



COFFS HARBOUR & DISTRICT LALC

NEWSLETTER: Issue 6

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NSWALC Election Results

NSWALC recently held elections and the elected NSWALC Council for 2015 is:

Sydney/Newcastle Region - NSWALC Chair Cr Roy Ah-See (Darkinjung)

North West Region - NSWALC Deputy Chair Cr Anne Dennis (Walgett)

Central Region - Cr Stephen Ryan (Dubbo)

Mid-North Coast Region - Cr Peter Smith (Purfleet-Taree)

North Coast Region - Cr Tina Williams (Ngulingah)

Northern Region - Cr Charles Lynch (Nungaroo)

South Coast - Cr Danny Chapman (Mogo)

Western Region - Cr William Murray (Wilcannia)

Wiradjuri Region - Cr Craig Cromelin (Murrin Bridge)

CH&D LALC AGM Results

Your Local Aboriginal Land Council also recently held its AGM and Directors were elected. Your Directors for the next 4 years are:

Yvette Pacey (Chair) Sue Hoskins (Deputy Chair)

Reg Craig Carol Hart

Daniel Hoskins Fileisha Laurie

Jennifer Skinner

CH&D LALC Meeting Dates:

Next Members Meeting:

TBC

Next BOD Meeting:

TBC

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MEMBERS UPDATE

- **Membership Roll**—as a follow-up to the NSWALC State Elections it appears that many members were unable to vote because they were either not on the roll or were listed as a non-voting member. To be an active member of the Land Council you must attend at least 2 meetings a year, you must also ensure that we have the correct address details as members become inactive after mail is returned 3 times from the member's listed address. In addition, some members select non-voting on their membership application and they remain non-voting unless they choose to become a voting member upon application, or they complete a written request to the Registrar (forms available at the LALC Office).
- **Member's Meetings** - are generally held every 3 months and this newsletter informs members when the next meeting is—so it's important that we have your current address.
- **Meeting Notices**—are also mailed out prior to the meeting so please ensure you update your address details if you move house.
- All members are also encouraged to phone in an apology if they are unable to attend a member's meeting. Phone the Office on 6652 8740.
- **Membership Status**—All Members are strongly encouraged to check their membership status. Inactive Members are also encouraged to drop into the LALC and complete a previous member declaration form with their updated details to enable them to be placed back on the roll as an active voting member.
- The LALC would like to maintain accurate and up-to-date membership and encourage members to update their details with our admin at least annually so that we can ensure you get our quarterly newsletter, member meeting notices and event notices.
- **Web Page**—The LALC has engaged a consultant to design and build our new web page. The Web Page is in the final build stage and we are hoping to go live by Christmas. The Web Page will have our membership forms available for download, provide up-to-date LALC program and event information, provide electronic access to our housing policy, housing application form, and housing update details form.
- We are making it easy for you to stay in touch with your Land Council in this digital age. The Web page has an email enquiry form which will enable us to receive feedback, provide answers to your enquiries, and allow us to engage with our tech savvy members online.



PROGRAMS UPDATE

Darrunda-Wajaarr Green Team

We have again had a successful grant application submission working on country, very exciting times. I would like to take the time to Congradulate Takisha Bale on completing her Cert 2 Conservation Land Mangement and finialisation of her School Base traineeship with us. Well done Takisha. Another great acheivement is that A J Perkins and Alita Carberry have finalised their Cert 3 in Conservation & Land Management.



The team have been selected to gain a free qualification in fox eradication through Local Land Services, due to their excellent results in recent wild dog training.

Decemeber brings a fire fighting skill building workshop for headland burning with National Parks.



Thank you all for your support this year

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Yaarri yarraang.

Darrunda –Wajaarr Jaliigirr Barragin (Native Tree Nursery)

The nursery is coming along fine and we should get delivery of the Glasshouse on Friday or Monday. The tractor is on line to be delivered on the 4th December. Power will also be ready and operational by the end of the week and finally the irrigation will go in next week after testing of the new bore.



Plant sales are a little bit slow at the moment but we are just waiting on a contract through the highway upgrade. Our blueberries are going well with 1,000 plants ready for sale . The blueberry industry is screaming out for more plants and we could potentially get \$5 for each plant.



PROGRAM UPDATE CONT....

CULTURE & HERITAGE PROGRAM

The Cultural Heritage team have been working on various projects over the last 3 months. These projects include: CHCC Karangi pipeline project, Sandy Beach Pump Station project, Pacific Highway infrastructure project; RMS Highway Upgrade; Residential developments at Hearn's Lake, Moonee Beach, and Red Rock Corindi, as well as some small private landholder projects. Our team of Site Officers are booked up until mid December with upcoming projects with more work already being planned for the new year.



Expression of Interest—Aboriginal Trainee Site Officers

Your Local Land Council is seeking expressions of interest from community members with a passion for protecting our culture and heritage. Expressions of interest will only be considered if you currently have:

- Workcover Accredited White Card
- Drivers Licence
- Reliable Car
- Mobile phone

Community members who meet the above conditions will be placed on a casual register for on-call site work with one of our Senior Cultural Heritage Officers. Please submit expressions of Interest to the LALC Office.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

PROPERTY PROGRAM

Our 6 Monthly House Inspections are complete and we are now carrying out the necessary maintenance identified at each of the Properties. The Next House Inspections will be carried out in March 2016.

Our Annual Pest Inspections, with Pacific Pest, have now been completed for another year. We will be seeking feedback from tenants on the effectiveness of the treatment in the New Year.

There will be an Annual Rent Review commencing in January 2016 for ALL Tenants. So when you receive your letter please act quickly upon that.

We have recently allocated the last Vacant Property. However, all people on the Housing Waiting List still need to ensure your Contact Details and Address is up to date.

All tenants need to make sure they continue paying rent over the Christmas Break. I hope you all have a Very Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

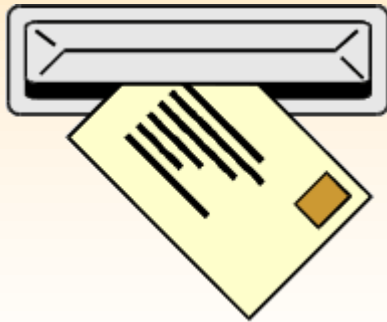


Laclan Skinner—Property Assistant

WONGALA ESTATE NEWS

WONGALA ESTATE RESIDENTS

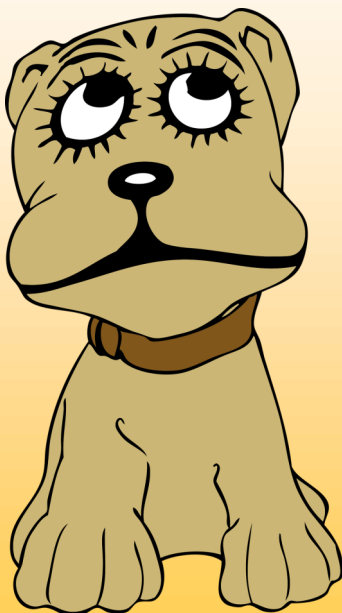
RESIDENT MAIL DURING THE CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE MAIL CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE POST OFFICE AT THE PLAZA AS **THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12 NOON 18TH DECEMBER UNTIL MONDAY 4TH JANUARY.**



APOLOGY—VET PROJECT AT WONGALA ESTATE

In our last newsletter we advertised for free de-sexing. Unfortunately the Vet was unable to get approval from the Vet Board to conduct open abdomen operations on site at Wongala so we send all of you who expressed an interest a great big

APOLOGY



HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Homework Centre will be closed for the School holidays see you all in the New Year.



PATHFINDERS NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

On Tuesday the 17th November the Pathfinders Aboriginal Birth Certificate Program was hosted by the Land Council from 10am to 3pm in the Grace Roberts Hall Wongala Estate. Community members were able to come in and get help to apply for their birth certificates free of charge.

This program was delivered by the Pathfinders team who are supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. The Primary Health Network supplied fruit for the participants and the Pathfinders team provided lunch. Over 150 community members accessed the program on the day. We were very impressed by the professionalism of the Pathfinders team and look forward to hosting future programs.



IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

LALC Office Christmas Closure

Your Local Land Council will be closed over the Christmas break from 12 noon Friday 18th December 2015 and will re-open at 8:30am on Monday the 4th of January.



World Aids Day—1st December



Human Rights Day—10th December



Christmas Day—25th December



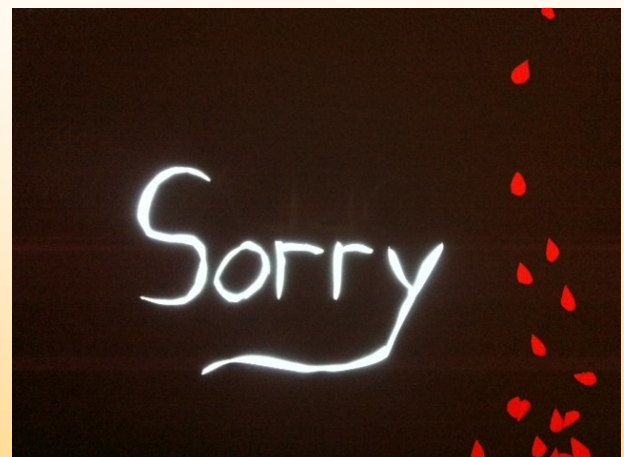
26th January - Salt Water Fresh Water Festival



26th January—Survival Day/ Australia Day



Anniversary of the National Apology—13th February



NEXT NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2016

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CHHC - Understanding how the Emergency Department works

When you attend the Emergency Department @ The Coffs Harbour Health Campus you are assessed and allocated a Triage group. The triage group helps to decide how quickly you will be seen by the nurses and doctors. Other people that come in after you, may be seen quicker as their condition is more serious. There may be delays as ambulances continue to bring patients into the Emergency Department who are seriously unwell ie; motor vehicle accident, heart attack, drowning

It is important to tell the nurse of all your symptoms, for example difficulty breathing, pressure in chest, dizziness, nausea. NOT one statement saying "I don't feel well". This will help to put you into the correct triage group.

TRIAGE GROUPS: *What do they mean?*

1	MOST URGENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious Accidents and Injury • Heart Stopped Beating • Stopped Breathing 	
2	VERY URGENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chest Pain • Trouble Breathing • Really badly broken Bones 	
3	URGENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma/ Stomach Pains • Temperatures over 40°C • Sick babies less than 3 months 	
4	LESS URGENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Stitches • Broken Ankle or Arm • Sore ear, Throat or Eye 	
5	NOT URGENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Stitches • Getting a Prescription • A Medical Certificate 	

This is an initiative of the
'Closing the Gap - Innovation'
in Emergency Departments Project



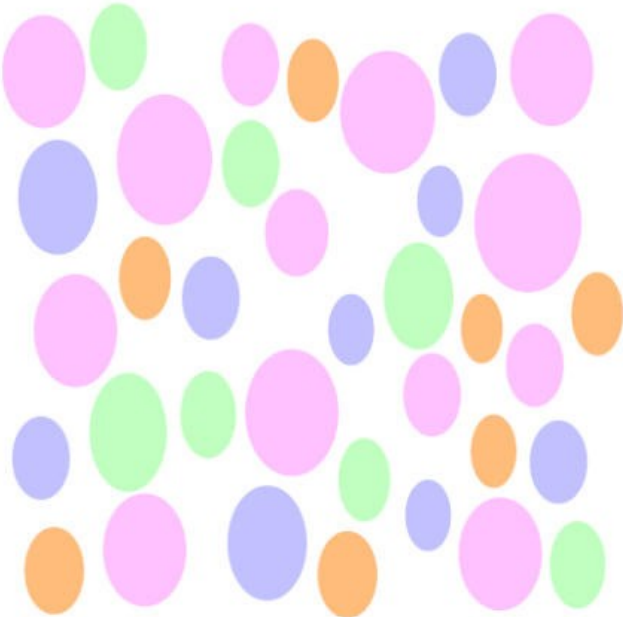
Acknowledgment of Working Party
This poster was adapted with permission from 'The Improving Services and Referral Systems for
Aboriginal People in Kempsey Committee, comprising of staff from Dumri A&S and MNC.LHD.







Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District
Quality and Excellence in Regional Healthcare

JARJUMS PAGE

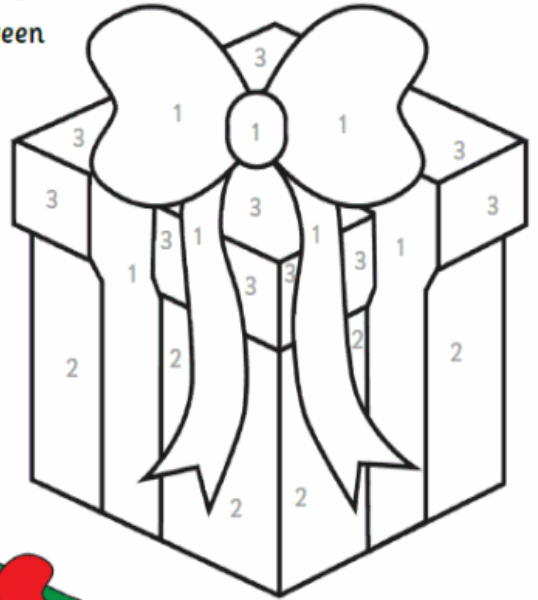
Count The Eggs!



-  How many pink?
-  How many green?
-  How many blue?
-  How many orange?

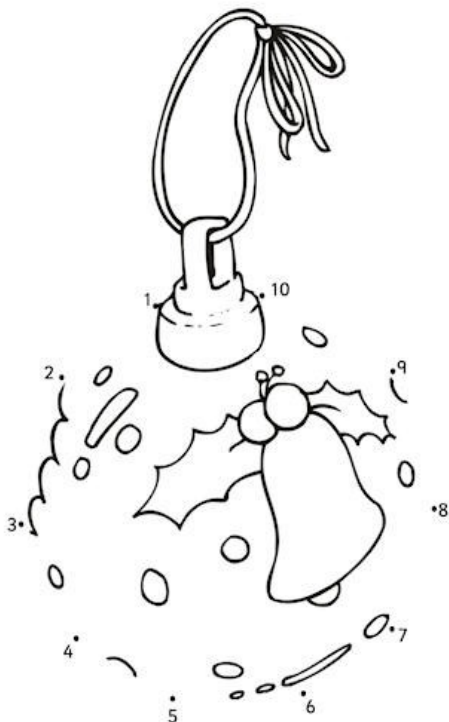
Christmas Present Colour by Number

- 1 = red
- 2 = dark green
- 3 = green

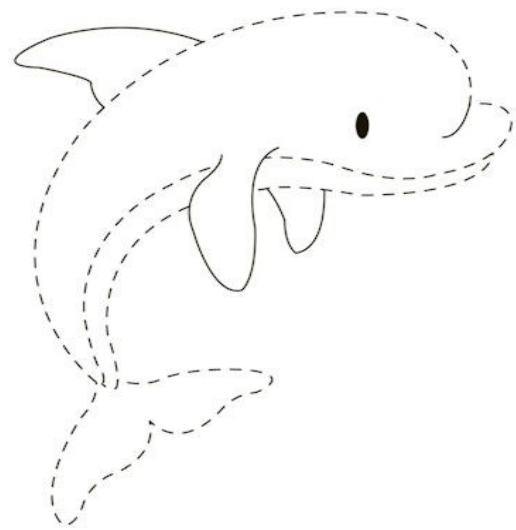


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Our Board of Directors, the CEO, and all the staff at your Local Aboriginal Land Council wishes you all a safe, happy & healthy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to the New Year and we hope the New Year is a prosperous year for everyone in our community. Stay happy, play safe, and enjoy this time with family and friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

