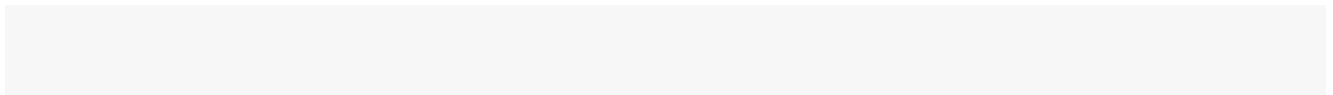


# OONAH

ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



## JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL GATHERING

### A visit from the Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner - Andrea Kelly

Time: 2 PM - 4 PM

Location: Oonah

1A Badger Creek Rd Healesville

This event is for Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander

People aged 50+

Come and share your experiences, thoughts, and concerns regarding Aged Care with the Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner

**Afternoon Tea Provided**

**Special Gifts for Attendees**

As a token of appreciation for your participation, special gifts will be provided to all attendees.



## Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner Visit

**17th APRIL**

We invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals aged 50 and above. Your experiences, thoughts, and concerns regarding Aged Care are invaluable, and we invite you to share them with the Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner.

Engage in meaningful discussions, enjoy afternoon tea and receive special gifts as a token of our appreciation

For more information and RSVP, please contact [oonah@oonah.org.au](mailto:oonah@oonah.org.au). Your participation is highly valued, and we look forward to seeing you there.

[Learn More](#)

## Yarra Ranges Council Access, Equity & Inclusion Strategy

**3rd May**

If you do, or you know someone who has a

disability, a long-term health condition and/or chronic illness, or are an unpaid carer who lives, studies, works or plays in Yarra Ranges?

The current Equity Access and Inclusion Strategy (Disability Action Plan) is coming to an end. We are reviewing the actions in that plan and developing a new Strategy. Your feedback will help achieve this!

Shire of Yarra Ranges wants your feedback on how accessible you find their buildings, facilities, communications, processes and services, and any suggestions you have for improvement. This will help us better understand and meet the needs and expectations of our community.

[Learn More](#)

**Yarra Ranges Council  
Access, Equity & Inclusion Strategy**

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**Time: 10:30am-11:30am**  
**Location: Oonah**  
**1A Badger Creek Rd Healesville**

**Morning Tea Provided**  
Participants will also be compensated for their time with a \$50 gift voucher!




**ELDER CARE SUPPORT**

**Cup of Yarns**



This program is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Elders and Carers, we are here to support you to access aged care services.

So come along for a cuppa or barista-made coffee and have a yarn with staff and Mob.

**WHERE: Oonah 1A Badger Creek Rd Healesville**  
Monday's 10 am - 12 pm



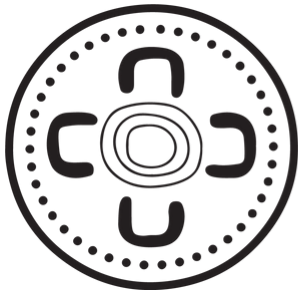
**Elder Care Support**  
Community-led Pathways to Care

## Cup of Yarns- Elder Care Support

**Mondays at Oonah**

Come along for a cuppa and have a yarn with staff and Mob.

[Learn More](#)



# OONAH

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May 2023

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING**  
BLAK LOUD AND PROUD

**EMR NAIDOC BALL 2024**

**JULY 5th**

**TICKETS**

**6:30 PM TO 11 PM**  
LEONDA BY THE YARRA  
2 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn

SIT DOWN MEAL WITH SOFT DRINKS  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
AWARD CEREMONY  
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE AT BAR PRICES

[emrnaidoc.com](http://emrnaidoc.com)

## EMR NAIDOC Ball 2024

Tickets are now on sale for the EMR NAIDOC Ball 2024.

There are Free Community tickets for Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

\*Please check before purchasing a ticket if you work for an organisation that might be a sponsor. They may already have a ticket for you.

For more information please click on the links below.

[TICKETS](#)

[WEBSITE](#)

Nominations for the awards are still open.....download a form from the website

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## Youth NAIDOC Ball

Nominations and registrations are now open. For more information please contact: [events@oonah.org.au](mailto:events@oonah.org.au)

[NOMINATION FORM](#)



**YOUTH NAIDOC BALL 2024**  
**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING**

**SAT JULY 27TH**  
**KARRALYKA**  
**5 PM -9 PM**

Please join us in celebrating our Young Mob's deadly achievements at the Oonah Youth NAIDOC Award Ceremony and Ball. This is for young people aged 7-17 years and their families in the Inner and Outer East.

**AWARD CEREMONY**  
**RED CARPET**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**DINNER AND SOFT DRINK**  
**DRESS YOUR BEST**

**FREE EVENT**  
To register please email: [events@oonah.org.au](mailto:events@oonah.org.au) for a Registration Form with YOUTH NAIDOC in the subject line

Karralyka  
Mines Rd, Ringwood

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## National Sorry Day

**Join us to honour and pay our respects to members of the Stolen Generation**

Sunday May 26th

11 am to 12:30 pm

Oonah 1 A Badger Creek Rd

Healesville

This event is for Aboriginal and/or Torres





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**May 26th**

11 am to 12:30 pm  
Oonah 1A Badger Creek Rd  
Healesville

There will be a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony followed by a light lunch

This event is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified Community and their partners/carers

RSVP: Gail Crozier 0448 316 370  
either by direct phone call or text message

Strait Islander identified Community and their partners /carers

[Learn More](#)

## Flu Vax Clinic

Oonah will be running a Flu Vax clinic on Tuesday 28th May.....

Limited appointments available

Please call us on 0439 188 604 or 5962 2940 to book an appointment time.



## FLU VAX CLINIC Tuesday 28th May

Oonah 1A Badger Creek Rd  
Healesville

**Limited appointments available**


To book an appointment please call 0439 188 604 or 5962 2940  
email [medical@oonah.org.au](mailto:medical@oonah.org.au)

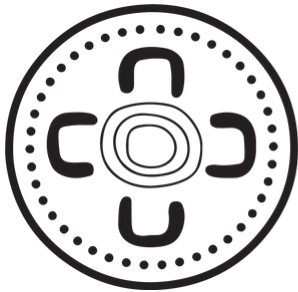
\*Please note this is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified peoples.

Your Street Address  
Your Phone Number

Share on social



Check out my website 



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**August 2024**

## **EMR NAIDOC 2024**



We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's EMR NAIDOC Ball & Award Ceremony. It was an absolute blast and amazing to share with you. It couldn't have happened without our amazing sponsors, our fabulous venue, our performers and all our committee, so a huge thank you to them. Congratulations to all the award winners, such wonderful contributions to Community and well deserved. And a final grand thank you to everyone who attended, thank you for your joy, enthusiasm and deadly dance moves!

## **EMR NAIDOC AWARD WINNERS**



**Youth Sports Award**  
Winner: Luke Chandler  
**Sponsored By**  
Yarra Ranges Council



**Youth Education/Employment Award**  
Winner: Nikita Aldridge  
**Sponsored By**  
Swinburne University



**Non-Indigenous Award**  
Winner: Lynne Pharoah-Hamer  
**Sponsored By**  
Oonah Aboriginal Health & Community Services



**Community Award**  
Winner: Thane Garvey  
**Sponsored By**  
VACCA



**Arts Award**  
Winner: Lewis Wandin-Bursill  
**Sponsored By**  
Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place



**Business Award**  
Winner: Keedan Rigney of Cornelius Paint  
**Sponsored By**  
NGWALA





**Caring For Country**  
Winner: Uncle Dave Wandin  
**Sponsored By**  
Karen Milward Consultancy



**Elder Award**  
Winner: Aunty Martha Chandler  
**Sponsored By**  
Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal  
Healing Centre

Click the button below to view the incredible photos captured from the night!

Photo Gallery

## Oonah Youth NAIDOC Ball 2024



The 2024 Oonah Youth NAIDOC Ball was an unforgettable celebration of Culture, Community, and fun! Held at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood, the event was a huge success, bringing together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth for an evening filled with joy and excitement.

Guests enjoyed a delicious sit-down meal before the highlight of the night the awards ceremony, where young achievers were recognised for their outstanding contributions. The energy soared when Indigenous Outreach Projects took to the stage, getting everyone on the dance floor with their lively performance. The night was made even more memorable with a fun photo booth, capturing moments of laughter and friendship.

As the evening drew to a close, guests were treated to a sweet surprise – everyone went home with a doughnut to enjoy! The Oonah Youth NAIDOC Ball



was truly a night of celebration and Community spirit.

## AWARD WINNERS

**Caring for Country Award**

GEORGE BUCKLEY

**Sporting Achievement Award**

AMARLI NORTH

**Deadly Arts & Culture Award**

SHIVAYA SODHI

**Future Leader Award**

MILLAH RENOUF

**Kid's Choice Award**

JARLO WANDIN

**Keep the Fire Burning Award**

MADDISON SMITH-COONEY

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## TUCKER BAG



Our Tucker Bag program runs every Friday, offering a wonderful selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, pantry staples, freezer items, and

fridge essentials to support our Community.

Each week, you can book in to reserve your spot and pick up a box filled with produce and food items. Grab some ready-made meals, generously donated by FareShare. These delicious, healthy meals are a great addition making it even easier to prepare nourishing food for your family.

We have single serves and family sizes.

Book your spot today it's easy, available to all Community members

Friday's 1pm to 3pm

TEXT 0447 472 983

Simply send us a text with the name, number of adults/children and your preferred time of pick up between 1pm and 3pm.

Please note TEXT only.

This phone will not be monitored MON-WED, you can text any day of the week please do not call. We will text back with a confirmation of the time.

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## Oonah Youth Create a Music Video with Indigenous Outreach Projects



Our youth recently had an amazing experience creating a music video in partnership with Indigenous Outreach Projects! From writing the song to filming the video, they poured their creativity and energy into every step

of the process. The project was filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of fun, and the final result is something they're incredibly proud of. We're thrilled to share their hard work with the Community. To check out the finished product, click the link below and enjoy the music video created by our talented youth, staff and Indigenous Outreach Projects!

Watch Here

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## Cup of Yarns



We invite our Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander Elders and Carers to drop in for a cuppa or a barista-made coffee at Oonah Healesville every Monday from 10 am to 12 pm. This is more than just a morning tea it's an opportunity to connect with staff and Mob in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

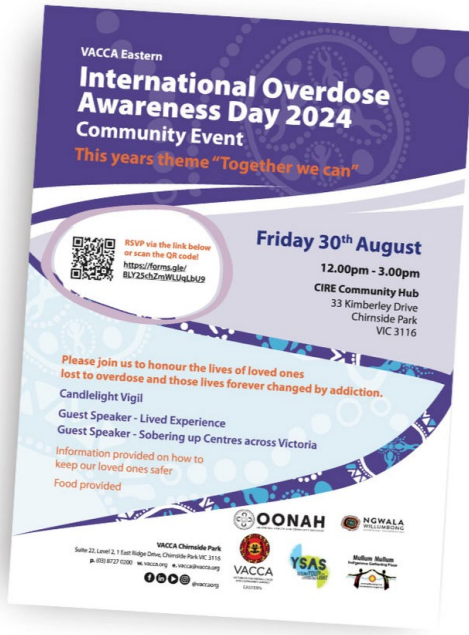
Whether you want to share stories, catch up with old friends, or simply enjoy a good conversation, we're here for you. Our team is also available to offer support and guidance in accessing aged care services, ensuring our Elders and Carers receive the help they need.

This weekly gathering is a great way to stay connected with the community while enjoying a delicious coffee. So come along, have a



yarn, and let us support you on your journey.  
For more information, please contact Megan at 0492 880 894.

## Events



### International Overdose Awareness Day 2024 Friday 30th August

Oonah will be providing transport from Healesville to the International Overdose Awareness Day 2024 for our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Please call or text 0492880892 to reserve your spot.

Click the link below to see our upcoming programs and services

September Calendar

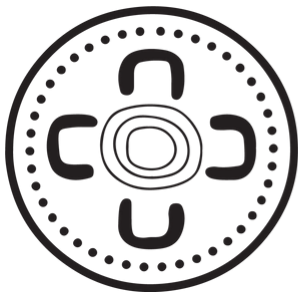
### SEPTEMBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Cup of Yarns	2 Youth Club Killyth Primary Cup of Yarns	3 Beautiful Sheel Project Breast Screen	4 Youth Club Healesville	5 Deadly Young Leaders Paediatric clinic	6 Tucker Bag Playgroup	7
8 Cup of Yarns	9 Youth Club Killyth Primary Cup of Yarns	10	11 Youth Club Healesville	12 Deadly Young Leaders Paediatric clinic	13 Tucker Bag Playgroup	14
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22 Cup of Yarns	23	24 Audiology Clinic	25	26 Tucker Bag	27 AFL Public Holiday	28
29 Cup of Yarns	30					

School Holidays
  AFL Public Holiday
 Stay tuned for more information on Oonah's activities on our Website Facebook and Instagram!

Check out my website



# OONAH

ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**October 2024**

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## **Yoorrook Truth- Telling Days**

Oonah Aboriginal Health & Community Services

and Yoorrook invite you to attend our info session to learn how to share your truth. There will be an opportunity to make group or individual submissions to Yoorrook on the day.

Join us to talk truth & help make recommendations for change.

Light refreshments provided

Friday 18th October 10 am - 3:30 pm

For more information contact Nikki at 0487 888 655



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OONAH  
**18 OCT 2024**

**Friday 18th October**  
10am -3:30pm  
Oonah  
1a Badger Creek Rd, Healesville



Open to all Oonah community members

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
NIKKI MADGWICK | 0487 888 655

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## Oonah Celebrates 15 years of Community Control Health

Join us in celebrating 15 years of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health  
in the  
**Eastern Metro Region!**

Wednesday 30th October 3:30pm -6:30pm

OONAH Community members will have the chance to share their valued feedback and help guide our direction moving forward. Each adult who shares their feedback on the day will receive a special edition 15 Year OONAH t-shirt! Woodfire pizza and kids' activities will also be available for the family to enjoy. Community can drop in anytime during the event, we hope to see you there!

To register please click on the link below to download a form or contact:

[events@oonah.org.au](mailto:events@oonah.org.au)

0487 888 655



RSVP: 16th October 2024

Registration Link



**OONAHS**  
**15**  
**YEAR**  
**CELEBRATION**

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RSVP: 16th October 2024

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## Welcome Baby to Country

Saturday

16th November

10am to 12pm

Oonah is excited to host another Welcome Baby to Country Ceremony for children aged 0-5 years. Spaces are limited, so be sure to register early to secure your spot!

This event is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified

children only.

Lunch is provided, with a gift bag for each registered child attending the Ceremony.

RSVP: No Later than 30th October

**To register please click on the link below to download a registration form or contact**

events@oonah.org.au

Phone: 0487 888 655

[Registration Link](#)



# WELCOME BABY TO COUNTRY 0-5 YEARS

## Saturday

### 16th November 2024

### 10am to 12pm

Please note the Ceremony starts promptly at 10 am  
If you arrive later you risk missing the Ceremony

Lunch provided, with a gift bag for each  
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Phone: 0487 888 655

1a Badger Creek Rd  
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**NOVEMBER 2024**

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Registration for our Community Christmas Party has been extended!

This celebration is open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members who have engaged with our programs and services this year. To access the registration form, simply click the link below.

Send completed forms to [events@oonah.org.au](mailto:events@oonah.org.au) or

Phone: 0487 888 655

[Registration Form](#)



 **OONAH**  
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**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday  
30th November  
10am - 1pm**

**HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY**

Come and celebrate with Oonah Community!  
Explore the natural bushland environment where paths wind through different habitat areas showcasing wallabies, wombats, kangaroos, and over 200 native birds!

**Brolga Function Room**  
Lunch Provided

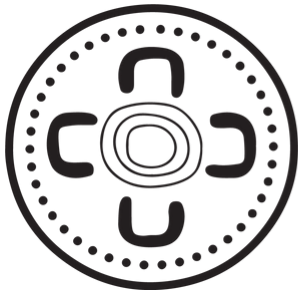
**REGISTRATIONS EXTENDED**  
**Close Monday 18th November**



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DECEMBER 2024

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The entire Oonah team would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas.



We will be closed from 23rd December, re-opening January 2nd.  
If you need support or assistance during this time, please see the  
support services listed below.

If it is an emergency, please call: 000

Supports:

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800

Yarning Safe n Strong: 1800 95 95 63

Lifeline: 13 11 14

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# Surf's Up! Fam Day

Grab your board shorts and shades because it's time to catch some waves with the fam!

Oonah are partnering with Surfing Victoria to bring a fun-filled day of surfing that the whole family can enjoy. We will be providing bus transport to and from Inverloch for registered families, with light lunch provided.

Please note, this is not a child-minding event. All children must be supervised by a parent/carer.

## 20th January 2025

**Time:** Bus transport 8:45 am Gather at Oonah  
Depart 9am sharp  
5pm Arrive back at Oonah

**Location:** Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club  
163 Surf Parade, Inverloch Vic 3996

**RSVP:** By 9th January 2025  
events@oonah.org.au  
Nikki 0487 888 655


### What to bring:

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Snacks
- Sunnies
- Change of Clothes
- Wet Bag/Plastic Bag



[Registration Form](#)

Registrations are now open for the Surf's Up Family Day!  
Due to its overwhelming popularity, we're excited to bring this event back in collaboration with Surfing Victoria.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**


# **BASKETBALL CLINIC**

**Wednesday 15th January**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Location: Fairhills High School, Scoresby Rd, Knoxfield**

- **Ages 10 to 15 years**
- **Giveaways**
- **Lunch provided**
- **Transport available from Healesville**

**\* seats are limited**

**Registration is essential please contact [events@oonah.org.au](mailto:events@oonah.org.au) for a registration form**  
**RSVP by Friday 10th January**



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Registrations are now open for the School Holiday Basketball Clinic

[Registration Form](#)



# 2024 Highlights





