

Coffs Harbour & District

Local Aboriginal Land Council

The Members Newsletter

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Guinagay Members,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nathan Brennan and I am the New Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council (CHDLALC).

I am excited to be joining an organisation with a great team of Staff, Board, and Members and not to forget the wider Aboriginal Community.

I am a proud Gumbaynggirr, Bundjalung and Gamilaraay man born and raised in Newcastle.

My previous work experiences include 9 years with TAFE NSW, and 3 years with Newcastle City Council as a Human Resources (HR) practitioner.

We are very lucky to be living in a beautiful region with much potential. My vision is to develop the Coffs Harbour and District LALC into a self-sustainable business enterprise. Delivering products and services in the form of cultural tourism operations, environmental management services, and high quality housing service that will sustain the long term future of CHDLALC. As an organisation, staff and board are having conversations and developing strategies to set the path in this direction.

Over the coming weeks there will be some changes in positions of staff. Which will help develop/achieve our vision.

Other than that, the LALC is all systems go as per usual.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all other organisations that have helped celebrate such a special week of NAIDOC Events here in Coffs Harbour. Great to see so many activities that the whole family can enjoy. I also want to take this time to acknowledge one of our CHDLALC Board members, Aunty Jenny Skinner as the 2018 Winner of the Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Community Development Award. Congratulations Aunt and very proud of what you have achieved for the Coffs Harbour community.

Thanks to all those that have welcomed me to Coffs Harbour, I am looking forward to getting out in the community and meeting everyone. Until then you are all welcome to come up for a cuppa and yarn anytime.

Enjoy the 13th Issue of the Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings

Next Board Meeting:

12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov

Next Members Meeting:

20th Sept, 13th Dec, 17th Jan

AGM Meeting:

25th October 2018 TBC

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Good News Section

May 2018 – Members Meeting Attendance Record

Really want to thank all our CHDLALC Members that attended the meeting on the 16th May 2018. We reached a new recorded of 35 Voting Members attending! + Non-Voting Members, Visitors and New Applicants. Some would say the hall is getting to small for our meetings. Which is great to see and love to have your attendance and input more often. We value your views.

Congratulations on the new CHDLALC Members accepted on that night also.

Welcome to the CHDLALC Family.

Again, we thank you for your attendance.



June 2018 – Flu Shots on Wongala Estate

On Friday 1st June, the LALC and Galambila held a morning of Free Flu Shots at Wongala Estate in the Community Hall.

Staff and Community Members attended to get their flu shots. It was a great opportunity for us to work with Galambila and being able to provide this service for our community in a different location. Allowed Community to get their flu shot quick and easily. Look forward to working with more local Aboriginal Organisations in the future.

June 2018 – New Friendly Faces in the Office

On 30th May, we advertised an Expression of Interest for Receptionist with our Organisation. With many great resumes and EOI's we reviewed, we picked three that really stood out that the Interview Panel would review.

Mid-June we welcomed the new CEO Nathan Brennan who hit the ground running and straight into interviews for the Receptionist Position. It was announced and we are pleased to hear that Aunty Desley Flanders is our New Receptionist.

Both settling into our LALC Family nicely and doing really well.



July 2018 – Lockie hosts Grace Roberts Awards Night

On 13th July, Lockie hosted the Grace Roberts Memorial Community Development Awards for 2018 at the CeX Coffs. A Night on the Calendar that our community recognises our hardworking community members. Was a great event and well put on with the focus on paying tribute to our local women.

#NAIDOC2018 #BecauseofHerWeCan



August 2018 – NEW Kitchen for Grace Roberts Hall

Grace Roberts Hall is used for a variety of functions. CHDLALC have installed a new kitchen in the Grace Roberts Hall for the community. This will give people access to a kitchen during functions. Really happy with this new addition and hope you all enjoy! Thanks to Sharon for organising!



August 2018 – March for Aboriginal Rights

What a Deadly Day! Really want to thank everyone that represented the COFFS LALC! It was truly deadly day!! What do we want? Land Rights!! When do we want it? NOW!!

[#deadly](#) [#beyondsurvival](#) [#aboriginalrights](#) [#alwayswasalwayswillbe](#)

More information on Page 6 in the Community Programs Update

Programs Updates

Housing – Sharon Towns



Smoke alarms have been checked by Alex the electrician. Please do not remove working smoke alarms, as they may save your life and your love ones. CHDLALC encourages all tenants that have concerns with their Smoke Alarms to contact us immediately.



Complete Pest Control have been busy conducting termite inspections for all CHDLALC properties. Termite inspection will be conducted every 12 months. Remember don't leave timber laying around and check there are no termites in wood, you use for wood heaters. It is tenant's responsibility to spray for cockroaches and rodents. The landlord must ensure there are no cockroaches or rodents at the beginning of a tenancy.

The cost of trailer hire is a \$50 deposit and a refund of \$30.00. The new \$20 trailer hire charge will assist CHDLALC to pay for trailer expenses and purchase a new trailer in the future for hire.

Winter months are cold, but CHDLALC encourages everyone to use their bathroom exhaust fan. This will help reduce bathroom mould. Exhaust fans need cleaning regularly to prevent build up fluff. A dirty exhaust fan will not work correctly.



Reminder; If you are or think you are on CHDLALC housing waiting list, please update your housing application details every 12 months. This is important, as you may find you are ineligible for housing and taken off the waiting list.



Asset management inspections have been completed. At this stage CHDLALC are focusing on the urgent repairs and will notify you when further repairs will be carried out.

Staff have worked together to develop a Happy Homes booklet for the community and tenants. You are welcome to take a copy of Happy Homes Booklet, which is located in the office waiting room. The booklet contains informative information and some helpful handy hints which may keep you and your family safe. Also located in the office waiting room is a 'tenant's rights pocket guide'.



CHDLALC would like to remind all that you respect the peace and privacy of your neighbours.

Culture & Heritage – Aj Perkins

Few changes in the world of Culture and Heritage. As you may be aware this project was once coordinated by Michelle Flanders, however in April 2018 Michelle retired from Coffs Harbour and District LALC. We just want to thank Michelle for her time, skills and commitment to the LALC, and wish her all the best in the future!

After Michelle left Lockie Skinner took on the role of Acting Project Coordinator of Culture and Heritage.



It has been busy times for Culture and Heritage. Work is flowing through our doors for the team and it's always good to have that. From Culture and Heritage Assessments, Consultations In late May 2018 of the handing over of our Cultural Mapping Tool that both the Garby Elders and LALC currently hold. This project included engagement of local elders groups and our sites officers to identify sites of significance both known and probable. This project was funded by Office of Environment and Heritage and worked in conjunction with Ian Fox and Associates and the Local Elders Groups. This tool can be referred to when identifying Cultural Significant Sites both known and probable. This mapping tool is not complete nor finalised. Infact a working document we can always review and update.

If you're interested in becoming a Culture and Heritage Sites Officer please drop in your resumes as we are currently looking to upskill community in this area. Please note that this work is only casual and will only be contacted when work is available. Experience in Sites Work is not required.

Lastly as you may be aware our LALC has just undertaken a restructure and roles have changed. Therefore the new Project Coordinator for Culture and Heritage is Aj Perkins, who will also be Project Coordinator of Darrunda Wajaarr.

Should you like to discuss anything in relation to Culture and Heritage please contact Aj Perkins (Project Coordinator of Culture and Heritage and Darrunda Wajaarr) on 02 6652 8740.

Darrunda Wajaarr – Aj Perkins

The Darrunda Wajaarr team have been busy since the last newsletter

May 2018 – Niigi Niigi Cultural Burn @ Sealy Lookout

In Partnership with Forestry NSW and Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation, our Darrunda Wajaarr held a Community Engagement day at Sealy Lookout for the "Niigi Niigi Cultural Burn"!

It was a great day for community to attend and see the great work that the team does and how Cultural Burning works.

With roughly 100 people in attendance, the day was a great success and smiles all round.

We are very proud of AJ and Alita from Darrunda Wajaarr for the great work they are doing with Forestry Corp and Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan - 2 Path Strong. Great day for Community to come along and experience these amazing burns.

May 2018 – RFS Community Conference

Darrunda Wajaarr were contracted in to showcase cultural burning at the RFS community conference alongside Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan.



Feedback from event –

Russell Dykes – *"That burn was deadly! Not my country or mob but from the moment aunty Jenny spoke to the time I left the conference I felt very welcomed on Gumbaynggirr country".*

Broni Jekyll – “This was an extremely interesting and thought provoking experience that inspired not only myself but also many, many of the other observer/participants with whom I chatted afterwards. The presenters were all so passionate and well trained, they conveyed this enthusiasm with simple ease. Thank you”.

July 2018 – National Indigenous Fire Workshop – Bundanon reserve trust

Alita and Aj attended this year’s national indigenous fire workshop down the south coast at Bundanon reserve, close to 300 people from across the country attended this workshop which was focused around cultural burning.

Stay up to date with Darrunda Wajaarr by liking us on Facebook @DarrundaWajaarr

Community – Lachlan Skinner

Giinagay All, I just wanted to let you know we are super excited about this new Community Relations and Engagement position at the LALC! And honoured to be the one to hold the spot.



For you who don’t know me my name is Lachlan Skinner. I have been with the LALC now for 4-5 Years, starting in Property as the Assistant, to then being the Property Manager to Admin and Culture and Heritage Project Coordinator which now brings us to this moment.

I have been actively involved in this community through NAIDOC Planning and other Social Events since I was 17 years old. So I will be in my element in this new position of Community Relations and Engagement Officer for Coffs Harbour and District LALC. This role will be there for the Members and wider community. Working with all programs in the LALC to connect more with community and really share the amazing stuff that we have to offer.

In the first week of the job I had the opportunity to put an invite out to all community and members to attend the NSWALC Beyond Survival March for Aboriginal Rights in Sydney on the 9th August 2018.

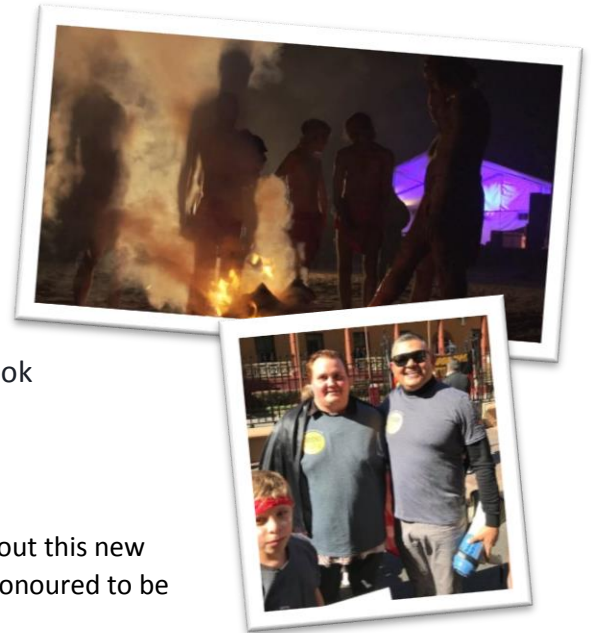
With 15 Community Members attending from Coffs Harbour it was a deadly experience with 2 really long bus trips to and from Sydney.

Participant’s comments included:

“Deadly Trip, Deadly March, Deadly Time and Very Empowering” and *“Bringing these kids to the march with us is a very special event that I’m sure we will hear for years, when they pass their stories of their first march.”* Kids added *“I loved the march and shouting what do we want? Land Rights! When do we want it? NOW”* also *“I loved seeing the smoking ceremony and Dancing”* and my favourite comment *“I loved the Free Wi-Fi”*

Overall a special occasion that our LALC is proud to be a part of and thank our community members for attending this March and hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

To wrap up my update, I just want to say its exciting times in this new role and look forward to future engagement.



Community Notices

From the Coffs Harbour LALC:

The CHDLALC is looking at more cost effective ways to deliver information to the members. If you have an email account, can you please provide details to the office as soon as possible and future correspondence will be sent to you electronically.

We are now on FACEBOOK!!

As we all know Social Media is the quickest and easiest way to stay in contact with our members, tenants and community. Please LIKE us on this page and we will keep you up to date with all the LALC has to offer but also lets us share information with you more quickly and in the space of your own comfort as you flick through your news feed. To LIKE us on Facebook all you have to search is "Coffs Harbour & District LALC" and hit the LIKE button.

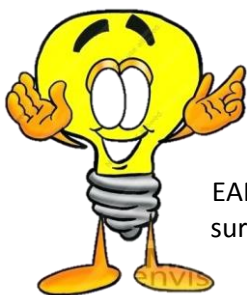


REAP Food Rescue Service providing to CHDLALC

OzHarvest is Australia's leading food rescue organisation, collecting quality excess food from commercial outlets and delivering it directly to more than 1000 charities supporting people in need across the country.

Founded in 2004, OzHarvest now operates nationally, rescuing over 100 tonnes of food each week from over 3,000 food donors including supermarkets, hotels, airports, wholesalers, farmers, corporate events, catering companies, shopping centres, delis, cafes, restaurants, film and TV shoots and boardrooms.

Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council is one of the few in the Coffs Harbour area. We would really love for all members, tenants and wider community to drop into the office and get some of the food displayed in the reception area. In addition, we would like to thank REAP Coffs Harbour for supplying these goods to use for our community.



CHANGES to EAPA Assistance through CHDLALC

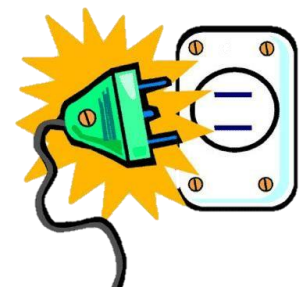
EAPA Assistance

EAPA Assistance is a NSW Government initiative to assist people in the Coffs Harbour and surrounds community with Electricity Accounts. This is not a LALC controlled service, it is governed by Planning and Environment.

Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council offers this assistance with Electricity Bills on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 1pm – 2.30pm. To apply for this assistance you will need to organise an EAPA Assistance Meeting with Reception. Meeting will take approximately 15 minutes.

If you need to cancel appointment for any reason, can you please call to reschedule.

What will you need to bring to your EAPA Assistance Meeting? Please see the attachment for more information about the EAPA Scheme.



CHANGES to Bulky Goods Collection via Coffs Harbour City Council.

Council has recently changed their systems when it comes to Council Kerbside Pick Ups.

The Coffs Harbour City Council are now offering the following two ways to help remove those no longer wanted goods.



1. Two Pickups you will need to organise with the provider. Call 1800 265 495 to organise a date and time. After that you will be required to put the unwanted goods on Kerb and ready for collection on this date. This Service is \$44 per pickup and will need to be paid for on the pickup day.
2. Two FREE Vouchers for you to take a trailer load of unwanted goods to the tip. To access these vouchers please call 1800 265 495.

You are entitled to both of these services. Thus meaning you can use the 2 Free Vouchers and on top able to access the \$44 Pick Ups.

For more information on these services please remember to call Handy Bin Waste Services on 1800 265 495.

Grace Roberts Hall Activity:

Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan - 2 Path Strong

Goori Learning Centre's

The Goori Learning Centre (GLC) is a free after school Program designed to support students with homework assistance, Creative Arts and Crafts, Mentoring, Gumbaynggirr Language sessions, fitness and many more activities. Our goal at BMNAC is for our students to achieve in school at the same rate as all Australian children in order to compete for real jobs whilst also being knowledgeable and proud of who they are as Aboriginal people. The GLC is in partnership with Southern Cross University (SCU) to hold annual BURT TEST so that we can track and support our students in anyway possible.



The Goori Learning Centre Dates, Times and Locations:

Monday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Boambee Community Centre

Tuesday 3.10pm – 4.30pm

Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural
Centre, Corindi Beach

Wednesday 3.20pm – 4.45pm

Grace Roberts Community Hall,
Wongala Estate, Coffs Harbour

For more information on our GLC contact Education Officer Ashleigh Moore on 02 6652 5080 or literacy@bmnac.org.au

Language Classes

Morning Language Classes are back in full swing and getting great turn outs every week, it's really growing.

If you wish to get involved in this be sure to come to Wongala Estate on Thursday Mornings from 7:30am till 9am.

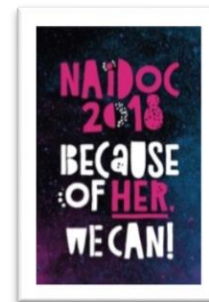
The Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Interagency Meetings

The Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Interagency (CHAI) have found a new home. The Grace Roberts Community Hall is now the home of the Monthly CHAI Meetings. On average 20-30 services come together every last Tuesday of the month in a meeting of information sharing and networking.



Should you like to get in contact in regards to these Meetings or get on the Distribution list for interagency information please email coffsharbourchai@gmail.com

NAIDOC 2018: *Because of her, we can!* Overview



NAIDOC Week 2018 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

In Coffs Harbour we had another DEADLY week of NAIDOC Celebrations. Thanks to all the Aboriginal Organisations that participated and gave our community yet another deadly week!



Friday 6th July – Saturday 7th July: Naru Surf Gathering.

After the launch of the event last year they were back bigger and better this year! Kicking off the festivities of NAIDOC 2018 and wasn't it a Deadly way to kick it off.

James and Amber Mercy had the idea to bring an indigenous Surf Gathering to the Coffs Coast in loving memory of their father Uncle Eric Mercy, a local surfing legend. With roughly 100 participants surfing over the 2 days it was a highly successful day.

Open Men's Winner: Russ Molony

Open Women's Winner: Charli Pell

Master's Winner: Joel Slabb

Long Board's Winner: Rhys Collins

Junior's Men's Winner: Hunter Winkler

Sunday 8th July: Walk A Mile Sista Style hosted by DSG

New event on the Calendar, a morning where our Deadly Sista Girlz (DSG) and community had walked roughly a mile. While the Male Partners of DSG cooked the Ladies and Community Breakfast. The event also included musical performance by some of the children of the DSG Ladies. A very relaxed event before the week begins.

Monday 9th July: Official Flag Raising Ceremony & CHASE Old Camp Event

Always a great day for community to participate in. Councillors, Community Members and all came together to official open NAIDOC Week 2018 with Local Dance Group Wajaarr Ngaarlu performing to having Aunty Sue Hoskins raise the flag alongside Chairperson of the Yandaarra Aboriginal Consultative Committee, Uncle Trevor Wilson and the Coffs Harbour Mayor, Denise Knight.

Then over to the Old Camp at Fitzroy Oval for the CHASE Family Fun Event with activities such as NRL Workshops, Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Dance Performances by Wajaarr Ngaarlu and Stories of the Old Camp with Aunty Sue Hoskins also Ash Johnson and Community working on the 2018 NAIDOC Banner. Great event for the whole family!



Tuesday 10th July: Galambila Family Fun Day

Returning back to the Galambila Venue this year was the Galambila Family Fun Day. With the official proceedings beginning with the Chairperson Reuben Robinson welcoming everyone to the event which was followed by Aunty Sue and Tequile Donovan doing welcome to country and Aunty Kim Ferguson talking about the theme 'Because of Her We Can' this launched the day which then lead the number of interactive activities happening and Galambila services sharing information. Overall a family favourite event and great to have it back at Galambila.



**Wednesday 11th July: Who Ya Gunna Call Forum
Hosted by Mid North Coast Local Health District**

The biggest day on our NAIDOC Calendar and was great to see so many aboriginal Organisations being a part of the day. The Community came out in its hundreds and was great to see as always.

Also the LAUNCH of a NEW Touch Football Competition held in honour of Uncle Larry and Uncle Rod Hart. Great Attendance at this new event with many teams involved!

Winners on the day included: ABCARE Allstars, Captained by Michael Hart



**Thursday 12th July: Planting the Seed Event hosted by Coffs Harbour LALC
and Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corp + Supporting Orgs.**

With over 150 community members coming to the event and many tourists dropping in to have a look it was nothing short of a huge success!



With Cultural Performance (Wajaarr Ngaarlu) and Welcome to Country by Jenny Skinner to kick off the event which moved into many activities from Weaving with Rachel Cavanagh, Arts and Clay Making with Uncle Tony Hart, Dance Workshops with Clark Webb, Screen Printing with Aunty Jenny, Face Painting with Trudy Smith and of course the Planting a Seed in the new Bush Tucker Garden, all these amazing activities keeping our community engaged all day long.

We can't forget to mention that deadly feed from the Nyanggan Gapi Café. Soo yummy. (Really recommend them for catering)



We really want to thank our Partners, Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corp,

Forestry NSW Corp, National Parks and Wildlife Service, North Coast Primary Health Network, North Coast Local Land Services, and last but not least Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Social Events. We thank you all for your kind contribution to our NAIDOC Celebration! We really hope we made you proud and hope to keep partnerships strong and do more events in the future. Thank you to Michelle Flanders for doing the Shuttle Bus Runs from Wongala to Sealy Lookout. We also



like to thank Treetops Adventure Centre and

Dolphin Marine Magic for their donated prizes for the day! To the Dancers you were deadly as always. Aunty Jenny Skinner for Welcome to Country. To all the staff that assisted us on the day we thank you and lastly all the mob that brought themselves to Sealy Lookout for this incredibly special event thank you! You exceeded our expectations for sure.



Friday 13th July: NAIDOC Golf Day, Elders Lunch, and the Grace Roberts Memorial Community Development Awards.



Friday is always a busy day. Kicking off with the NAIDOC Golf Day. Was deadly to see so many organisations put teams in for the Golf Day. Photos for the event are available on the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Social Events Facebook Page.

For the last few years, Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Service have put on an Elders Luncheon and has been deadly. This year Deadly Sista Girlz have kindly taken over the great work of AFWS and was a great event and seeing all the Aunties and Uncles enjoying it was the highlight of the whole week and it is fantastic that we put this on for our elders.



Our Night of Nights; The Aunty Grace Roberts Community Development Awards Dinner. A night where we recognise the hardworking men and women in our community. This year our very own Lachlan Skinner was asked to be the Master of Ceremony for the night. In the theme of NAIDOC Because of Her We Can. Lachlan created and put on Slideshows and Video Presentations that honoured our local women.



Overall a really great event! The room was beautiful, all that attended were beautiful and Dinner was amazing. Special Mention to the Entertainment "Blakboi" His tunes had the crowd going all night long.



Lastly a big congratulations to the Award Winners for each of the Categories:



Academic Achievement Award:
Deakin Walker



Sporting Achievement Award: *Tanisha Wallace*

Youth of the Year: *Corey Warrn*

Grace Roberts Community Development Award: *Jenny Skinner*

Saturday 14th July: NAIDOC Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Competition

New Event on the NAIDOC Calendar this year! Event Organisers Heather Duncan and Fileisha Laurie with the help from Bellingen Braves, Ready Mob and NSWALC. Held a 3 on 3 Basketball Competition at the Key Employment Youth Hub on West High Street.



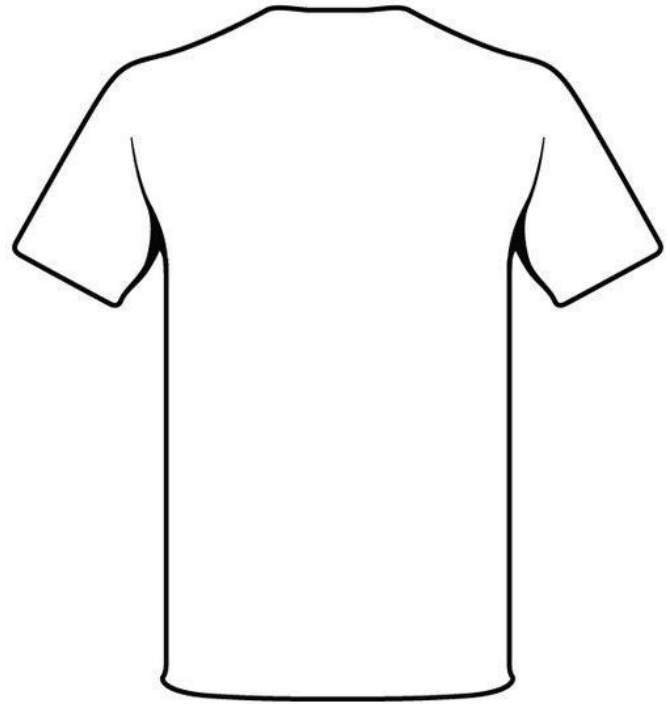
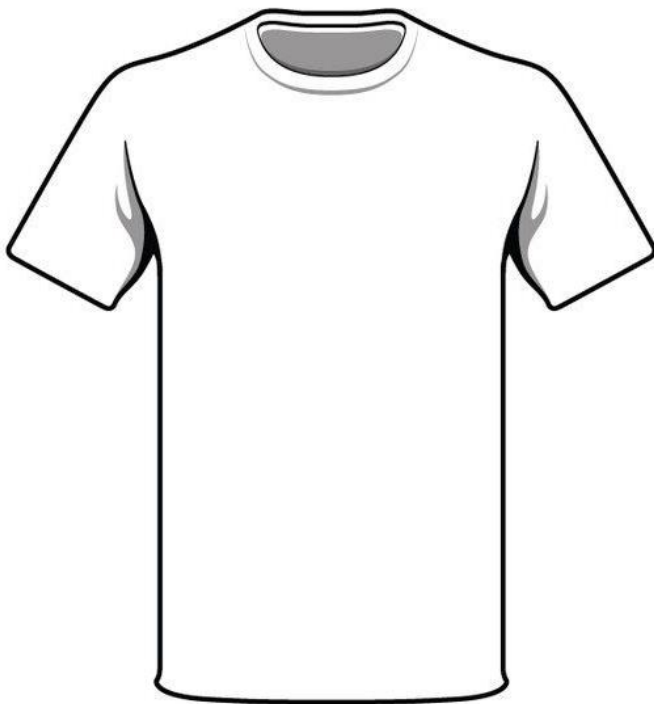
With many teams registered it was a deadly day full of Basketball Games, Food, Music and More! A great event that will just get bigger and bigger!

Jarjums Page

For a chance to WIN a \$50 JB HiFi Voucher through the Coffs Harbour & District LALC, please complete the follow Activity and submit by Wednesday 31st October 2018.



Design the NEW CHDLALC Uniform



Name:

Age

Contact