

MONARO KOORI INTERAGENCY (MKI)

The MKI is a Family & Community Services initiative to improve the co-ordination of local service delivery for the local Aboriginal Community. The forum has a service focus; with attention given to attracting and retaining services which benefit Aboriginal people as well as engaging / connecting services with the community and mainstream service providers.

The Interagency meets 4 times each year at The Hub Youth Centre. For more information about the MKI Ph: (02) 6452 5534

NGARIGO COUNTRY

The Ngarigo people are recognised as the traditional custodians of the land that covers the Snowy Monaro local government area. It is also acknowledged that other groups have a connection to this area.

SAL LAVALLEE – BOGONG MOTH ART

The artwork used in this brochure was created by Ngarigo artist, Sal Lavallee. Sal is a Ngarigo Buhlung (Ngarigo woman) from the Ngarigo and Yuin nations. Her art is inspired by traditional Ngarigo and Yuin art that was taught to her by her elders but her interpretation and style is very contemporary. She is inspired by stories from her Grandmothers and Grandfathers country and her own spiritual experience and understandings.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

13 February - Anniversary of the Apology (2008)

Anniversary of the formal apology made 3rd February 2008 by the government to Indigenous Australians

15 March - National Close the Gap Day

An annual event held to raise awareness of the Indigenous health crisis.

26 May - National Sorry Day

An opportunity to acknowledge the impact of the policies spanning more than 150 years of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

27 May - Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum

In 1967 over 90% of Australians voted in a referendum to remove clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Reconciliation Week

An opportunity to focus on reconciliation, to hear about the cultures and histories of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to explore new and better ways of meeting challenges in our communities.

3 June - Mabo Day

Marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia's judgement in 1992 in the Mabo case. This is a day of particular significance for Torres Strait Islander Australians. Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's name is synonymous with native title rights.

1 July - Coming of the Light

This is a particular day of significance for Torres Strait Islander Australians. It marks the day the London Missionary Society first arrived in the Torres Strait.

July - NAIDOC Week

Celebrates the invaluable contributions the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made – and continue to make – to our communities

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INDIGENOUS

SERVICES

An initiative of the Monaro Koori Interagency

EDUCATION

TAFE - Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator

Works to improve education outcomes for indigenous students. Ph: 02 6492 9781

Snowy Monaro Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)

Advocates for cultural affirmation, integrity and the pursuit of equality. The AECG aims to ensure that the unique and diverse identity of Aboriginal students is recognised and valued. Ph: (02) 6452 4611

“Elder in Residence Program” – Monaro High School

Local initiative intended to better support Indigenous students and foster connection to culture. Ph: (02) 6452 4611

HOUSING

Mission Australia

Provides support and case management for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Ph: (02) 6452 3623

Monaro Community Access Service (MCAS)

MCAS is an early intervention service for people who are at risk of homelessness. Can provide assistance with information and referrals; domestic violence support; financial support; education and advocacy; Work Development Orders and programs. Ph: (02) 6452 6174

Southern Cross Housing

Community Housing provider. Ph: 1800 422 322

Murra Mia Aboriginal Tenancy Advice Service

Provides support and advocacy for Indigenous people on a range of matters related to tenancy. Ph: (02) 4472 9363

Link2Home

A state-wide telephone service, providing emergency accommodation and other appropriate support for people experiencing homelessness. Ph: 1800 152 152

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Aboriginal Health - Cooma Community Health Centre

Support, advocacy, referral and liaison to all Indigenous people accessing both community health and hospital services

Ph: (02) 4827 3913

Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

Provide a variety of supports to people who are vision impaired that increase independence and minimise the impact of vision loss. Ph: (02) 6285 2988

Grand Pacific Health – Aboriginal Health Team (Integrated Care Team)

Provide health support to Indigenous people aged 0 to 100. Facilitate the ‘Koori Health Checks’ and offer support with care coordination between GPs and specialists as required Ph: (02) 6494 8860 or M 0436 653 798

Grand Pacific Health - Tackling Indigenous Smoking

Confronting tobacco use outcomes through the campaign ‘Butt Out Boondah’. Access to quit resources and workplace/school/community programs available.

Ph: (02) 48270508

Indigenous Access Program – Department of Human Services

Aims to provide better access to Medicare services for Indigenous Australians. Ph: 1800 556 955

Katungul Aboriginal Community Corporation and Medical Service (ACC&MS)

Provides Aboriginal-specific health care including: dental, medical, and chronic disease management.

Ph: (02) 6492 0532

Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service (AHS)

Provides medical and counselling service and access to a range of programs that promote good health and healthy lifestyles. Ph: (02) 6284 6222

CarersACT

Provides support to carers to access counselling, advice, skills development and respite and more.

Ph: (02)6296 9900

LEGAL SERVICES

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)

Legal advice and representation for Indigenous people living in Canberra and surrounding regions. Ph: 6249 8488

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

WorkAbility - The Disability Trust

Supports Indigenous people with a disability to enter or return to the workforce. Ph: (02) 6452 6522

Pathways Support

Case management and support for young people aged 15 – 19, not currently working or enrolled at school

Ph: (02) 62973121 M: 0427 036 420

SUPPORT SERVICES

Monaro Family Support Service

Delivers support, programs and other early intervention work with families, including counselling and case management, parenting support, and playgroups.

Ph: (02)6452 3450

Snowy Monaro Regional Council

Council offer a range of community support services including: Aged care, disability, youth, community development and Community Transport. Ph: 1300 345 345

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Barnardos Australia

Provides case management to individual young people aged 12-18 and their families. Ph: 0408 295 869

Monaro Family Support Service – TRAKZ

Provides opportunities for Indigenous students to learn about their cultural identity. Ph: (02) 6452 3450

The Hub Youth Centre

Provides support and referral for young people at risk.

Creates educational, recreational and personal development opportunities. Ph: (02) 6452 5534