



OUR GUNYAH

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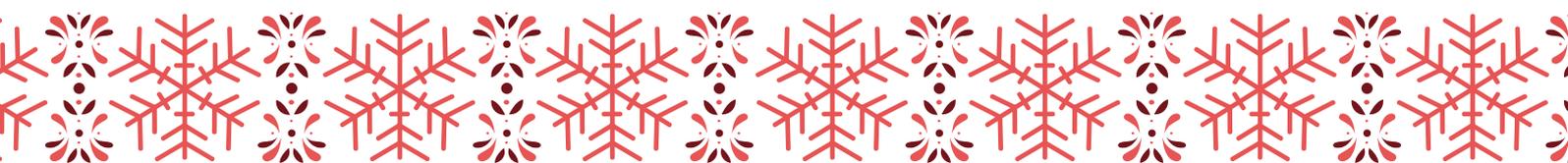


Christmas Office Closure

Last Day: Friday 18th December 2020

Reopening: Thursday 14th January 2021

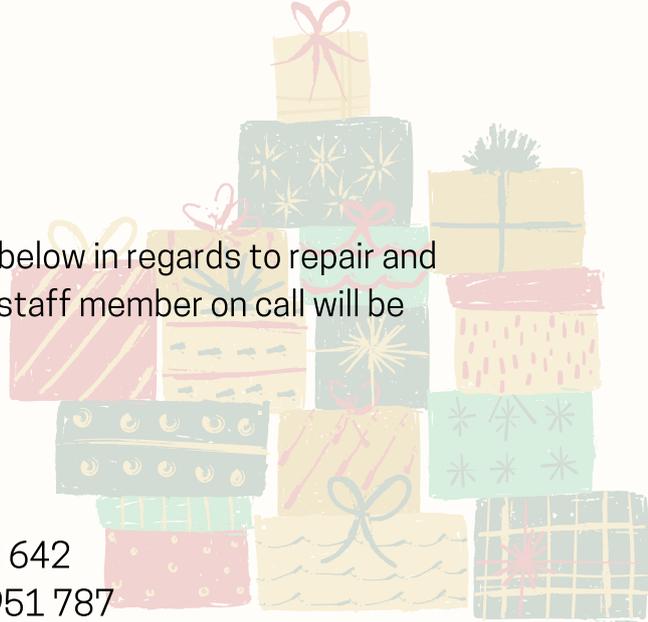
GGAC Management and Staff would like to thank you for your support over the past year and wish you all best wishes and safe travels to you and your families over the Christmas holiday break.



Emergency Contacts

Over the Christmas Break

If you are unable to get a hold of any of the following below in regards to repair and maintenance, please contact 0439 427 503 and the staff member on call will be able to assist you



Armidale

Plumber: Ryan 0488 203 642
Electrician: Anthony 0408 951 787
Handyman: Heath 0402 301 613

Collarenebri / Moree / Mungindi

Plumber: Luke 0400 577 460
Electrician: Bruce 0427 746 186
Handyman: Darren Squires 0480 256 568

Gunnedah

Plumber: Shane Hobbs 0427 100 582
Electrician: Thomson Electrical 0412 633 338
Handyman: Darren Loftus 0429 005 174

Inverell / Ashford

Plumber: Simon 0424 531 327
Electrician: Sapphire City Solar 0418 693 641
Ashford Handyman: Boyd Williams 0427 185 550

Tamworth

Plumber: Pete (02) 6765 3235 or 0408 612 780
Electrician: Dutton Electrical - Anthony 0408 951 787
Handyman: Angus 0429 999 582

Walcha

Plumber: Adam 0428 587 304
Electrician: Anthony 0408 951 787
Handyman: IJ Cameron 6777 1190

Walhallow / Quirindi / Werris Creek

Plumber: Brian 6746 1616
Electrician: Scott 0429 999 391 OR Peter 0427 817 598
Handyman: Steve 0427 463 277 OR Darren 0429 005 174



STAFF PROFILE

Tammy Bush
Finance Team Leader



What is your role at Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation?

I am the Finance Team Leader and have been working with Gunida Gunyah for 14 years.

Where are you from?

Born and bred in Gunnedah

Describe yourself in three words.

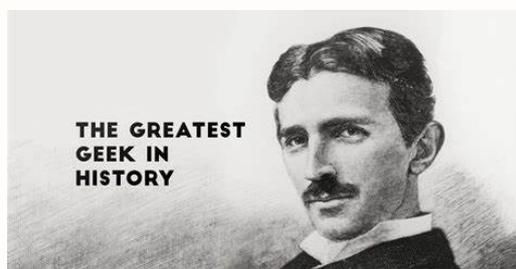
Loyal, honest and hard working

What is your favourite indoor/outdoor activity?

Reading and playing basketball

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would it be?

Nikola Tesla



TENANT TALK UP

**Irene Bartholomew
Walcha**



Where are you from?

Inverell, born and bred.

Tell us a bit about yourself; hobbies, family, friends, growing up etc.

Was a great hockey & softball player, very athletic and loved sport.

Enjoyed school and loved the area and lifestyle.

My parents have deceased as well as one of my sisters and brother, which leaves 2 sisters and a brother I have left. I miss them terribly.

How would people describe you?

Ok, I guess.

What/who motivates you?

Mixing with people, I love meeting and talking with others.

How do you define 'family' & 'culture'?

Very important. Family and culture influences the way we think, feel, and act.

You know things like your morality, beliefs, value and traditions.

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

Its ok, I live in a really good flat. Very happy.

How have you been coping during Covid-19?

Not too good, I'm suffering a lot.

Is there a quote, work, sentence or any tips you could share with everyone during this pandemic, what would it be?

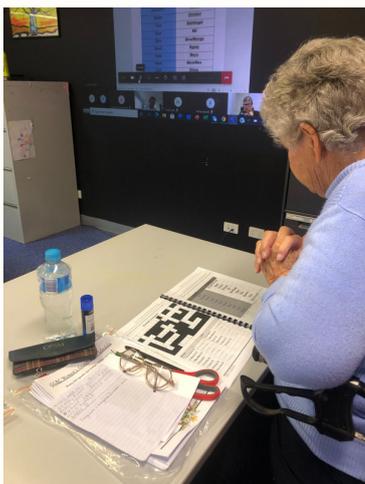
Chat with your mates, is the best advice I think.

Pacific National Kindly Donate Defibrillator

Gunida Gunyah is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people and the wider community through delivery of meaningful programs. Recently Pacific National kindly donated Gunida Gunyah a Defibrillator. Having the Defibrillator onsite will make a big difference if we ever are to have an emergency as we grow to run more programs through the hub with ages ranging. Thank you Pacific National, we find this donation truly amazing.



GGAC's Women's Group Take Part in an Aboriginal Language Course



GGAC's Women's Group had an interest in learning Aboriginal language as some of them had never had the chance being taught it. Gunida Gunyah made contact with Dubbo TAFE earlier in the year and the ladies have been completing a Certificate 1 in Fundamental Aboriginal Languages and will finish in June 2021. Since Covid the women have even had to learn the new way of communicating through classes being taught through an online system called Microsoft Teams which they have never had to do before but the women were lucky enough to have Aunt Beth and Uncle John Wright who run the language class make a special trip to Gunnedah last Tuesday the 1st of December to run the last lesson for 2020. During their visit Aunt Beth and Uncle John bought along their emu eggs and feathers to tell their stories and had the women complete two of their assessments with each of them passing.

ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program to Help Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation assist individuals experiencing sudden homelessness

As Published by the Namoi Valley Independent

An Initiative which is being rolled out across regional Australia will help alleviate the burden placed on Gunnedah individuals experiencing sudden homelessness.

The ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program will soon begin providing \$250,000 in grants to 26 community groups across regional areas, especially those affected by recent bushfires.

The Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation is one of the recipients, receiving \$15,000 to help with work on the ground to provide temporary emergency accommodation relief.

Gunida Gunyah's chief executive officer Jane Bender says the funding will provide a lot of families with support, particularly given the rise in domestic violence related cases due to the continued fallout from COVID-19.

"We quite often get inquiries from people - whether it be someone fleeing domestic violence or someone that's just lost their job, or their house - that are seeking very responsive overnight accommodation just to be safe or secure for that night or two and have a meal," she said.

"The funding that we have received from ANZ will enable us to provide a quicker response."

Gunida Gunyah are also launching a transitional housing program and ANZ are offering support workers to lend a hand.

The grant will not only contribute to the costs of food and basic necessities, but also the costs associated with having a support worker on call and available after hours and over the weekend to ensure the service is responsive and available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The ANZ support staff will work to secure medium to long-term accommodation and help them access relevant community services and programs through client advocacy, referral and resources.

Ms Bender said the program was a great way to build a relationship with the local branch of the bank in Gunnedah, and also ANZ itself.

"I'm sure they bring some expertise to any volunteering role," she said.

"We're very pleased to receive the grant, it will help a lot of people, it will make a difference with on the ground work - it's not going to make a long-term difference to anybody's life but it's going to make sure that people are safe and secure."



A message from Compliance



If you receive a letter about damage to your property

As we close 2020, the Compliance department at Gunyah would like to wish all our tenants a very happy Christmas and New Year.

This year we have achieved great results with tenants paying their rent on-time and in-advance. Thank you to all who entered agreements and worked with us to achieve our goals together.

In 2021, we will be concentrating on damages. We will send out what we call a Rectification Letter.

A tenant rectification is intended to assist in resolution of disputes about repairs with your landlord.

Gunida Gunyah will be sending out letters to tenants who have damage to their property. This letter will detail the damage that needs repair and provide a suitable timeframe to have the damage fixed.

If the tenant has not repaired the damage, or if the tenant does not wish to enter an agreement with Gunida Gunyah to get the damage repaired then we will ask the Commissioner for Fair Trading, to send an investigator to assess the damage.

The basic process involves, the investigator gathering information and reviewing relevant documents.

If an agreement between the tenant and landlord can be reached, the investigator will complete a 'complaint report' which records what each party has agreed to.

If the investigator believes that a party has not met their obligations, a rectification order will be issued to rectify or complete the work by a due date.

More information will be available next year and we encourage you to contact us and have a yarn about this new procedure.

Youth Program

The Youth Group will soon finish their 9 week program with Tamworth and Kootingal Horse Riding Adventures as the year comes to an end. The youth have been participating in an engagement program doing a range of team building activities; the programs aims to assist youth in developing their own journey and inspires them to connect with their emotions using the horses. Each week we've recieved great feedback from Jason and Christine and see an outstanding difference in each individual achieving their goals and participating in activities they felt they couldn't in the beginning. We would like to thank Jason and Christine for all their time, effort and support they have spent over the past 9 weeks working with the boys, below are some photos taken over the weeks of the ptoqram.



Basket Weaving

Over the last two months Warranggal Dhiyan partnered with Telisha from Centacare to run a basket weaving group every Thursday. Women of all ages were invited to participate in the program learning how to weave their very own baskets, we have had great feedback from each of the women who have participated and gave them the opportunity to meet new people. We hope to continue basket weaving in the New Year.



Tuning into Kids

Tuning into Kids Parenting Program aims to assist parents with strategies around talking to their children, understanding children, assisting their children in managing their emotions, help in preventing behavioural problems in their children as well as teaching their child to deal with conflict. Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence have great success in making and keeping friends, better concentration at school, are more able to calm down when upset and tend to have less childhood illnesses. This was delivered every Monday from 10am to 12pm during November and December; there was also a zoom session on Wednesday nights for clients that weren't able to attend the Monday sessions.

