



NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA

GATHERING BY THE BAY

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the first publication of Djambana News!

It's so good to be in the position to be able to let you all know what's been going on at Nairm Marr Djambana since lockdown.

Due to COVID19 Stage 4 restrictions only essential staff have been allowed to work at Nairm Marr Djambana. So that meant only Kalie & Jason were allowed on site. The staff have been working hard to keep programs going using Zoom, and we are happy with the result. We have been able to deliver Women's Program, Art Classes, our Kirrup Playtime and had a go at cooking classes (more about this next time).

Kalie & Jason have been transporting our Elders to their Specialist medical appointments, doing pick up and drop offs of medication, delivering weekly activities to the Kirrup's (children) and delivery of prepared meals to our members in need. We take our hats off to Kalie & Jason, who have worked tirelessly throughout COVID19 to respond to community.

We welcome our new gathering place coordinator, Naaz Stojkova. Naaz has extensive experience in Community Development (around the world) and is also a qualified lawyer. Naaz is currently working from home.

We were in the middle of recruiting a Chef when COVID19 Stage 4 hit so that has been suspended. Our amazing volunteer Chefs Ryan Flaherty and Tim Hollands have been cooking up a storm and is helping us until the restrictions are lifted and they can return to their normal jobs. I can't begin to thank them enough, big hearts - both - we have made friends for life

On a sad note, Selina resigned with us and is off to pursue bigger and better things. As you all know, Selina has been a big part of the Nairm family and we wish her all the very best as she explores new opportunities. Thank you, Selina.

We are working hard towards getting our programs and building ready for your safe return. Did you happen to see the Member of Dunkley, Peta Murphy, mentioned Nairm when she met with the Minister in Canberra? She is one of our biggest supporters and we can't thank her enough. Check out her Facebook post



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirrup playtime every Thursday at 10.00am. we read dreamtime stories, and create crafts related to dreamtime stories. Participants are provided with the resources one day prior to the activity

Women's group every Friday at 10.00am coffee and a yarn supporting each other through isolation.

Call us on 9783 1521 to join the zoom session or SMS your email address and the program you want to join on 0448511521, or contact us via our Facebook

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MEET NAAZ- GATHERING PLACE COORDINATOR



Hi I am. Naaz. I'm delighted to be joining the team at Nairm Marr Djambana and I hope to meet you all in person. I have been a great advocate in protecting human rights here in Australia and overseas and working with the Indigenous community is a great passion of mine. I have lived in 9 countries but I call Australia home. I love learning about new cultures and new languages and looking forward to learning from you. I love coffee, tea, love spicy food and I don't like rice. :-)

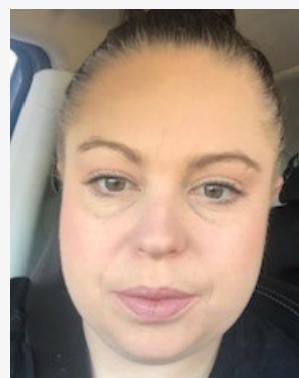


JASON- OUTREACH SUPPORT

Our Jason continued to provide outreach services including taking clients to their medical appointments. Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have delivered close to 800 meals and 90 COVID care pack kits to our community members in need.

KALIE- KIRRUP , WOMEN'S GROUP, SMUDGE STICK

Kalie has been busy entertaining and engaging our community via zoom. Kalie has been busy running online sessions for Kirrup kids which includes dreamtime stories, arts and craft, 2 weeks women's workshop to make cleansing and healing smudge sticks using traditional bush medicine and other healing plants and an art workshop for all ages. It is worth noting our women's Wayapa sessions has turned into a women's yarning circle as Covid has had a negative effect on our women's mental health.



CULTURAL CORNER

We had a fun cup cake zoom party to celebrate the National Aboriginal Children's day on 4 August 2020. We all yarned and enjoyed our famous cupcakes delivered to our children. On the same day we also co-hosted the Casey Gathering Place Disco !

