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Newsletter of the NSW AECG Inc.

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40 Years
Strong
1977 - 2017



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The NSW AECG Inc. would like to Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

President's Message



This year the NSW AECG celebrates 40 years in existence and we are still going strong. Unfortunately the AECG is needed just as much now as it ever has. The AECG continues to be the voice of Aboriginal people and our communities on issues that affect our gaining and accessing an education. We play such an important role in being the voice for our community. Everyone that volunteers those tireless hours should be congratulated for the part they play in ensuring that those voices are heard.

We have achieved so many things over the past 40 years but, unfortunately we still have more to do. But let's take some time to reflect on our achievements and celebrate our 40 years!!!!

AGM and 40th Anniversary Dinner

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held in Sydney on Gadigal Country. The proceedings started with a Welcome to Country from Auntie Barbara Simms Keely and the lighting of the candle. A dance performance was then given by students from Alexandria Park Community School.

The AGM was significant this year in that it was the 40th anniversary of the NSW AECG.

After the usual apologies and housekeeping arrangements, delegates and attendees proceeded through the itinerary with vigorous and robust discussion. Later in the day, Raymond Ingrey acted as the returning officer for the election of office bearer positions for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 AMC members. The following day, the dinner was held with a variety of speeches and slide show memories highlighting 40 years of the AECG. Special guests in attendance included the Hon. Linda Burney MP, Member for Barton.

Highlight of the evening dinner, is the presentation of major awards. These were as follows:
Top HSC Aboriginal Studies Result 2016 – Darcy Dunlop from Gosford Selective High School.
Top Aboriginal student in HSC Aboriginal Studies 2016 – Alanna Reneman from Pittwater High School.

HSC Aboriginal Studies Teacher Recognition Award 2016 – Hayley Saunders from Mackellar Girls High School, Northern Beaches Senior Campus.

AECG Life Member – Tom Flanders

AECG Associate Life Member – John Picton











COLLARENEBRI CENTRAL SCHOOL

Art Mural

Yaama ngindaay. Being the Aboriginal Language Teacher at our school is a privilege and honour. I teach students from Kindergarten to Year 8. Even though Language is one aspect of revitalisation and maintenance of an endangered language, Culture has to be embedded through each step of the way, so our students experience a holistic approach throughout their language and culture journey at our school.

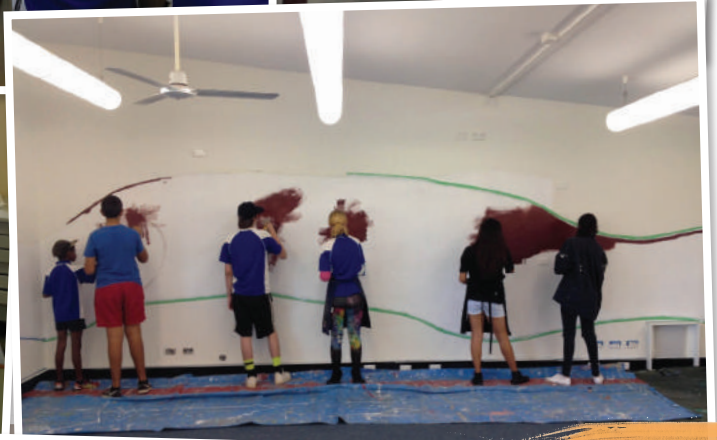
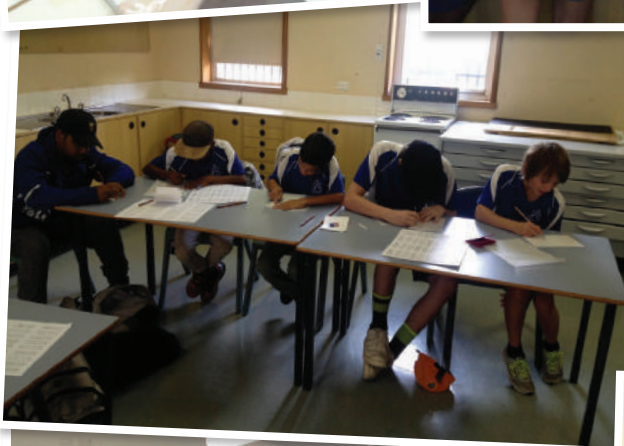
We are very fortunate to have Liz and Sam with their expertise to help guide all the students with their artwork. In which they can be proud because we are all unique. Having the mural in the community room, where all language classes are taught will reinforce to the students, community members and visitors to our school, that we are proud of our Gamilaraay heritage - that our school and most importantly ourselves, believe in preserving our Language and Culture for future generations.

What an amazing start to the project! In just four days nearly the whole school has created a design, a printing template and a beautiful coloured print. Community members have been in the classroom this week guiding students on the importance of Culture as they work with drawn lines, (not dots), in their designs from modified patterns inspired by the Carved trees of Collymungle.

The mural is a joint project between Collarenebri Central School and the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. In the classroom this week were; John Boy McGregor representing local and state AECG, Lavinia Flick and Peter Adams from CLALC, Anton Jakitsch, Karen Flick SLSSO, Arron Hinch AEO, and Linda Moore. It's also great to see ex-students who have worked with Liz previously returning to school to participate in this project. All are welcome to take part.

**Karen Flick,
Aboriginal Language Teacher**







What positions have you held with the AECG?

I was a junior member when I was in school. As soon as I turned 18 I joined the Local AECG in 2011. I became the Secretary for Ballina/ Cabbage tree Island Local AECG, then in 2012 I was voted in as Upper North Coast Regional Secretary. I only had one year off for both.

What was your favourite thing to do growing up?

Sports. I really enjoyed playing Rugby league



Do you have a favourite sport (person/team)?

My favourite person would have to be a local rugby league player Leslie Roberts and my favourite team Canterbury Bulldogs.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I wanted to become a football player or teacher.



What are your favourite TV shows/Movie?

I'm a kid at heart I love superhero shows. I love Batman.

Are you reading anything at the moment?

No



Who is your hero/role model?

Superhero is Batman. Role model is Aunty Nita

Roberts for all the things that she does for the AECG and the Community.

Who is your favourite singer or band?

Guy Sebastian



If you can have a super power what would it be?

To fly



What is your favourite food?

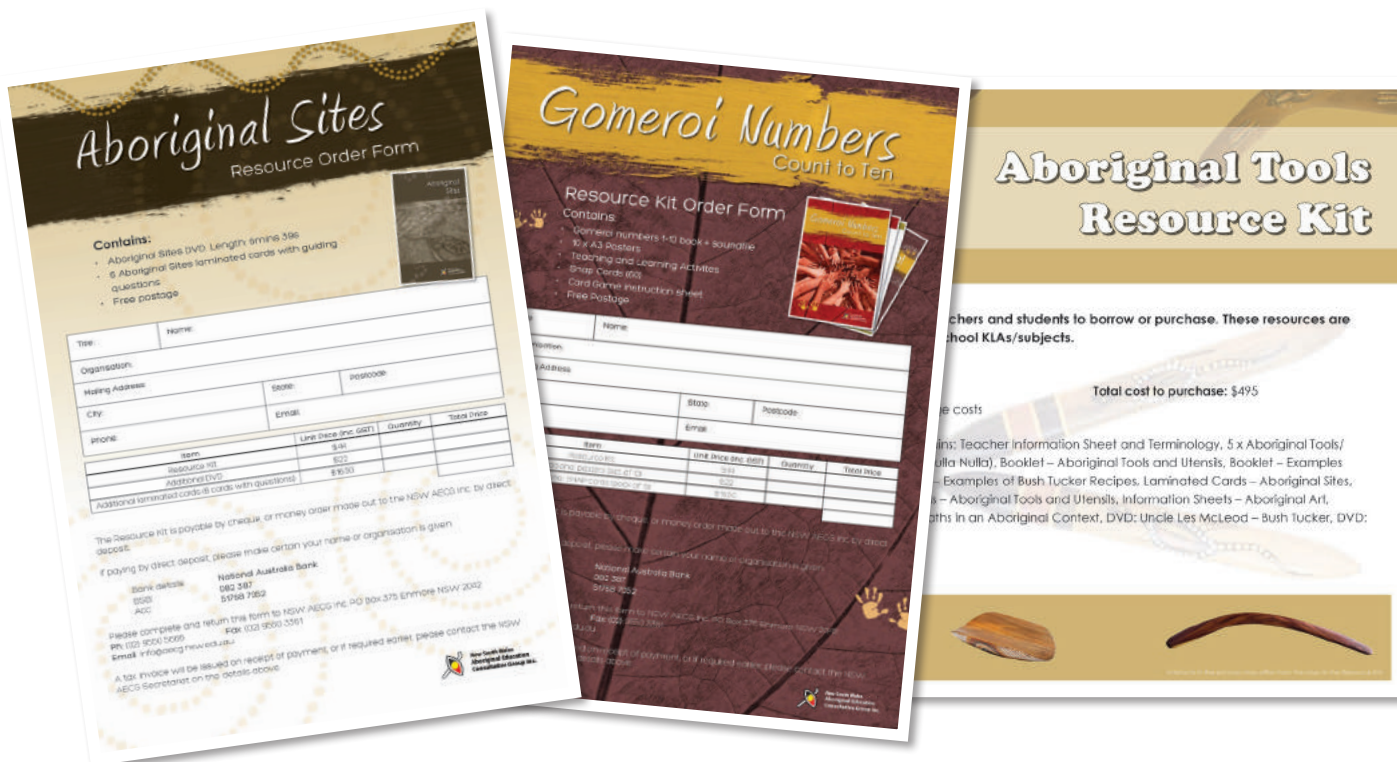
Desserts



Resources & Professional Learning

This year the NSW AECG are again running Professional Learning workshops throughout the state. For further information or to register your interest, please contact our Curriculum Officer, Dave Lardner on (02) 9550 5666 or dave.lardner@aecg.nsw.edu.au

Resources will also be available through our website: www.aecg.nsw.edu.au





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