



UNGOOROO
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

news

JANUARY 2023

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation acknowledges the traditional owners, the Wanaruah people. We pay our respect to the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hope of Indigenous people in Australia.



UNGOOROO LAUNCHES 2022-2025 Strategic Plan



L-R: Annette Dunstan, Joanne Vinson, Denise Hedges and Taasha Layer (CEO).

We recently unveiled exciting plans for our future direction at the launch of Ungooroo's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.

The plan, which was developed with the Ungooroo Board, outlines the strategic priority areas for the next 3 years, making sure we keep the balance between preserving culture and growing the business.

Our overarching goal is to help the Aboriginal community in the Upper Hunter and across regional NSW to have equal access and outcomes in education, training, employment, and economic participation as the broader community. We're in an exciting period of growth and this three-year plan will guide our direction.

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WUPA 2023 EXHIBITION & ART TRAIL



L-R: Allen Paget, Denise Hedges, Taasha Layer (CEO) Annette Dunstan and David Paget.

What a successful opening night for this year's WUPA Aboriginal Art Exhibition!

A huge thank you to our amazing local artists who submitted over 120 artworks, making this year's exhibition our biggest event yet.

Guests at the launch were treated to a feast of Native flavours and locally sourced

ingredients all prepared by the talented Wattaka Café team accompanied by exquisite Mercer wines.

Uncle Ritchie provided traditional didgeridoo music and Peter Williams and his family invited guest to learn a traditional dance.

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UNGOOROO LAUNCHES
2022-2025 Strategic Plan



Aunty Denise Hedges

Ungooroo's focus areas for the next three years include maintaining and building our team; capitalising on growth opportunities for our business programs like Dookal, Wattaka Cafe and the Barranggirra Employment and Mentoring Program; establishing our new Permanency Support Program to support Indigenous children and young people in out-of-home care; working with our government

and commercial partners, sponsors and funding bodies to identify new opportunities; continuing sustainable governance and reporting; and risk planning and mitigation, building on what we've learnt over the past few years of pandemic and uncertainty.

We have exciting plans for Ungooroo over the next few years and we can't wait to share it all with you!



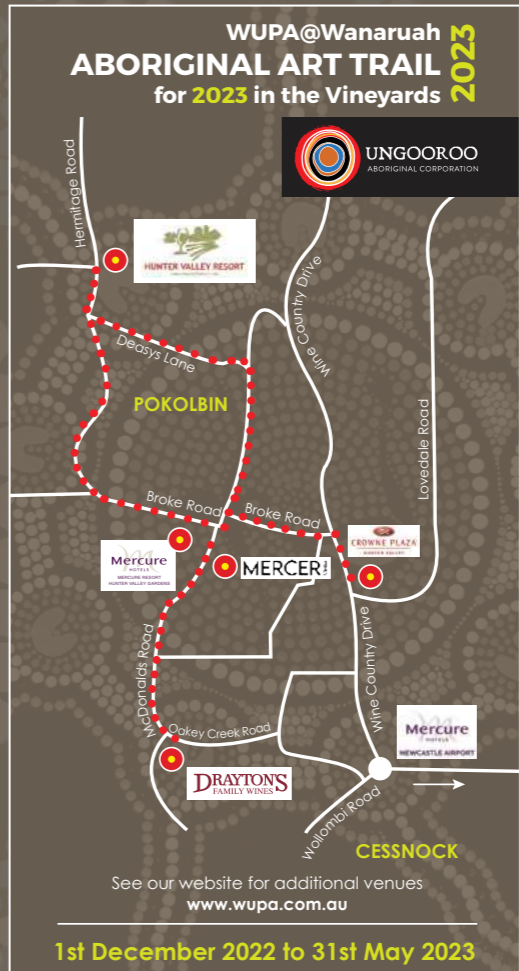
We also want to thank the Ungooroo Board for their support and to our event sponsors Glencore, Thies, AGI, The Mutual Bank and Mercer Wines for helping provide a unique opportunity for our talented local artists to showcase their work.

The artworks are now on display at wineries and venues across the Hunter and Port Stephens which make up the WUPA Art Trail. Visitors can see the works on display at Hunter Valley Resort, Mercure Hunter Valley Gardens, Mercer Wines, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, Drayton's Family Wines and Mercure Newcastle Airport.

The Art Trail runs from now until 31 May 2023. Find out more about WUPA and purchase artworks online at wupa.com.au



Uncle Ritchie



UNGOOROO Permanency Support Program

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation is now accredited with the Office of the Children's Guardian to provide support to Aboriginal children and young people through the Permanency Support Program.

The Permanency Support Program (PSP) is supported by a team of experienced caseworkers and carer engagement officers who will work with children, young people and their carers so they can grow up in stable, secure and loving homes.

Ungooroo Chief Executive Officer Taasha Layer says the program plays

a crucial role in providing positive life outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people.

"Our priority is keeping families together safely and achieving permanency for Aboriginal children and young people.

We know that vulnerable Aboriginal children and young people are much better off if they are living in a safe and stable home with relatives or kin, in community and on Country."

Please contact Ungooroo if you are interested in being a Foster Carer on 6571 5111.



Brittney Hogg Administration support for caseworkers

I am Brittney and have just recently joined the PSP Program as casework support/ administrator.

I am so excited to be joining the Ungooroo team as it has been a dream of mine for a few years now.

I am passionate about providing children and young people to be able to have access to a safe and nurturing home. This ensures the wellbeing and safety outcomes of children and young people.

A large area of focus for me is the over representation of aboriginal children and families within the child protection system.

Key areas of interest are:

- Restoration
- Early intervention
- Working alongside biological parents to support parenting skills, family functioning and child development
- Inclusion and child focused
- Trauma informed practice



Tahnee Hartcher PSP Caseworker

Hey my name is Tahnee. I am local to Singleton however spent three years in Townsville. I am engaged to be married in October 2023 and have a little girl named Nellie.

I love spending time with my family, playing sport and adventuring outdoors.

I am excited to be a part of the PSP program and the Ungooroo family as I am passionate about working collaboratively with the community, families, children and young people towards positive life outcomes, stability and permanency.



Congratulations



Team
BARRANGGIRRA



A WINNING TEAM

Congratulations to the Barranggirra team (Darren, John & Riley) who were named equal No. #1 ranked Training NSW Barranggirra provider for 2022.

This is an amazing team effort given the challenges that our communities and businesses across the Hunter, Mid Coast and North Coast have faced over this time.

Barranggirra Employment and Mentoring Program supports Aboriginal jobseekers to maintain their traineeships and Apprenticeships.

You can find out more about Barranggirra at ungooroo.com.au

DOING IT FOR THE KIDS

Ungooroo's Jake & Jacob took time out to visit the staff and children at some of our local preschools to drop off some RAT tests, dentals care packs and gifts.

The guys had a great time and were even given a musical treat from some of the children.

Thanks to Singleton Preschool, Singleton Heights Preschool and Rainbows Early Learning Centre for making the guys feel so welcome!

WELCOME Dr JOEL

Dr Joel Wentong (Weno) descends from the Gubbi Gubbi Nation South of East Queensland, grew up in Cairns (QLD) and now lives in the Newcastle area.



Joel is a General Practitioner and is joining the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation team commencing Wednesday 18th January 2023.

Joels passions are also music – and was born into the music industry, with his reggae-playing parents.

Dr Joel joins the Ungooroo clinical team with Dr Liz and Dr Catherine and Rose our Aboriginal Health Practitioner.

Welcome Dr Joel to Ungooroo and thank you for supporting our community and mob!!

BANKING ON ART

Congratulations to our local artists, Saretta Fielding and Craig Layer who will have their artworks featured on the new Mutual Bank Debit and Credit cards.

Both artworks reflect Mutual Bank's connection to community with Saretta's design acknowledging the Wanaruah people and sharing the story of gathering while Craig's artwork features a striking image of the Hunter River and a wedge-tailed eagle.



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Mental Health
Yarning Group Program
12-week program

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Men's Yarn Up Group
18th January 2023 - 5th April 2023

12-week program every Friday commencing from Friday 9th December 2022 at Minimbah Teaching Place, Charlton Road off Putty Road, 10:00am-11:30am

Expression of Interest contact: Maril Wright - maril@ungooroo.com.au

18th January 2023 - 5th April 2023 to be held on Wednesdays at 12pm - 2 pm at Minimbah Teaching Place, Charlton Road off Putty Road, 10:00am-11:30am

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The yarning groups provide mental health support, and cultural activities.

If you are keen to join some of our mob in these groups, please reach out to Maril Wright - maril@ungooroo.com.au or call 6571 5111 for further information.

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Wiyala Ngarra

The Wiyala Ngarra program has wrapped up for the year with a successful men's Yarning Group recently completing the 12-week program.

The Wiyala Ngarra team facilitate both men and women's yarning groups that meet at Wattaka Café and provide an opportunity for community to come together, make connections and have a yarn.

The groups will be back in 2023 so keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates!

I support the **ndis**



Casey Balliana is Ungoороо's NDIS Lifestyle Planner and can assist any member or NDIS participant with their plans.



SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ABAI PROGRAM AND BUSINESS BASICS

DATE: Wednesday 1st February 2023
TIME: 10am to 12 noon
WHERE: Ungoороо Aboriginal Corporation
157-159 John Street, Singleton



Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative (ABAI)
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SINGLETON COUNCIL



The ABAI program is funded by Services NSW



To book the workshop please email Craig Layer on clayer@ungooroo.com.au or contact him on mobile **0448 233 817**
www.ungooroo.com.au

This workshop will introduce the Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative and cover off the basics for starting a business. After this workshop, you should feel confident in taking your next step and becoming a business owner.

This workshop is designed for people looking to start a business, or are still in start-up mode, and want to understand the different elements of starting and running a successful small business.

We will focus on:

- What is the ABAI program and how can it help Aboriginal start-ups and businesses?

- Business Registration and Legal Requirements (ABN - How to apply)
- Business Structure - What is best for me?
- Tax and Insurance Requirements
- Business Planning - How to plan your business
- Marketing Basics
- Support networks

Presenting this event is Craig Layer, the Aboriginal Business Advisor from Ungoороо Aboriginal Corporation.

This is a Workshop for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the Hunter Region who are looking at starting a business or support for an existing business.



Welcome **Jacob** as ITC Outreach Worker.



Wattaka Café CATERING

CATERING MENU INDIVIDUAL BOXES
wattakacafe.com.au

Each lunch box serves 1 person. Each Box also includes 1x Fresh Fruit Cup & 1x Dessert.

<p>SANDWICH BOX \$9.50 per box</p> <p>Chicken, Swiss Cheese & Avocado Sandwich</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Ham, Cheese & Relish Sandwich</p>	<p>WRAP BOX \$9.50 per box</p> <p>Chicken, Swiss Cheese & Salad Wrap</p>	<p>VEGETARIAN LUNCH BOX \$11.50 per box</p> <p>Sundried Tomato Pinwheel</p>	<p>HOT SAVORY LUNCH BOX \$11.50 per box</p> <p>Kangaroo & Native Pepper Pie</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Brisquet & Mushroom Pie</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Pepper Berry Bacon Quiche</p>
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Orders over \$500.00 must be submitted with 48 hours' notice. All other orders to be submitted by 1pm for next day delivery.
PRICE INCLUDES GST. Prices subject to change. Delivery fees apply. Free delivery on orders over \$100.
Please email completed Order Form to info@wattakacafe.com.au or drop off to Café.



CATERING MENU PLATTERS
wattakacafe.com.au

Each platter Serves 10 - All baked fresh in-house

<p>DESSERT PLATTER \$95.00</p> <p>Selection of Citrus Tart, Chocolate Brownies, Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake, Caramel Slice, Wattle seed & Chocolate Cookies</p>	<p>HOT SAVORY PLATTER \$162.00</p> <p>Selection of Mini Quiches, Arancini, Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto Pinwheels, Kangaroo & Native Pepper Pie, Brisquet & Mushroom Pie</p>	<p>SANDWICH PLATTER \$75.00</p> <p>Selection of sandwiches and wraps, made to suit dietary requirements</p>	<p>CHEESE PLATTER \$140.00</p> <p>Selection of Cheeses, Lavash, Olives, Antipasto, Native Jam Paste, Bush Tomato Relish, Dried Fruits, Sourdough, Bruschetta Mix</p>
			<p>FRUIT PLATTER \$70.00</p> <p>Selection of seasonal fruits</p>

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PRICE INCLUDES GST. Prices subject to change. Delivery fees apply. Free delivery on orders over \$100.
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2023 SINGLETON AND MUSWELLBROOK OUTREACH CALENDAR

Dr Catherine is in **Muswellbrook** Outreach Clinic the last Monday and Tuesday of each month for 2023.

Meet our Audiologist in **Muswellbrook** and Singleton on the following dates for 2023.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....31st January
Singleton Wednesday..... 1st February
Singleton Thursday.....2nd February

FEBRUARY / MARCH

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....28th February
Singleton Wednesday..... 1st March
Singleton Thursday.....2nd March

MARCH

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....28th March
Singleton Wednesday..... 29th March
Singleton Thursday..... 30th March

APRIL

Muswellbrook.....Monday*.....24th April
Singleton Wednesday.....26th April
Singleton Thursday.....27th April

* Monday this week as Tuesday is a public holiday

MAY / JUNE

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....30th May
Singleton Wednesday.....31st May
Singleton Thursday..... 1st June

JUNE

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....27th June
Singleton Wednesday.....28th June
Singleton Thursday.....29th June

JULY

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday..... 1st July
Singleton Wednesday.....2nd July
Singleton Thursday.....3rd July

AUGUST

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....29th August
Singleton Wednesday.....30th August
Singleton Thursday.....31st August

SEPTEMBER

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....26th Sept
Singleton Wednesday..... 27th Sept
Singleton Thursday..... 28th Sept

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....31st Oct
Singleton Wednesday..... 1st Nov
Singleton Thursday..... 2nd Nov

NOVEMBER

Muswellbrook.....Tuesday.....28th Nov
Singleton Wednesday.....29th Nov
Singleton Thursday.....30th Nov

**Dr Liz Milla and Dr Joel Wenitong
(Singleton ACCHO)**

**Dr Catherine Palmqvist
(Muswellbrook Outreach/Singleton)**