

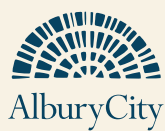
NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 2017

13 - 15 September 2017

ALBURY



CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Day 1 Wednesday 13 September

Proudly sponsored by LGNSW and TAFE NSW

Themes – Education, Employment, Art, Culture

8:00am	Registration Opens
9:00am	Official Opening & Welcome
9:30am	<p>Keynote Address - Nova Peris</p> <p>Staunch campaigner for Indigenous rights and reconciliation in Australia and dual Olympian, Nova Peris will lead as keynote speaker for LGAN 2017. Nova was a treaty ambassador for the former ATSIC and has travelled the country campaigning for fundamental understanding between black and white. Her keynote speech to open the conference will centre on her personal journey as well as the continuing challenges for Aboriginal people in local communities.</p>
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	<p>Presentation - Heather McGregor – TAFE NSW</p> <p>There are a range of ways that TAFE NSW can design training to meet the needs of Aboriginal communities, employers and upskilling for existing Aboriginal staff. Opportunities for customised skills development can range from local programs working with local communities through to flexible state-wide programs that allow participants from different areas to come together to learn and take skills back to their own community or organisation.</p> <p>This session will include an overview of some examples amongst the many successful programs in TAFE NSW and discussion on how future TAFE NSW programs could be developed to meet the needs of local government stakeholders and our local communities.</p>
11.30am	<p>Presentation - AlburyCity Wagirra Team</p> <p>The Wagirra Trail and associated works are being built and managed under AlburyCity's Aboriginal Employment and Training Program. The Wagirra Trail crew is working on construction and land conservation tasks and has completed significant projects including the Kremur Street Boat Ramp and Oddies Creek Adventure Playground.</p> <p>Unlike many short-term employment initiatives, the Wagirra Trail traineeships are three years in duration and aim to develop future leaders and mentors in the Aboriginal community.</p> <p>Skills in civil construction and land management leading to real jobs and financial security will flow on into the community, as will the sense of pride, ownership and identity. The presence of an Aboriginal workforce within AlburyCity Council has far reaching benefits for the whole community and is a tangible step towards Reconciliation.</p>
12.00pm	Lunch

1.30pm	<p>Presentation - Laura Berry – CEO, Supply Nation</p> <p>Proud Wiradjuri descendant Laura Berry will provide valuable insight into the Indigenous business sector, discussing how Local Governments and Corporate Australia can achieve positive community outcomes through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Procurement. Supply Nation is endorsed by the Australian Government as the leading directory of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses for procurement teams to fulfil their targets under the new Indigenous Procurement Policy.</p>
2.15pm	<p>Gold Sponsor Presentation - Donna Rygate, Chief Executive LGNSW</p>
2.30pm	<p>Aboriginal Staff Meeting</p>
3.15pm	<p>Afternoon Tea</p>
3:45pm	<p>Coach Transfers To Yindyamarra Walking Trail</p> <p>The Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk features a series of stunning contemporary Aboriginal sculptures lining the Wagirra Trail from Kremur Street in West Albury to Wonga Wetlands.</p> <p>Eleven sculptures created by local Aboriginal artists have been installed along the five kilometres of trail. Each sculpture is accompanied by interpretative panels and videos available via smartphone.</p> <p>The sculptures along the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk resonate with Milawa lore, reflecting their fundamental relationship to the river. You can feel and appreciate the deep sense of history and reciprocity between nature and culture, as you walk or slowly ride the sculpture trail. Delegates will be guided on a leisurely walk by members of the Wagirra crew, local volunteers and artists for approximately four to five kilometres. Comfortable walking shoes are a must but the trail is flat and a relatively easy walk finishing at the beautiful Wonga Wetlands. Delegates' partners are welcome to join in.</p>
4:15pm	<p>Coach Transfers To Wonga Wetlands</p> <p>For delegates who don't wish to tackle the Yindyamarra walk, we'll take you directly to Wonga Wetlands, the site for the welcome function. Yarn to local Wiradjuri Elders and chat to the crew preparing an extra special Kup Murri dinner for us. The coach will depart from the Albury Entertainment Centre and delegates' partners are welcome to catch a ride.</p>
5:00pm	<p>Welcome Function - Sponsored By TAFE NSW</p> <p>All roads and trails lead to Wonga Wetlands where delegates will enjoy campfire drinks, a yarn and entertainment by Loren Ryan followed by our delicious Kup Murri dinner. Our delightful ground oven cuisine will be prepared and served by a combination of Wagirra guys and our local Indigenous chefs studying at TAFE NSW. Delegates' partners are welcome to join us for dinner. Relax and enjoy networking and many laughs.</p>
7:30pm	<p>Coach Transfers To Albury CBD</p> <p>We'll have coaches looping back into the city from Wonga Wetlands to get you home safely – limited drop off points apply.</p>

Day 2 Thursday 14 September

Proudly sponsored by Indigenous Business Australia

Themes – Health, Wellness, Culture And Language

8.45am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome & Wrap Of Day 1
9.15am	Presentation - Wayne Wigham - Black Dog Institute Wayne is a passionate speaker and advocate for mental health. His personal journey highlights the fact that the black dog of depression can strike anyone and he will highlight the importance of awareness about disorders and the importance of early intervention and treatment.
10.00am	Gabrielle Sullivan - CEO Indigenous Act Code - Ethical Art The profile of Indigenous art has grown tremendously in recent decades, creating earning and income opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and communities and contributing to the preservation and dissemination of culture. However, the increased awareness, reputation and value of Indigenous art has also grown the market in fake art products and merchandise; the production of which has a significant negative impact. The Indigenous Art Code will discuss the issue and is keen to explore ways we can work with local government to address the issue.
10.45am	Morning Tea
11.15am	Presentation - Bruce Pascoe - Renowned Author & Language Bruce will take a look at current and historical issues around culture, language and literature and their relationship to health, wellness and cultural education. Not to be missed.
11.45am	Panel Discussion – Health & Wellness, Staying Focused Bruce Pascoe is joined by Wayne Wigham and friends to talk about health and wellness – what keeps us focused on well being and the way our history, culture, education and leisure time can benefit our community. Q&A from the audience.
12.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Presentation - Dean Widders - NRL Ambassador As an NRL ambassador, Dean has experience working in a lot of different Indigenous communities rural, remote and in the city, particularly Redfern in Sydney, and will discuss the benefits and rewards that sport can bring.

2.00pm	<p>Presentation - Stan Grant Language</p> <p>Stan Grant is one of the few people still living to have heard native speakers of his tribe's Wiradjuri language, having been brought up as a child around native speakers of his grandfather's generation, notably his grandfather, Wilfred Johnson. He has been crucial to the reconstruction of the Wiradjuri language. In 2005, with Dr John Rudder they published "A New Wiradjuri Dictionary", running to some 600 pages. In 2006 this work was recognised with the Deadly Award of Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.</p>
2.45pm	<p>Gold Sponsor Presentation - Richard Burton - Indigenous Business Australia</p> <p>IBA is a commercially focused organisation. Economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is at the heart of what we do. Our programs assist Indigenous Australians to buy their own homes, be successful in business and invest in commercial ventures that provide strong financial returns.</p> <p>IBA makes buying a home a realistic option for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and families with its targeted housing loan finance products.</p> <p>By providing this type of finance, IBA makes an important contribution to closing the gap between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous home ownership rates.</p> <p>Many Australians share the dream of owning a home where they can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create a secure and stable environment to raise and nurture their families • avoid the uncertainties of renting • create a source of financial security and independence for current and future generations. <p>IBA helps make this a reality for many of its Indigenous customers who want to buy their first home but cannot qualify for loans from a bank, credit union or other specialised lender. We offer a range of affordable housing loan products to eligible customers to assist them buy or build a home.</p>
3.05pm	<p>Afternoon Tea</p>
3.30pm	<p>Afternoon Options</p> <p>1. Movie - Screened at the Albury Entertainment Centre theatrette (approx. 55 minutes)</p> <p>Taking out this year's Sydney Film Festival Audience Award – Best Documentary, this is an extraordinary, feature-length documentary that celebrates the richness of Aboriginal culture and poses the enduring question, what does it mean to be a modern man and belong to the world's oldest living culture?</p> <p>'Zach's Ceremony' was conceived by father and Waanyi, Garawa and Gangalidda man Alec Doomadgee and filmed over ten years. We follow Alec's son, Zach, on his journey from boy to manhood and from his home in Sydney to his ancestral lands of Doomadgee in the Gulf of Carpentaria. We witness his excitement as a bright-eyed 10-year-old and his confusion as a young adolescent, as he prepares for and finally undertakes his initiation ceremony – the ancient rite of passage that marks his passage to manhood.</p>

3.30pm

Afternoon Options (Continued)

2. Albury Men's Shed/Albury Wodonga Health (AWAHS) (1 hour)

AWAHS is a non-profit organisation that was developed and set up to cater for the primary health care needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families.

Albury Wodonga is a designated Aboriginal resettlement area. In the late 1960's and early 1970's the government of the day designated Albury Wodonga as an Aboriginal resettlement area, highlighting that Aboriginal families would have greater access to education, health, employment and other essential services.

Over the past 30 odd years the local Aboriginal community of Albury Wodonga which is made up of over 50 different language groups, who lobbied various governments for the establishment of a community owned Aboriginal Health Service.

In 2001 a joint partnership between Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation, Wandoo Aboriginal Corporation and Woomera Aboriginal Corporation was established. This enabled these organisations to undertake a project to establish what the gaps in Aboriginal health were. The final document produced was the Koori Cross Border Health Plan 2001, which highlighted the fact that an Aboriginal Health Service was needed to address the appalling health statistics for Aboriginal people.

The Health Service was incorporated in September 2003 under the New South Wales Incorporations Act after nearly 32 years of lobbying by various Aboriginal community member and community groups. The Health Service commenced full operational service on the 27th June 2005.

The Men's Shed is designed to run programs specifically for Aboriginal Men and is located at the rear of AWAHS. Come and meet the volunteers and hear about their programs.

3. Flying Fruit Fly Circus (1 hour)

The Indigenous Circus program has been running for the past nine years and involves a number of key partners which includes schools, local businesses and local Aboriginal organisations. AlburyCity Council, in partnership with the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, oversees the program with the Circus co-ordinating the program and AlburyCity Council providing transport. The program engages 18 local Indigenous students from both secondary and primary schools and provides them with the opportunity to use circus training and mentoring as a platform in building participants' resilience, confidence and self-esteem. AlburyCity's Youth Development Officer also provides leadership opportunities for the young people to engage positively with their peers through positive role modelling and performing.

6.30pm

Conference Dinner & Awards

Time to kick up your heels and enjoy a night of great fun, food and entertainment featuring band 'Mighty Yak' and hosted by Dane Simpson. The LGAN Awards 2017 will be presented as part of the dinner – good luck and congratulations to all nominees!

Day 3 Friday 15 September

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Themes – Environment, Land and Heritage Education

9.00am	Welcome & Wrap Of Day 2
9.15am	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage ACT - Office Of Environment & Heritage An OEH officer will fill us in on the latest information regarding the draft legislation for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act. This information is vital to all communities and is a must see presentation to stay up to date.
10.15am	Gold Sponsor Presentation - Breaking Habits: The Muli Muli Rubbish Story - Tash Morton, NSW EPA Project Officer and Salome Green, Community Engagement Advisor, Muli Muli Community Muli Muli Community on Githabul Country in northern NSW has taken on an environmental project to improve rubbish management and clean up Country. Working collaboratively with North East Waste (Regional Waste Group) and funded through the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) the community is cleaning up an old tip site, starting up a recycling service and designing community recycling education materials. The project has been run as a pilot program in preparation for the new 4 year NSW EPA Aboriginal Community Rubbish Management Program that was launched in July 2017.
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Group Session & Conference Wrap This is an opportunity to work collaboratively with our colleagues and tackle some of the key topics that we all face. The group session will be an opportunity to share, inspire and take back some ideas to your communities and workplace.
12.00pm	Conference Close LGAN 2018 will be handed over from Albury to Narrabri and the 2019 host announced. We'll meet the LGAN Executive and wrap it up for 2017.