



OUR GUNYAH

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STAFF PROFILE



Bob Fernando
Asset & Maintenance Team

Where you from? Who's your mob?

I was born in Gunnedah, my mob Fernando's, Sampson's and Brown's. There's plenty more mob to name but we'll be sitting here for quite a while listing them.

Tell us a bit about your background. Growing up etc.

I am 26 years of age, moved to Newcastle when I was 9 and lived there for a few years and eventually made my way back to home. I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters along with 9 nieces/nephews and will soon have my own due late April.

Who is or was your role model? Why?

My role model is my nan, she has done a lot for me and through bad times in my life has stuck by me no matter what.

What/who motivates you?

Motivation for me at this point in time comes from family and to be a strong male influence and role model to my siblings, neices and nephews and to be the best dad i can be.

What's your favourite sports team?

I grew up watching rugby league and followed Canberra Raiders.

What is your best childhood memory?

Playing footy and even though I didn't make it to the Grand Final, it was always fun playing when I was younger and will always have those memories.

How would you describe your experience with Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation?

My experience with Gunida Gunyah has given me the skills that I never thought I'd have and to be working in an Aboriginal Corporation that allows you to work in different communities and to connect with people in those communities is awesome.

How do you define 'culture'?

Culture to me is being spiritually connected to everything and having respect for others.

How do you define 'family'?

Family to me is not just being related, it's connecting with people and going out of your way to do anything for those people.

TENANT TALK UP



Jean Thornton
Tamworth

Where you from? Who's your mob?

Werris Creek

Tell us a bit about your background. Growing up etc.

Stolen generation, used to climb mountains, worked out in the bush as a bush nurse, have done mining and worked on a farm.

Who is or was your role model? Why?

Troy Cassar - Daley, because he is down to earth, doesn't beat around the bush and I like his music.

What motivates you?

Living life to the best you can.

What is your best childhood memory?

Living in the bush and living off the land, building living spaces.

How would you describe your experience with Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation?

Terrific, couldn't wish for anything better.

How do you define 'culture'?

Most important thing.

How do you define 'family'?

Hard to describe, but the ones I have, I have full trust in.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I'd like to learn or have someone teach more about our culture, like how to live and survive in the bush; a lot more people need to learn.



Picture: Jakob Kay (Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation) and Jean Thornton

Message from the Compliance Team

Christmas, has come and gone, but some of the not so great problems have also come but unfortunately not gone.

Christmas is an expensive time for our tenants; the buying of presents, the cost of wrapping paper, cards, tree decorations, house decorations and the list goes on and on.

Some tenants under this sort of financial pressure just stop paying rent, and while the rent money does help with expenses in the short term, it can actually be very costly, very quickly, and in some cases lead to eviction.

So we have a solution:

Gunida Gunyah does not like to evict tenants for rent arrears. The fact that we must evict some tenants leads to great distress on tenants and Gunida Gunyah. We work every day in a vast amount of local communities and we understand the difficulties that exist, especially when it comes to finances. We are after all members of the same communities.

Our solution, pay only a few dollars extra each rent payment so that; one, as a tenant you are in compliance with your Lease Agreement and second, you will be well in advance by the time Christmas comes around again.

Here is a list of why you should increase your rent payments by a few dollars each week:

1. You are in advance;
every Tenant should be two weeks in advance. This is something which you agree when moving in and sign in the Lease Agreement.
2. You are ahead; if
you are able to pay a few dollars more each rent, you will find that when times of financial stress approaches, such as Christmas or when car rego and insurance are due, you will have money in your rent account already.
3. You will have a
good record; your rent ledger will put you in good stead when needing it for other rentals or when needing a reference or even mortgage payments if you want to purchase something in the future.

Warranggal Dhiyan welcome new staff...

Warranggal Dhiyan are very excited to introduce two new staff members, see below about their role within the team as you may see their faces around your community.

Sheridan Howe



"Hi I'm Sheridan and I have recently started working with the Warranggal Dhiyan team as a Family Support Worker. I'm motivated by the desire to always be learning. Gunida Gunyah is more than just a place to work, it's such a vibrant and busy organisation. It's a place to learn, to laugh and to see change happening on real time."

Brett Daley

"My name is Brett and I have recently started working with the Warranggal Dhiyan team as a Family Support Worker. I've been working here for a few weeks now and have learnt that Gunida Gunyah is a very nit organisation, very family based and supportive of all staff. Gunida Gunyah is full of opportunities."





Centacare Traditional Basket Weaving Group

When: Thursday 12th March (every Thursday)

Who: Women of all ages are welcome to attend.

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

Where: Gunida Gunyah • 34-36 Farrer Road Gunnedah.

Light refreshments will be provided

For more information, please call Louise or Danielle on (02) 6792 9300 or

Warraneal Dhiyan staff on (02) 6742 7038

Please email all enrolment forms to admin@warranealdhiyan.com.au



Centacare Traditional Basket Weaving Group

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do you have any allergies or dietary requirements? **YES** **NO**

If Yes, please give brief description _____

Do you require transport? **YES** **NO**

Cultural background: _____

Signature: _____

Strong

Supported Popup Playgroup

"Supported playgroups provide family support and target Aboriginal and vulnerable families within each community who may benefit from additional parenting support. The playgroups at Winanga-Li have a common goal which is to enhance children's learning and parental wellbeing. They are effective supports for engaging and working with children and families who might not access a community playgroups."

Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child & Family Centre is running a Supported Popup Playgroup every Monday in the Community Building at Gunida Gunyah from 9:30am – 11:30am for mums and bubs; meaning mums that have children aged between 0 – 8 years. If you're a mum and wanting to know a bit more information about the playgroup or interested in joining, Vicki Stark will be able to help you. Vicki works for Winanga-Li and is running the playgroup at Gunida Gunyah and will be happy to chat with any mums that have any enquiries. Please see below Vicki's contact details.

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