



UNGOOROO
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

news

APRIL 2024

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.



Supporting our Barranggirra Trainees

Our Barranggirra team recently spent time with the school-based trainees who are studying while they do their workplace training with Hunter New England Health.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships give senior high school students the opportunity to start the first stage of their training before the end of the HSC year.

For the trainees, both the workplace training and off-the-job-training contributes to their HSC.

These trainees are doing amazing work as they tackle their training and progress in their own careers and we're excited to see where it takes them. It's a pleasure for the team to be working alongside our trainees to make sure they are receiving the best cultural support.

The Barranggirra team works with trainees and apprentices across the Hunter, Mid Coast and Mid-North Coast regions. Mentors help learners secure a traineeship or apprenticeship, support them during their training and guide them to ongoing employment.



Find out more about the program at ungooroo.com.au



CONNECTING OUR ELDERS

We're excited to announce the launch of our new Elder Care Support (ECS) program.

Supported by the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), this program will connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and older people in or community with the services and support they need.

The ECS team will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families to ensure they understand and can access the aged care services they are entitled to.

Contact us on 6571 5111 or email eldercare-support@ungooroo.com.au with your enquiry.



Elder Care Support
Community-led Pathways to Care



Please go to www.ungooroo.com.au for further updates and information.



Elders Care Support Program

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation with the support of NACCHO, welcomes our new Elder Care Support Program (ECS)

This large-scale national program is designed to connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and older people in our community with the services and supports they need.

This Elders Support Program will ensure older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families are supported to understand, navigate, and access aged care services they are entitled to.

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation will provide an experienced Elder Care Coordinator and an Elder Care Connector. These roles will connect with local Elders, older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their carers and families to raise awareness of aged care services. They will help to identify the level of local demand and identify clients who are eligible to access aged care services.



For further information

Contact us on 6571 5111 or email eldercare-support@ungooroo.com.au with your enquiry.

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COULD YOU BE A FOSTER CARER?

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer?

Ungooroo's Permanency Support Program, Yuti, needs more carers to support local Aboriginal children and young people living in out of home care.

Most people have a lot of questions about foster care and our team would love to yarn with you about how it all works.

If you would like to know more, give the Yuti team a call on (02) 9161 9433 and find out how you could become a carer and change a young person's life.

Email: pspmailbox@ungooroo.com.au



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YUTI
Ungooroo Permanency Support Program (PSP)

"Can you change a child or young person's life?"

Discover the power of fostering within the Aboriginal Community.

Have you thought about becoming a Foster Carer/ Respite Carer/ Emergency Carer?

Ungooroo's Yuti Program works to ensure Aboriginal children and young people living in out of home care are supported in a culturally safe and sensitive environment.

Our team of Caseworkers, Carer Engagement Officers, PSP Support Officers and PSP Manager provide a wraparound support for our carers, children and young people in OOH.

Together, we can create a nurturing environment where children and young people can thrive while preserving their culture and heritage.



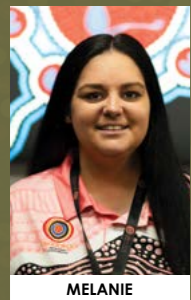
Ungooroo is currently recruiting Carers

If you would like to know more, give the Yuti team a call on (02) 9161 9433 and find out how you could become a carer and change a young person's life.

Email: pspmailbox@ungooroo.com.au



Welcome to Barrangirra's NEW Team Members - Melanie & Melissa!



My name is Melanie and I have been born and bred on Wannaruah Land however my mob is Worimi. I have worked at Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation for the last 9 years as the medical receptionist.

I started at Ungooroo being mentored by Darren Wright. Working here I have completed a scholarship in Dental Assisting, Cert 4 in Business, Diploma in Leadership and Business and Advanced Diploma in Leadership and Management.

As of 2024 I began my next chapter within Ungooroo as the female mentor in the Barrangirra Program. I am so excited to be in this program to mentor and support women and watch their growths just like I was from Darren. Within the last 3 months I have been fortunate to already have watched mentees grow and succeed.

I personally cannot wait to see what my future holds at Ungooroo and watch our program skyrocket.

I am so thankful for Taasha, the Board, other staff members and Darren for every opportunity I have been given over the last 9 years.



Hi, my name is Melissa, my mob is Wiradjuri however I was born and raised on Darug land.

I have a career background in Early Education, Education and Health. Over the years I'm proud to have been able to play an active role providing support and mentorship to Indigenous children and families, influencing, supporting development of children, young people, adults and communities. Ensuring their best interests are supported.

My passion is to be able to make a positive impact within our mobs lives through understanding and providing cultural appropriate education. I'm grateful to Darren, Taasha and Ang for believing in me, giving me the opportunity to join the team at Ungooroo.

I'm looking forward to my new journey as a Female Mentor in our Barrangirra Program.

My passion is to be able to build meaningful relationships supporting our aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females in developing their personal, social, independent skills through mentorship and support.

I'm looking forward to providing mentorship and support to our females in our communities who are on their learning journey.

Ungooroo's Permanency Support Team



BEK
PSP MANAGER



RUBY
CASEWORKER SUPPORT



JACKIE
CASEWORKER



FIONA
CASEWORKER



TAHNEE
CASE WORKER



BRITNEY
CARER ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



SHIRALEE
CARER ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

715 Aboriginal Health Assessment REMINDER

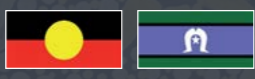
Newcastle Knight's NRLW star Tamika Upton recently visited Ungooroo to help highlight the importance of 715 Aboriginal Health Assessments. Patients who booked in for assessments on the day were able to chat with Tamika and received a signed shirt.

A **715 Health Check** usually take less than an hour and is a chance for you to discuss any health concerns you might have and help with early detection, diagnosis and intervention for common and treatable conditions.

As a bonus, all patients who complete their **715 Health Check** will receive a free limited edition shirt featuring artworks by local artists. Call us to book your health check today.



"Every one that completes the 715 Aboriginal Health Assessment with Ungooroo, will be gifted one of our uniquely designed shirts."



Please call Ungooroo on 02 6571 5111 to make an appointment today and check your eligibility to book in for a 715 Aboriginal Health Assessment.

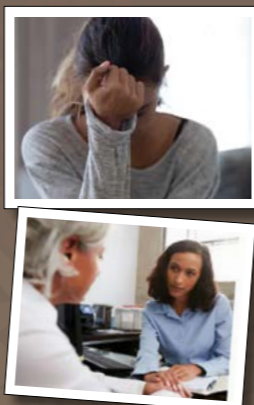
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Our Aboriginal Medical Service is growing and we welcome our Occupational Therapist **Casey Balliana** to the team. Occupational therapists help people to develop the skills they need to live more independently and improve their daily functioning, productivity and capacity.

Therapy may involve functional assessments of living skills, sensory and development assessments and helping to identify and implement habits to manage stress and support wellness.

Our occupational therapy services can be accessed through your GP or under the NDIS through our NDIS team.

To make an appointment please contact the admin team and/or email admin@ungooroo.com.au



AUDIOLOGY

Our audiologist Matt is back and ready to take appointments.

Good hearing helps children listen and learn and stay connected to their friends and family so it's important to get bubs hearing checked early and often.

We can offer diagnostic hearing assessments as well as ongoing support and guidance for parents for their child's hearing needs.



PHYSIOTHERAPY

We welcome our new physiotherapist Renee to our allied health services team.

If you have muscle or joint pain, a sport or workplace injury or reduced mobility, Renee can help. Physiotherapy can also help with arthritis discomfort and pre and post pregnancy-related injury or pain.

Appointments can be made by calling our Medical Services team.



GP UPDATE

Our team of general practitioners offer the full range of medical services including skin checks, health screening, pregnancy and antenatal care as well as health assessments, immunisations and 715 Aboriginal health checks.

Appointments are available with Dr Nicole Payne, Dr Joel Wenitong, Dr Catherine Palmqvist and, Dr Liz Milla and our Aboriginal Health Practitioner Rose McBride.



Ungooroo's Clinical and Administration Team



DR JOEL WENITONG
GENERAL PRACTITIONER



DR NICOLE PAYNE
GENERAL PRACTITIONER



DR LIZ MILLA
GENERAL PRACTITIONER



ROSE McBRIDE
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER
NURSE IMMUNISER



CHRISTINE MINCHELL
ELDER CARE SUPPORT COORDINATOR
REGISTERED NURSE



ESTELLE GERMISHUIZEN
MEDICAL and ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



JADE FEJO
MEDICAL and ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



LILLY ASHPOLE
MEDICAL & ADMINISTRATION and ITC SUPPORT OFFICER



VERONICA HENNESSY
MEDICAL and ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



STEPHEN McBRIDE
PRACTICE MANAGER

For all appointments phone: **6571 5111**

- OPENED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
- ALL SERVICES BULK BILLED
- FLU AND COVID VACCINES

FLU Vaccinations Available





WATTAKA CAFÉ

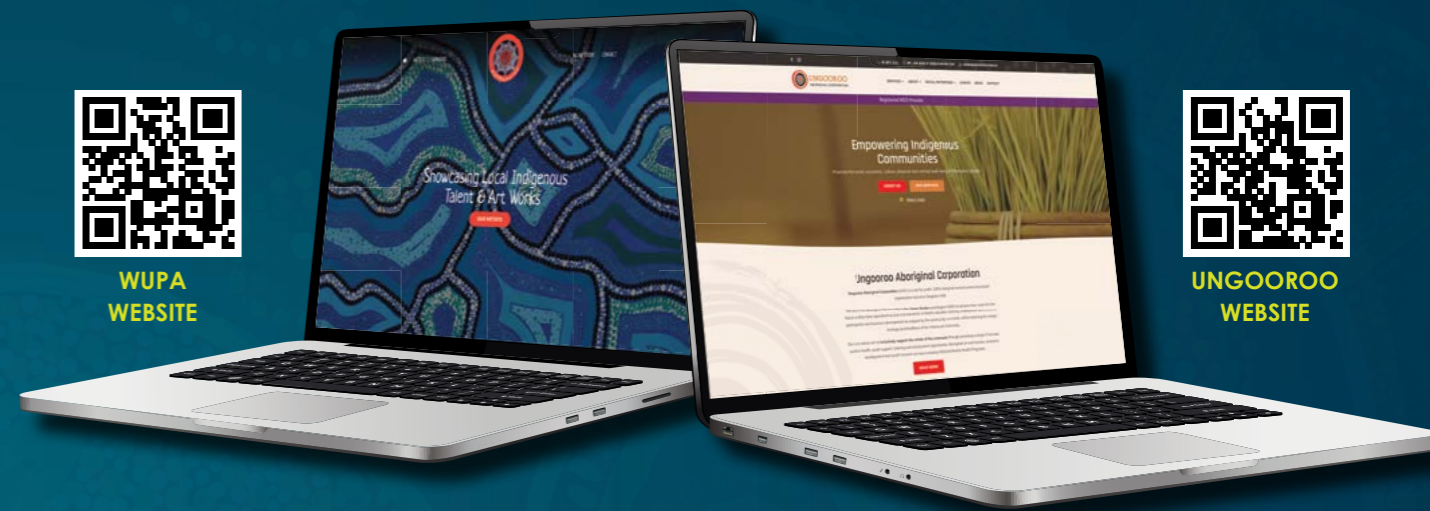
Our Wattaka Café website has had a bit of a facelift with a new look and new menu.

Ordering online is easy. You place your order and the time you want to pick up and we'll have everything ready to go.

With delicious Acai bowls and waffles for breakfast through to nourishing Buddha Bowls and warm salads or hearty kangaroo pepperberry pies and smoked bacon and bush tomato quiches, our new menu is packed full of the tastiest native flavours!



WUPA WEBSITE



UNGOOROO WEBSITE

NEW LOOK Websites

We have given our websites a bit of a spring clean and freshen up and we would love to know what you think!

Check out the new look pages at www.ungooroo.com.au and www.wupaatwanaruah.com.au



WATTAKA CAFÉ WEBSITE



NEW SITE. NEW MENU.
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ONLINE ORDERING
EXPERIENCE.**





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UNGOOROO OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN OUR GENERAL PRACTICE:

- ▶ Skin Check
- ▶ Pap smear/cervical screens
- ▶ Pregnancy/Antenatal Care
- ▶ Baby Check
- ▶ Chronic Disease Care
- ▶ Geriatric Medicine
- ▶ Obstetrics
- ▶ Workers Compensation
- ▶ Paediatric Care
- ▶ Child Immunisations
- ▶ Adult Immunisations
- ▶ Health Assessments
- ▶ 715 Aboriginal Health Checks
- ▶ Basic wound care
- ▶ Physiotherapy
- ▶ Speech Therapy
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Audiology

If you would like to make an appointment, please phone 6571 5111

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The Singleton Centre, Singleton NSW 2330

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