

Byron Shire Aboriginal Services Coalition

Towards an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Community Service in the Byron Shire

Presented by Belle Arnold and Anscher Czygan

We acknowledge the traditional owners the Arakwal people and the Widjibal to the west, the Mindjinbal people to the north and the greater Bundjalung Nation and extend our respect to your elders, laws, culture and land. We also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have come together today.

We ask that everyone come good way to come together to create solutions and positive outcomes for our community.

Jingi Wallah

Introduction – Why are we here?

An Invitation

BYRON SHIRE ABORIGINAL SERVICES COALITION
presents

**ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE FORUM**

**Byron Shire
Council
Chambers
Station Street
Mullumbimby**

**WEDNESDAY
22 November
11 am – 2pm**

Lunch Provided
Please RSVP – 0447316299
RSVP by: 15 November

What we are talking about

- Establishing an organization for our people in our community to deliver culturally appropriate services in the Byron Shire
- Shop frontage – visibility, accessibility, contact and reference point
- Cultural Safe Space
- Culturally based projects and programs
- Focus point for our community, centre point to build strength
- Clear consultation with our mob
- Community owned and engaged future

**Bringing
Community
Together to build
Strength and unity –
for a healthy happy
mob**

BEYOND THE BOX
No more tick a box
service delivery for
our mob

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The Aboriginal Services Coalition have come together to respond to a need in our community.

There are no community owned identified Indigenous services in Byron Shire.

We are trapped in a funding loop hole – because we don't have a Blackfulla service we cant access funding, but we need the funding to set up the service.

Background - Timeline

1. MDNC and BSC work in partnership to deliver NAIDOC Week events in Mullumbimby – relationship building
- . North Coast Area Health 5 Year Strategic Plan Community Consultation in the Byron Shire Council Community Chambers.
2. Close the Gap Day Services Expo
3. Formation of Byron Shire Aboriginal Services Coalition
 - 2016 meetings
 - community consultations including the knockout



Aboriginal Services in the Byron Shire?

WHERE?

COMMUNITY MEETING

17 October 4:30 pm

Mullumbimby
Civic Hall

*Come and have a say about
you and your mob in our
community*

What we are talking about:

Beyond the Box - No more tick a box approach to looking after our mob!

- Organisation for our people in our community to deliver culturally appropriate services in the Byron Shire
- Shop frontage — contact and reference point
- Cultural space for activities, services etc
- Focus point for our community
- Centre point to build strength
- Visual and accessible
- Clear consultation with our mob
- Culturally appropriate services for dealing with health needs of our mob.
- Community owned and engaged

Organised by the:

Byron Shire ABORIGINAL SERVICES COALITION
For More Information Contact Belle: 6626 7226

BEYOND THE BOX

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service delivery for
our mob**

Timeline Continued.....

- 5. Community Forum
- 6. Koori Xmas Party 2016
- 6. 2017 – Wayne Jones from Health funds part time position
- 7. Aboriginal Project Worker position filled



Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre Space

- * Manager Julie Williams has offered a space at the back of the MNDC for Aboriginal Program Delivery.
- * Space is bookable for existing services who are funded to deliver in Byron Shire
- * Sexual Health Promotion currently consult through there on Wednesdays
- * Aim to have program delivery from there 4 -5 days per week.
- * Contact Anscher to book a time there

Our Objectives

- * Have been developed through a series of workshops and community consultations
- * We want to bring community together WE DO NOT WANT :
 - * to create divisions
 - * Take funding away from existing ATSI programs or services
- * WE DO WANT to access mainstream funding and funding streams we are currently ineligible for such as OCHRE

1. Establishing an organization for our people in our community to deliver culturally appropriate services in the Byron Shire

- * Community owned and managed
- * Responsive to community needs
- * Holistic and integrated – health, community, housing and employment
- * Reference point for government agencies to consult or access community
- * Community reference point



2. Shop frontage – visibility, accessibility, contact and reference point

- * Visible and accessibly point/ place for ATSI community members and for services wanting to deliver to our community
- * Foster belonging for our mob within the broader community
- * Bring our community together
- * Our hub
- * Cultural visibility

3. Cultural Safe Space

- * A place for our people to feel welcome, understood and accepted
- * An organisation that understands ATSI communities and socio historical and economic factors that have contributed to current cultural community identities – understand what has happened to our people to shape our current situation
- * Showcases culturally safety to broader community



4. Culturally based projects and programs

- * Targeted, well informed for men, women, children and youth, looking after the well being of our whole community
- * Intergrated with other services
- * Cultural revitalisation as an engagement tool
- * Building a strong sense of cultural identity
- * Mens business / women's business

5. Focus point for our community, centre point to build strength

- * A place to come together and build on common grounds
- * Grow and develop opportunities for our mob
- * Encourage live-ability for ATSI people to stay in the Byron Shire

6. Clear consultation with our mob

- * Community access point for government to consult with community
- * Organisation that is 100% representative of ATSI community priorities

7. Community owned and engaged future

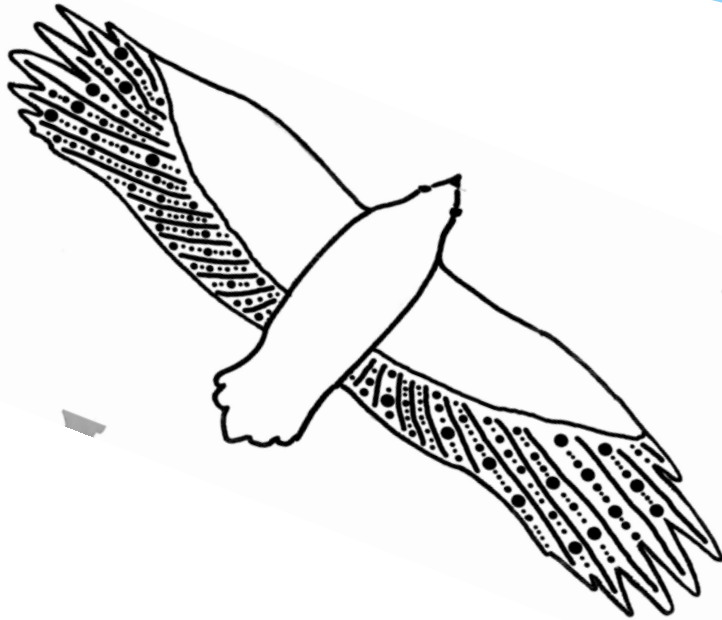


- * Creating relationships and partnerships to strengthen outcomes for our community

Target Areas for Program Delivery

- * Health
- * Housing
- * Employment
- * Community
- * Transport
- * Cultural Revitalisation
- * Education
- * Holistic and Integrated

Clarification– Any Questions?



Outcomes – Short Term 12 Months

- * 1. Increased presence of ATSI service delivery in Byron Shire
- * 2. Increased use of available space at Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC) – across all target areas
- * 3. Deliver wholistic/ intergrated project based at MDNC early intervention for early childhood – supporting whole of family/ community wellbeing
- * 4. Secure sustainability of our work for the next 1 – 5 years

Outcomes – Long Term 3 – 5 Years

- * 1. Shop front
- * 2. Community owned and operated ATSI organisation – management committee structure
- * 3. Measureable outcomes for our mob in all target areas
- * 4. Building healthy vibrant strong community

Break for lunch and networking



Return for Feedback session and
closing ceremony

Feedback with Anscer & Uncle Dave

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