



Strategic Planning & Policy Unit Newsletter

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Junior Basketball Tournament



By Valerie Atkinson Jnr



On the 9th and 10th of June the Bill Muir Memorial State Junior Basketball Classic was held in Mill Park; Melbourne. From Shepparton we had 8 teams, from the age groups of under 10's to under 16's boys and girls.

One of the under 12 boys team won their grand final and the under 16 girls also won their grand final.

Daen Winmar-Briggs won MVP (Most Valuable Player) for the under 12 boys grand final, and Lindsay Bryant won the MVP for the overall under 12 boys.

Main Image left to right:
Rosaline Bryant,
Georgia Bamblett,
Merle Hall, Katelyn Atkinson,
Janaya Atkinson, Kira Winmar-Briggs,
Emily Winmar. Front: Shadelle Hood,
Demi Halden, Natarsha Bamblett

Inset: Daen Winmar-Briggs

Right: Lindsay Bryant

Reconciliation Week Gala Dinner



A well-attended Gala Dinner was held at the Crown Promenade Hotel in Melbourne on 27 May to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. The guest-speaker, Paul Briggs, President of the Rumbalara Football Netball Club, gave a thought-provoking speech on 'Achievements and

Left to Right: Chris Bonacci and Kate Buckeridge. Justin Mohamed and Colette McInerney enjoying themselves. Paul Briggs and Geraldine Atkinson having a chat.

Far right: Paul giving his speech with Sir Doug Nicholls in the background.

Challenges'. Music was provided by a group of young Yorta Yorta musicians on guitars and drums who entertained the audience.





Artists' Corner



Roland Atkinson

TRIBE: Bangerang (Goulburn Valley)

I am a Bangerang Man, I have been painting Aboriginal art since the age of 15. I learnt how to paint by watching my father and elders. I paint in the traditional contemporary style of the Nth East Victorian Bangerang People. I also make didgeridoos and carve emu eggs. At the moment, I am the teacher for the Koori arts course at Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE in Shepparton.



Cynthia Hardie

TRIBE: Yorta Yorta-Wiradjuri

I am the daughter of the late Jimmy Murray. I was born in Mooroopna and I started painting in 1999 when I lived in QLD. I like painting a mixture of things like Koori designs and landscapes. I paint on different mediums: rocks, emu eggs, canvas, crayfish, shells etc. I enjoy doing things that involve my culture. I taught myself to paint by instinct. I started doing little things then expanded from there. I am currently doing the Koori arts course at TAFE.

Community Art Gallery Open

The Community Art Gallery opened in December 2006 and displays work by Indigenous artists living in the Goulburn Valley. So far, 22 artists have exhibited their work and over \$6000 worth of art has been sold. Destination countries include Sweden, Texas, Spain and Canada.



Les Saunders liaises with artists and is interested in speaking with artists who would like to know more about the gallery or would like to display their art. We rotate stock in order to give everyone a chance to display their work. Please contact Les via SPPU on 5821 1433 or 0428 416 995 for more information.

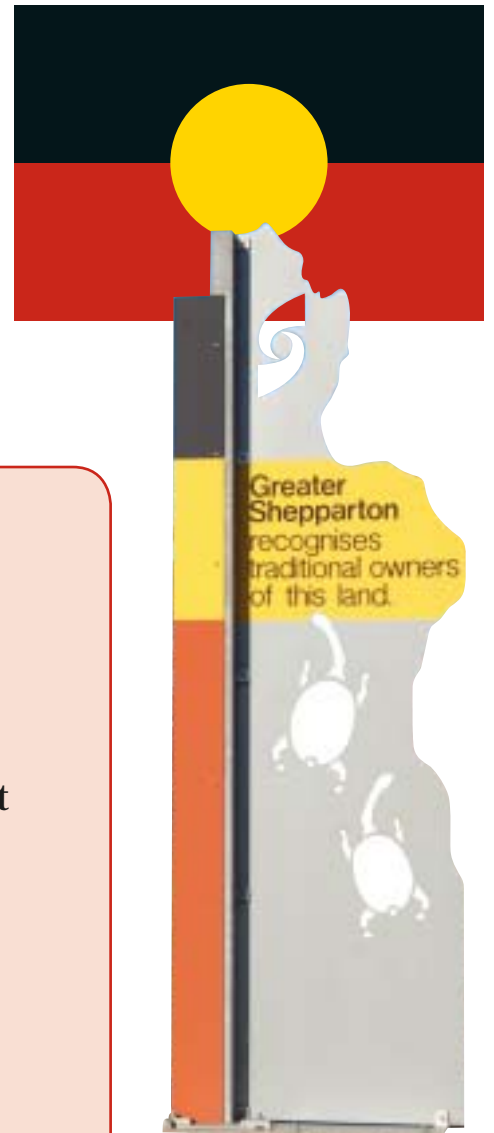


SPPU update

The non-Indigenous populations' views on Indigenous culture in the area

Recently 300 members of the non-Indigenous population of Shepparton were surveyed by phone about their perceptions of Shepparton and their use of a number of local services.

We were able to gather some useful data in this way to compare with the results of the Community Survey which we ran last Summer.



Did you know:

- About two-thirds of the non-Aboriginal Shepparton population approve of the Aboriginal flag being permanently flown beside the Australian flag by the Shepparton Council and of the road signs acknowledging the traditional Aboriginal owners at the borders of Greater Shepparton.
- More than two thirds of the non-Aboriginal Shepparton population feels it adds to the sporting and cultural life of the community to have an Aboriginal-based football and netball club.
- Almost 100% of the non-Aboriginal Shepparton population had heard of the Rumbalara Football/Netball Club.

Crossword Solution
Across: Casey, Mundine, Troy, Thompson, Mallman, Cathy
Down: Herbie, Anu, Dingo, Wirrapunda, Nicholls, Adam

Working Groups

As you may recall from the last newsletter (April 2007), we have 2 active working groups:

1. **Governance** ie examining representative arrangements in order to create new decision-making structures, chaired by Paul Briggs. A workshop was held recently for the group by the research team from Jumbunna based at the University of Technology, Sydney. They are working closely with another COAG partnership – Murdi Paki and were able to share their experiences and lessons learnt with us.
2. **Cultural Enhancement**, chaired by Marlene Atkinson. The group has decided on 3 priority areas: Community Art Gallery, Media Strategy and Cultural Literacy Unit and we are forming task groups to address the issues in the first two. We will be surveying employers and service providers for their interest in progressing a Cultural Literacy Unit for the Goulburn Valley region.



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NEW Resource

The Koori Business Network (KBN) has published its first '**Victorian Indigenous Business Directory 2007**'. The directory is packed with information about a range of businesses in Victoria including Arts and Culture; Business, Communication and Education Services; Hospitality and Tourism; Construction, Manufacturing and Trades; and Retail. You can get a copy by phoning KBN on 1300 799 526 or 9651 9158 or by email: kbn@iird.vic.gov.au



Check their website at:
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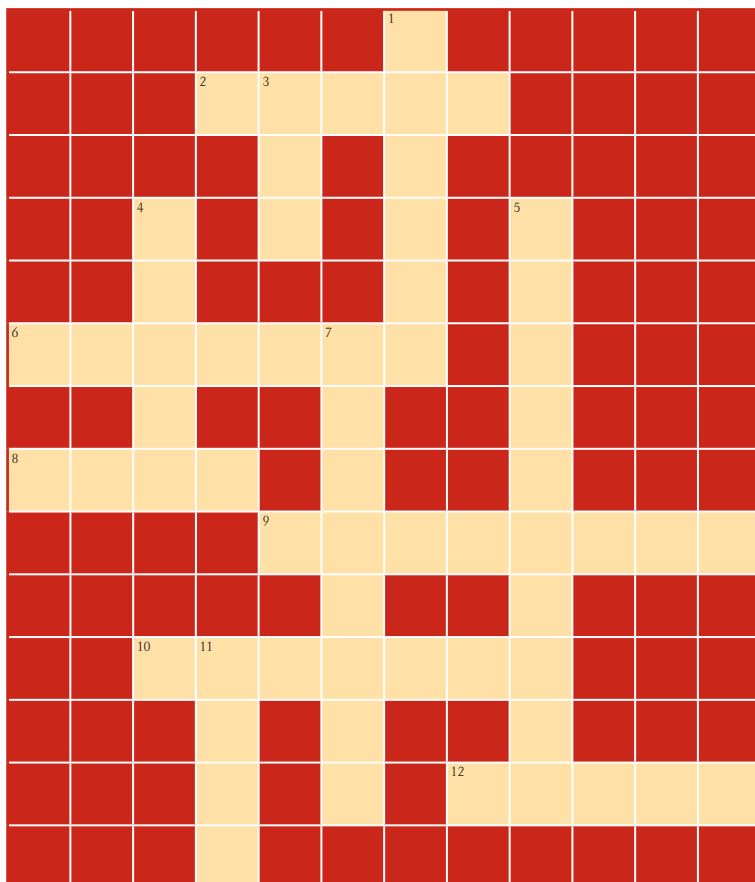
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Crossword

Famous Indigenous people

Across

- 2 Donovan won Australian idol in 2004
- 6 Indigenous boxer Anthony
- 8 Country singer Casser-Daly
- 9 Archi plays soccer
- 10 Actress from The Secret Life Of Us
Deborah
- 12 Indigenous Gold Medalist Freeman

Down

- 1 He plays the gum leaf Pattern
- 3 Christine is a pop singer
- 4 The Great Outdoors presenter Ernie
- 5 David plays football for the
West Coast Eagles
- 7 Sir Douglas was a champion
footballer and runner
- 11 He has won two Brownlow medals Goodes