this year’s NAIDOC event at the Showground. I’m sure you’ll agree it was an amazing event, and made better by everyone helping out, having stalls or just by attending the event. I’d like to give a big Thankyou to BADAC staff, many of who did many hours of work to make all the NAIDOC events happen, including the Flag Raising, the walk, the Showground event and the Elder Lunch.

It is a sorry time to advise we have lost another of our Community members recently. On behalf of BADAC, I would like to extend our sympathy to his family, and also to other families who have lost loved ones recently.

Recently BADAC has restructured the Executive Team. This was necessary to recognize the future direction of BADAC, and to strengthen our team in readiness for our expected growth and expansion in the coming years. I’d like to welcome Peter Treloar as the new Chief Operations Officer and Shu Brown as the Chief of Culture, Public Relations & Engagement. I’d also like to welcome Brandon Green as the Manager of Cultural Therapeutic Support Program, and Lisa Jakiel as the Manager of Social and Wellbeing Programs.

The next few weeks will be very busy for me. Upcoming is the Aboriginal Health Partnership Forum, where we will have the opportunity to sit with State Government and discuss future funding and resources for ACCO’s.

The Aboriginal Children Forum will be happening in Bendigo, where we will be discussing the Children in Out of Home Care new reforms.

Please take the time to fill in the survey which is attached to the Newsletter. This is important resource for us to understand the communities feeling on “the Voice”. Completed Surveys can be returned to main reception, or you can scan the bar code on the form and complete it on line.

Thanks Everyone. Let’s enjoy the Spring weather and the run up to Christmas. Keep Safe Everyone.....Karen.





# NEW BADAC EXECUTIVE TEAM

AS BADAC CONTINUES TO CHANGE AND EXPAND, THERE HAS BEEN SOME RECENT CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE TEAM:



KAREN HEAP: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PETER TRELOAR

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



LEIGH SKELTON

CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER



DAVID CARTER

CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES  
& GOVERNANCE OFFICER



SHU BROWN

CHIEF CULTURE,  
PUBLIC RELATIONS &  
ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

With Peter Treloar stepping into the Chief Operations Role, vacated by Jon Kanoa, and Shu Brown strengthening the team by being appointed the Chief Culture, Public Relations and Engagement Officer, we look forward to BADAC moving forward into the future, keeping the local Aboriginal Community as it's focus.

## EXCITING NEW ARRIVALS

***Congratulations and welcome to our Community Michaela & Marlu!***

LEFT: Jade Purcell & Michael Hetherington announced the arrival of Michaela Jillian Hetherington. Born on 5 June 2023.



RIGHT: Peter Shane & Kathy Rotumah announced the arrival of Marlu Damien Rotumah. Born on 23rd August 2023.



# WELCOME TO NEW BADAC EXECUTIVE

## **Peter Treloar** | Chief Operating Officer

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As the newly appointed Chief Operating Officer to the Executive Team, I am excited to be part of the growth and development of the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-Operative. I have worked at BADAC since 2011 when I commenced as the mental health nurse in Medical. Since then, I have been part of the expansion from a small team to a big SEWB Service, with a staff base of almost 20. My management experience has been over 15 years in several roles at Barwon Health, Bendigo Health and BADAC.

My background is in mental health, having worked at Lakeside Hospital in the 80's and 90's, then Ballarat Health Services. I played a part in the shift of mental health care from hospital to community-based care and helped set up one of the first mobile mental health teams in Victoria.

My working journey since then has been from managing an aged care facility in Geelong, to managing three small mental health services in Maryborough, Kyneton and Castlemaine. The travel became too much having a young family, so I moved work back to Ballarat and here I am at BADAC 12 years later.

I am pleased to be working with the Ballarat and District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and have a deep respect for the role community has played in the creation of BADAC. I have enjoyed my time working at BADAC and watching the expansion and development over the past 12 years. I hope that in my new role I can continue to be part of this growth and encourage community to see BADAC as their place of employment.

### **Peter Treloar**

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## **Shu Brown** | Chief of Culture, Public Relations & Engagement

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Newly appointed to the Executive Team, I bring a wealth of Cultural experience and knowledge to the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-Operative. My previous roles held with Barwon Water, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) previously known as DELWP and Parks Victoria involved developing and implementing each respected businesses Reconciliation Action Plans and assisting with the Engagement and formalized partnerships with Traditional Owner Groups and Aboriginal Organisations across South West Victoria.



The newly developed Culture, Public Relations & Engagement position will allow our organisation to strengthen the relationship between our existing partners and explore new opportunities with organisations in the Ballarat and surrounding regions, as well as ensuring our organization has Cultural influence, depth and understanding at the Executive level.

I hope to represent the Ballarat and District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community with respect and with our community at the forefront our discussions. Ensuring the wider community, we reside and work with are engaged and seen to be culturally safe organisation and supporting the needs of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by working in direct collaboration with our organisation and the community we support

I am a culturally proud and strong Adnyamathanha Yura of the Flinders Ranges, brought up on Wadawurrung Country both here in Ballarat and Geelong. My wife and I will raise our children here and we look forward to being part of this community for many years to come. I hope to represent our community respectfully and strong, following the footsteps of my mother and my grandmother before her.

### **Shu Brown – Adnyamathanha**

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# Women's Community Connections Program

## Women's Community Connections Program (WCCP)

The WCCP provides Aboriginal women who have experienced, or are currently experiencing family violence opportunities to engage in community activities (learning/social/recreational) of their choosing to assist them in building stronger social, community, and cultural connections. We have individual and group activities such as weekly walks, cooking group, and even a weekly cuppa (our shout!).

If this has you interested - here is a look at what's on?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am		Op Shopping	Wild of Heart - Equine/Animal Therapy	Op Shopping	
9:30am	Swimming Program - YMCA				
10:00am					
10:30am					
11:00am		Women's Gathering or Craft in the top office		Yarning Garden - Lyndal Watharpung	Day Trip - TBC
11:30am					
12:00pm	Cuppa and Yarn				
12:30pm					
1:00pm		Cooking Beverin @ Street			
1:30pm					
2:00pm	Walking Group				
2:30pm				Cuppa and Yarn Planning for the next week's Day Trip	
3:00pm					
3:30pm					
4:00pm					
4:30pm					

For more information contact **Reb** on **0477782948**



# VACSAL FOOTY & NETBALL CARNIVAL



**2023**

**26th & 27th September**

Age - Division  
9 & Under  
12 & Under  
15 & Under  
17 & Under

**FOOTBALL**  
C.T Barling Reserve  
Plenty Road, Reservoir

**NETBALL**  
Darebin Community Sports Stadium  
Plenty Road, Reservoir

Registration Packages will be available  
on a later date  
In Partnership with



For more information please call  
June Bamblett (03) 9416 4266



# BAARLINJAAN DANCE GROUP



## Baarlinjaan Dance Group

Open to all ages.

Dance practice: Tuesdays. 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Location: 115 Beverin Street, Sebastapol.

Contact: Aaron Clarke – BADAC Youth Team Leader & Baarlinjaan Dance Group Coordinator, 0400 342 363



# Lil' Lublys

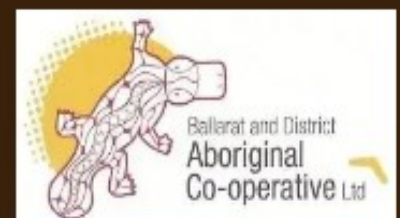
**You're welcome to join our lil lubly group on a Wednesday night at 3:30pm - 5:00pm.**

**This program is designed to improve self confidence within our young females and anyone who identifies with feminine energy.**

An oppurtunity to grow and learn,  
and use this space for what you  
would like.

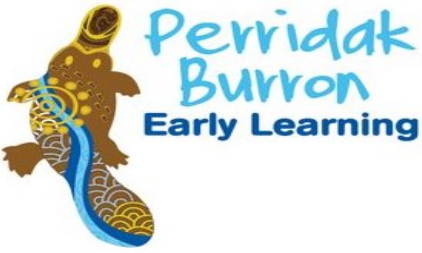
**For any questions  
contact Nikki  
0499025763**

**Starting Wednesday 15th  
Febuary  
Age: 11 - 16 years  
304 Main Road Golden Point**



# PERRIDAK BURRON EARLY LEARNING

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## ATSI CHILDREN'S DAY *Little Voices, Loud Futures*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Children's day was on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. Raising awareness for the bright futures of our burron and the importance of their voices.

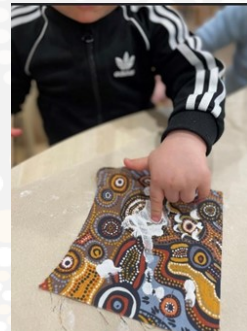
Our burron were very lucky to have the Moogies in to play some wonderful music and learn about their instruments.



We also had Wildlife exposure visit from Jesse with some visitors. We met Terrance the turtle, Alby the snake, Polly the Possum and many other reptiles.



Our Parrwang mob had a yarn about weaving and what they want to be when they grow up then started their own weaving within the Parrwang room



Perridak will be submitting a collaborative project to this year's art show made from natural and recycled products.

We would like everyone who is part of the Perridak Burron community to assist us by taking some time to decorate a leaf (or two, or three, or four) with something that represents you or your family.

These leaves will then be wired into the sculpture as feathers to emu body.





# YIRRAM BURRON EARLY LEARNING



## Yirram Burron

The children and Educators at Yirram Burron have had a busy couple of months.

We celebrated NAIDOC week. It was great to have the help and input from our Elders within community. We also celebrated children's day with a visit from Wildlife exposure which was a great activity for the children to see different native animals. They asked questions overall a wonderful learning opportunity.

Science week was lots of fun with the children experimenting with a colour changing activity, slime, shaving cream, and volcanoes out in the sunshine.

We had a visit from Jane our Cultural Awareness Advisor, taking both Garrang and Murnong for a nice relaxing Wayapa Wuurrk Session.

The Murnong mob have been cooking up some wonderful pickles using some yummy vegetables and some native herbs as part of their gift for Fathers/special persons Day.

We are starting to enjoy the sunshine outside with the sand put being a hit for the volcanoes.

Garrang have been busy with lots of construction, threading, cause and effect and hand eye coordination activities. As well as getting ready for our Art show that will be taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

We also have book week and Father's Day coming up so keep an eye out for some updates.





# BENGADAK BABAB—PLAYGROUP

## Bengadak Babab

(celebrating our children)

Danielle—Playgroup Facilitator

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day – was a success with our playgroup families attending the Ballarat City Council event at the Robert Clark Centre. Playgroup facilitator Danielle and wayipungitj Ashleigh held a stall where children used ochre playdough to make 'bush tucker' which was placed in a cardboard coolamon.

### \* Wattle seed damper making :

#### Ingredients:

2 cups of flour  
1 tablespoon of wattle seeds  
salt roughly 1 tbs  
1 ½ cups of Water  
Butter to serve

#### Method:

Combine wattle seed, flour, salt.  
Add water to the mix making a dough texture.  
Cook in oven at 200°C for 30 minutes or until golden.  
Break it apart and enjoy with butter.



- \* Gum leaf painting using paint pens. Families and their children sat at the table to do some creative art.
- \* Book Week focused on:
  - 'Where is Galah' pasting activity
  - 'Wombat Stew' sensory activity
  - Dress up day on Friday 25/08/2023
- \* A special event is on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>! Aunty Marjorie and the Department of Education have been working with Playgroup, Yirram and Perridak burrons to create a possum skin cloak. This reflects our families and their mobs/about themselves. We will be hosting an 'unveiling' at Yirram Burron EL.





# BADAC OP-SHOP

Our op-shop has received a small make-over recently with also a new Facebook page to follow:  
<https://www.facebook.com/BADAC.OpShop/>

The BADAC Op-Shop is operated by our wonderful community members who graciously volunteer their time. We are open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm but we are closed on public holidays.

Almost everything is \$2 each! So come in and grab yourself a bargain!

Additional opening hours and weekly specials will be posted on our BADAC Op-shop Facebook page.



BADAC administration support coordinator Stacey Gafa and chief culture officer Shu Brown in the BADAC op-shop. Picture by Adam Trafford

## New op-shop up, prices still down

### Nieve Walton

THE Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative Op Shop has a new home and continues to buck trends in order to keep a needed community service operating.

As op-shopping has become more popular, other retailers have increased their prices accordingly.

But administrative support coordinator Stacey Gafa said it was important items were affordable.

"With the cost of living, your basic essentials are really expensive," she said. "We want to be able to offer and provide that support to make life a little bit easier..."

The shop has moved and is now housed at the back of the BADAC buildings on Market Street. It is accessed via the car park.

Ms Gafa said they had outgrown their old space on Ararat Street and could house more donations.

The money raised from

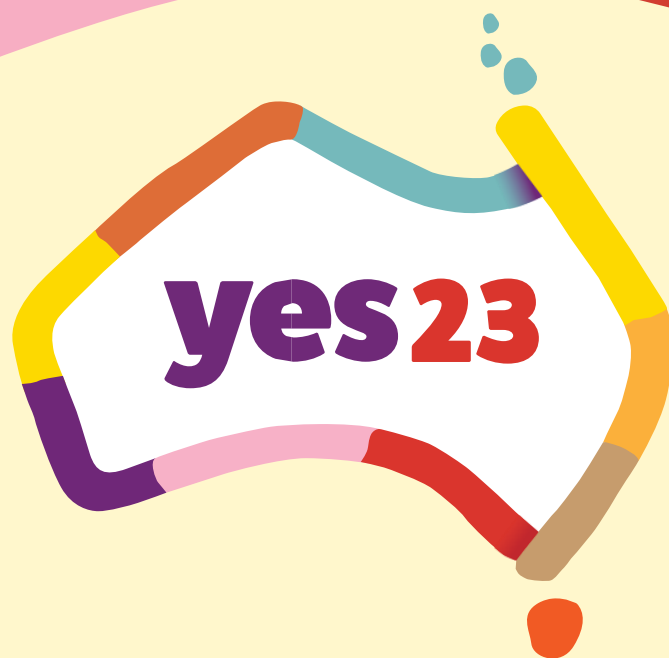
the shop is then put back into the community through a variety of BADAC programs.

"...Being able to self-fund those programs and provide support to the community is really important," Ms Gafa said.

The shop is open from 10am until 2pm Wednesday and Fridays.

Ms Gafa said they hoped to open more during the week but needed more volunteers. If interested, email [sgafa@badac.net.au](mailto:sgafa@badac.net.au)





**IT'S TIME TO RECOGNISE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER PEOPLES IN THE CONSTITUTION  
THROUGH A VOICE**



# MAINTENANCE TEAM



If you have a project you would like the Custom Built a BADAC team to look at, you can get in touch with Administration Officer Shanara Rowland on 0448 854 731 or

[custombuilt@badac.net.au](mailto:custombuilt@badac.net.au)

## KOORIE FAMILY SERVICES—Ararat Office

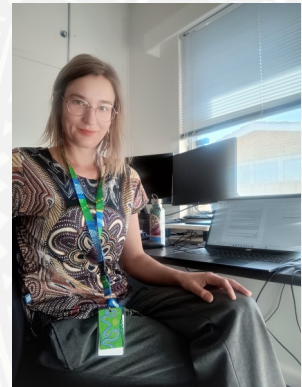
BADAC's new employee, Elissa Marks, is now working in Ararat 2 days per week.

Please welcome Elissa (Koorie Family Services worker).

Available Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-5pm at CAFS, 4 Banfield St, Ararat

And Thursdays 9am-5pm at BADAC, Ballarat

Please contact Elissa on 0487431067 or [emarks@badac.net.au](mailto:emarks@badac.net.au)



## FAMILY VIOLENCE TEAM

At our last Family Violence Program team meeting Christine Walker run a drumming session with Japanese Drums on loan to BADAC from Grampians Community Health. The session was a great team building exercise and gave the Family Violence Program staff an opportunity to experience a fun approach to therapeutic drumming. I

f you are running a group and would like to learn more about how the drums could be used in your programs contact Christine Walker on 0487862302 or e-mail [cwalker@badac.net.au](mailto:cwalker@badac.net.au)





# YALUK BURRON



## Yaluk Burron – New service in Ballan Updates

The building at our new Ballan service is finalised

The playground renovations will start in September (04.09.2023)

The centre is expected to open November 2023

A Centre Manager has been hired; they are a local resident who is very knowledgeable with 12 + years of experience.

Any enrolment enquires please send through to:

[admin@yalukburronel.com.au](mailto:admin@yalukburronel.com.au)

Staff recruitment process will commence in September 2023

Artwork designed by a local artist – Shu Brown



## The “YES” Vote

**A proposed law:** To alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia, by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait

### What may change in the Constitution Statement of the proposed changes to be made to the Constitution ?

The proposed law, being the Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023, would change the Constitution by inserting the following text after Chapter VIII:

*Chapter IX—Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples 129 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia: (i) there shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice; (ii) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; (iii) the Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.*

### WHY VOTE YES?

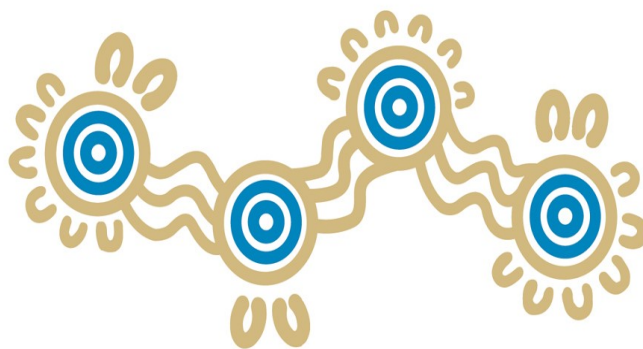
**Vote Yes** for a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all Australians. **Vote Yes** for unity, hope and to make a positive difference. **Voting YES** is about: Recognition • Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution and paying respect to 65,000 years of culture and tradition. Listening • Listening to advice from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about matters that affect their lives, so governments make better decisions. Better Results • Making practical progress in Indigenous health, education, employment and housing, so people have a better life. It's a change only you can make happen. **Vote Yes** to an idea that comes directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people themselves .





# YALUK BURRON

The Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative is excited to announce the opening of 'Yaluk Burron Early Learning' on Stead St, Ballan. Yaluk Burron will open for operation early 2024, offering Long Day Care and Government funded Kindergarten Program. For enquiries regarding child enrolments or career opportunities, please email or register your interest online.



# YALUK BURRON

EARLY LEARNING

# OPENING EARLY 2024

[yalukburronel.net.au](http://yalukburronel.net.au)

[admin@yalukburronel.com.au](mailto:admin@yalukburronel.com.au)





BADAC's program "Perridak Arts" was opened just around the corner from BADAC Main building in **2/214 Mair Street Ballarat**, at the end of March 2023. It has continued to grow, with nearly 40 Artists now taking part in this exciting venture.

To the end of July, Perridak Arts Gallery has sold over \$40,000 worth of our Community's artwork and products. This represents approximately \$ 30,000 going back to local Artists and the rest contributing to funding BADAC programs. We are excited to be a signatory to the Indigenous Art Code, which ensures all art sold is authentic, with Artists treated with respect and honesty.

Perridak Arts Gallery has recently commenced working with local tourism operators, which guarantees more visitors through the Gallery and an increased presence in the tourism industry of Ballarat.

We are thrilled to have some of our Artists become "favourites" amongst our visitors, with Kim Kelly, Jared Guy, Adrian Rigney, Alexander Allemand, Janine Green and many others becoming our most loved artists.

Many of our Local works are now hanging in private homes, Government buildings and Organisations in Ballarat and even Melbourne. We have also seen some go to France, USA and England.

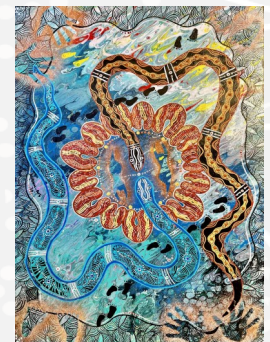
The quality of the artwork being created by our local Artists is incredibly high. We have been amazed at the talent and skills of local painters, weavers, wood burners, sculptors, felters, jewellers and wood workers, and love to see what everyone comes up with next.

As the Gallery develops further, we hope to increase visitor interest by promoting cultural tourism in the area, and link into the existing tourism market. We also plan to have focused exhibitions of some of our artists to "show of" just how amazing they are.

We welcome all First Nation's artists to come and see us and take the opportunity to promote their work in the Gallery. Perridak Arts is a program developed for and by First Nation's people. It is a non-for-profit venture, and shines a light on the incredible talents of our Community.

Perridak Arts is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm at 2/214 Mair Street Ballarat Central. We are always happy to see our Community visit and check out the art and crafts.

In the meantime, please check out Perridak Arts website by scanning the QR code above, or at [www.perridakarts.com.au](http://www.perridakarts.com.au). Please also like and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



**PERRIDAK ARTS HAS ONLINE SALES NOW AVAILABLE.**

**GOOGLE [WWW.PERRIDAKARTS.COM.AU](http://WWW.PERRIDAKARTS.COM.AU) TO BROWSE THROUGH OVER 300 ITEMS FOR SALE AND PURCHASE ON LINE.**

**ALTERNATIVELY, COME ON IN AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR LOCAL FIRST NATION'S ARTISTS.**

**ALL ART IS REASONABLY PRICED WITH ARTWORK AND GIFTS STARTING FROM UNDER \$10.**

**PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND FOR THOSE IMPORTANT FIRST NATION LOCAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!**



# BADAC YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group is held each Monday 4pm-6pm at 115 Beverin St. Sebastopol  
If you have children that you think would like to join in on all the fun and make some new friends,  
please bring them along.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!**



# GOOD NEWS STORIES

## CITY OF BALLARAT YOUTH AWARDS—AUGUST 11TH 2023

This year BADAC Community members received 6 nominations for different categories in the City of Ballarat Youth Awards.

Nominees were:

Baarinjaan Dance Group (Group project award)                      Kailah Scott (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion award)

Bede Mercer (young creative award)

(Positive leader award)                      Kyeema Brown                      Corey Bradley Hodges                      Cobain Tiploura

Nikki Bell (Influential Worker award)

A huge congratulations to each of the amazing nominees, but a special congratulations to Nikki Bell, who was the winner of “Influential Adult Worker”. An amazing achievement Nikki, and very much deserved for all the work you have put into BADAC’s youth over the past few years.



NIKKI BELL

WINNER OF INFLUENTIAL ADULT  
WORKER AWARD



BAARLINJAN DANCERS

NOMINEE FOR CITY OF BALLARAT AWARD

## KAREN HEAP— Order of Australia

During the Kings Birthday awards, Karen Heap was awarded an Order of Australia for her work with Aboriginal Communities .

Karen has been the Chief Executive Officer of BADAC for nearly 20 years.

During the recent King’s Birthday honours, Karen was awarded an Order of Australia for her contribution and outstanding service to the Aboriginal Community.

Karen, who also is on the Victorian Women’s Aboriginal Honour role, and the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll, was overwhelmed at this award.

CONGRATULATIONS KAREN.





# GOOD NEWS STORIES



LEFT: Congratulations to River Sisic, who made the Victorian 12 and Under Boys School Basketball team. River will be competing at the National Championships in Perth during August 2023. BEST OF LUCK RIVER!

BADAC Staff has now grown to over 200 staff. This is an amazing achievement, and certainly wasn't considered possible when we first opened in 1979.

So many programs and support is now available to our growing Community.



BADAC WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANKYOU AND GOODBYE TO ERIN KANOA. ERIN HAS BEEN PRODUCING PLATYPUS TRACKS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER FOR HER AMAZING NEWSLETTERS. ERIN HAS LEFT HER ROLE IN BADAC, BUT HER AND HER FAMILY REMAIN A VALUED MEMBER OF THE BADAC COMMUNITY.



## BECOME A 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 INFORMATION

**Stronger**

**Brother**



**Stronger**

**Sister**



Ballarat 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**



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

*You're invited to join Badac's*

## WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group is for all our women connected to community. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and mothers/carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Tuesday's - 11:00 - 1:00  
Lunch Provided

403 Main  
Road, Golden  
Point

Follow  
Women's  
Gatherings on  
facebook for  
more  
information.





# COMMUNITY SERVICES



## Need help with a legal issue

We can help you with free and confidential information about the law.

Drop in for a yarn with our Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer at Victoria Legal Aid Ballarat.

Alternatively you can call to speak with us.

**stacy Kanoa**  
Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer  
0487 338 177

**Victoria Legal Aid, Ballarat**  
5329 6222

**Address:** 106 Market St, Ballarat Central

**Time:** 1pm – 4pm

**When:** Fridays, every fortnight

 **Victoria Legal Aid**

[www.legalaid.vic.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au)





# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## LOCAL JUSTICE WORKER PROGRAM

Supports the Local Justice Worker Provides

### Community Corrections

Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men and Women to successfully complete their Community Correction Orders by;

- Court Support
- Pre and Post Prison Release via Yawal Mugadjina Program
- Providing Community Work Activities
- Assistance to attend Community Corrections appointments such as Supervision, Mental Health, AOD, Rehab, Programs
- Referrals for Family Violence, Mental Health & AOD

### Fines and Warrant Support – Sheriff of Victoria

Support Men and Women to address their outstanding Fines and Warrants by:

- Fines Days (Last Friday of the Month)
- Work Development Permit Scheme (WDP)
- Consult with Sheriff Aboriginal Liaison Officer and Sheriff Officers
- Payment Plans/Reviews/Family Violence Scheme

The Local Justice Worker helps provide a Cultural Safe support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the correction system by providing opportunities to strengthen their cultural identity and increase their connection to family, community and Country.

For any enquiries or assistance, please contact:

Cathy Rotumah (Local Justice Worker) – 0477 947 302

Loretta Tonzing (SALO) – 0439 529 345



# MENTOR SERVICES



**Worn Gundidj**  
employment mentor services™

Have you recently become employed and need support to stay employed?

Do you need help finding a job but you don't know where to start?

Do you need work clothes, transportation, training: first aid, food handlers, RSA, white card, etc?

We provide a free, voluntary employment support service

**Contact:**

**Kim 0400 956 117**

**Sarah 0456 250 959**

**Brooke 0484 330 772**



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## BADAC 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 Learning
- Home and Community Support including NDIS
- Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Support
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing Program
- Justice Support
- Family Violence Support
- Social Worker
- Youth Groups
- Cultural Outings and Camps
- Stolen Generations Support
- Playgroup

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**You can also email our Reception  
[reception@badac.net.au](mailto:reception@badac.net.au)**



# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

SERVICE	CONTACT
Triple Zero—For help in an emergency, contact Fire, Police or Ambulance	000
Kids Helpline—Offers 24/7 mental health support for young people aged 5-25	1800 551 800
SuicideLine Victoria—24/7 counselling service for those effected by suicide	1300 651 251
Parentline—Counselling, information & referral service for parents and carers of children aged 0-18yrs	13 22 89
BHS Mental Health Services—24/7 support for advice, access and triage	1300 661 323
Yarning Safe 'N' Strong—Culturally safe and confidential help line available 24/7	1800 959 563
Direct Line—Drug & Alcohol counselling, information & referral service available 24/7	1800 888 236
Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service—Provides community justice and legal practice services	1800 064 865
Nurse-On-Call—24/7 service that provides expert health advise from a registered nurse	1300 606 024
Maternal and Child Health Line—Information, advice and referrals for families with young children available 24/7	13 22 29
Gambler's Help—Support service for people affected by gambling	1800 858 858
National Debt Hotline—A confidential & independent financial information service	1800 007 007
Lifeline—24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention service	13 11 14
The Orange Door— Provides family violence support 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Outside of these hours, contact Safe Steps for support and referrals 24/7	1800 219 819 1800 015 188

BADAC SERVICES (BUSINESS HOURS ONLY)	CONTACT
Main Reception	5331 5344, opt #9
Medical Reception including Maternal Child Health	5331 5344, opt #2
Family Violence	5331 5344, opt #9
Social & Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)	5331 5344, opt #3
Cultural & Therapeutic Support including Youth Services	5331 5344, opt #9
Koorie Family Services	5331 5344, opt #9
Home & Community Care including NDIS	5331 5344, opt #9
Gobata Burron	5331 5344, opt #9

If you wish to speak to someone specifically, please let reception know so that they can direct your call appropriately. If the staff member is not available, a message will be taken for them to return your call.