

OONAH

ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome Children to Country 5-10

Saturday 25th February

Mooroolbark Pop-Up

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 15th March

Community Open Day

Thursday 2nd March

Podiatry

Friday 31st March

Call Oonah on

03 5962 2940

to make a booking
or register.

OONAH Programs

Wominjeka Warriors

Monday 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Friday 2:30pm-4 pm

Earth, Heart, Spirit

Tuesday's 10:00am -

12:00 pm

Youth Club

Wednesday's 3:30pm-

5:30pm

Playgroup

Friday's 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Craft Group

Friday's 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Tucker Bag

Friday's 12:30pm-3:00 pm

Netball Sponsorship Update



Photo: Zoe and Miah

Oonah sponsored Miah Pearce last year so she could participate in the Victorian Seven Sisters Netball Program.

Miah had an amazing experience, she played several positions GK, GA, and GS over the carnival.

They played 10 games over the 6 days, they didn't win many but Miah said that wasn't important to her, she valued the experience.

She loved watching the other teams, especially those who played the same position as her. Observing how they played, she was able to learn new skills and tricks.

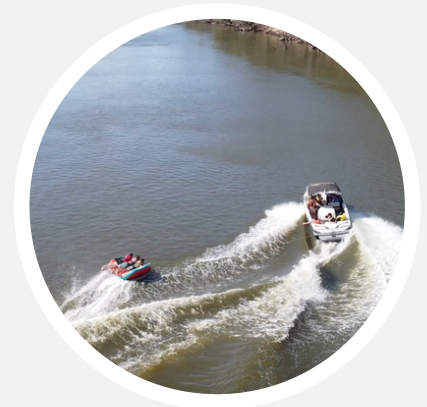
She also loved sitting and watching the coach's bench to see the different ways that the coaches managed their teams.

Miah had the amazing opportunity to meet Donnell Wallam, she was the third Indigenous Netballer to represent the Australian Diamonds.

-Mel Pearce

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Summer Camp



The Young Women and Young Warriors and the Oonah SEWB team experienced a camp to remember during the summer school holidays at the Murray Life Adventures Camp in Torrumbarry. We kicked it off with two very hot days! Sweat, dust and flies!

Followed by the most spectacular thunderstorm! Despite the weather, we all managed to have an amazing time and created memories that will be long lasting. We enjoyed so many activities, including the giant swing, the flying fox and rock climbing. The major highlights of the trip would have to be riding the biscuit on the back of the speedboat and the many hours of fishing that we all enjoyed. The kids definitely outdid the staff with our fishing challenge! We all enjoyed a day trip in Echuca, eating lunch at the local bakery and riding the horse and carriage around the town. The trip to Torrumbarry Weir was an experience to remember. We were based on the edge of the Murray river which meant there were plenty of opportunities to jump in the river to cool off while watching the paddle steamers and water skiers pass by. We can't wait for our next big adventure!

-Sam Broadbent

Welcome

Kayla

Administration Support
Playgroup and Youth Club

Hi, my name is Kayla and I am a proud Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung woman. I have two children aged 3 and 5, and have lived in Healesville for the majority of my life. My role at Oonah is assisting with Administration and Reception, as well as co-facilitator for Playgroup and part of the Youth Club team. I'm determined to teach young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children from Community about their Culture through play and fun activities and always having a link back to their heritage. I am also currently studying Cert III Early Childhood Education, I'm excited about this role and what the year holds for us at Oonah.

Kim

Corporate Support

My name is Kim and I am excited to be joining Oonah as Corporate Support Officer. My background is working in administration for Real Estate and as a Legal Secretary when I lived in Sydney for 10 years. My family and I have lived in Healesville for 22 years and have always been a big part of the broader Community with my son playing football and cricket for Healesville. My parents and grandparents were also a big part of the town and resided here for many, many years. I am very much looking forward to my new role and what challenges it may bring.

Lea

Best Start Facilitator
Playgroup and Youth Club

Hi, my name is Lea. I have taken on the role of Playgroup Coordinator, Best Start Facilitator and Youth Club support. I hold a Diploma in Children Services and have 17 years of experience working in long day care, sessional kindergarten, OSCH programs and occasional care. I have completed my first year of nursing. I have 3 sons, two of whom are proud Wiradjuri boys. I look forward to working with the Community and getting to know you all.

Melisse

Clinical Programs Nurse

My name is Melisse, better known as Mel, I am so excited to be joining Oonah in the role of Clinical Programs Nurse. I have just returned to the workforce after having my first daughter. My background is in Theatre Nursing within the hospital environment, I'm looking forward to working in Community where I can use my skill set to support the holistic health and wellness journey of the Community. I live in, and have grown up in the Yarra Ranges on Wurundjeri Country, and continue to live a very family focused life with great interest in health promotion and wellness. The role of Clinical Programs Nurse engaged my interest as it re-ignited my passion for working with Community. I am excited to be part of an organisation committed to enhancing the health and wellness of Community, and look forward to the challenges of working part-time whilst raising my daughter.

Weaving Wonders



Our wonderful women at our Friday Craft Group completed this amazing weaving masterpiece. It is now on display in the A.D.P.C.A.P space at Oonah.


Craft Group runs every Friday so come down, have a yarn and get creative.


FRIDAYS
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Oonah Playgroup



Playgroup returns this month now at a new location
6 Vimy Ridge Healesville
FRIDAYS
10:00 am - 12:30 am
Come and meet our new playgroup team Lea and Kayla.

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The Board of Oonah Health & Community Services Aboriginal Corporation would like to acknowledge the traditional custodian of the land, the Wurundjeri, and pay their respect to their Elders, past, and present.