



## HICSA NEWSLETTER AND PROGRAM FLYER APRIL 2011

### Aunty Dot – 2011 Victorian Honour Roll



Aunty Dot with Cr. Samantha Dunn, Green's Councillor, Shire of Yarra Ranges at the induction.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Aunty Dot was inducted into the Victorian Women's Honour Roll. This roll acknowledges women who make a difference in their communities. They can be doctors, teachers, Indigenous leaders, sportswomen and community workers who have empowered and inspired others. This year's Victorian Women's Honour Roll celebrates 30 of those who dared to make a difference. This year Aunty Dot was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women for her work to recognise Aboriginal returned service men and women after her own father's death on the Thai Burma Railway in WW2. Protocols honouring Aboriginal service men and women are now part of ceremonies Australia wide. Congratulations Aunty Dot. Professor Muriel Bamblett AM, was also inducted into the Honour Roll for her tireless work as an advocate for and to improve the lives of Aboriginal children and their families. She is a former CEO of Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency.

### Vacancy - Manager for Belonging Place

The Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA) project aims to establish a welcoming and culturally affirming place in Healesville, for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members to access information, services and programs focussed on building a healthy, strong and skilled community.

As part of this growing organisation, the Services Manager will facilitate the vision of the HICSA by working independently and flexibly to coordinate the development and management of projects and programs. The position requires an adaptable all-rounder to provide efficient administrative, financial and business management to the HICSA and develop and implement policies and procedures. Experienced in the community services sector, and with exceptional communication skills, the Services Manager will also



prepare submissions for funding, coordinate community programs with partners and undertake community consultation activities. As the organisation grows the Services Manager will also supervise other office staff.

The successful applicant will have:

- Relevant experience in planning, project management and policy development and implementation
- Demonstrated skills in coordinating community programs
- The ability to manage day-to-day operations of an office
- Well developed analytical, negotiation and problem solving skills
- Strong relationship management skills

**Generous salary and salary packaging offered for this .8EFT (4 day per week) position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. Further enquires please contact Anne Jenkins on 0408 324 780.**

## Community Lunch

Community Members are invited to monthly luncheons to find out the latest news about HICSA and its programs, and to give ideas and suggestions about future programs and community needs. The lunch is held the third Wednesday of the month at Oonah, 1 Badger Creek Rd, Healesville. RSVP by phone on 5962 2940. The next community luncheon will be the 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

HICSA is planning to establish a 'Friends of HICSA' group to provide community consultation to the Board. If you want to be involved, please phone 59622940 for further information.

## Our Funding and Visionary Partners

The Board of HICSA would like to acknowledge the organisations and individuals who have provided or continue to provide either financial or pro bono support for the establishment of a Belonging Place in Healesville. Our funding partners include the Department of Health, Department of Planning and Community Development, Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust (Johnstone Gumption Sub Fund) and Toward a Just Society. Organisations or individuals who have supported our vision include the Shire of Yarra Ranges, Eastern Health, Swinburne University, Ray Rosales (Connecting Home, Probono Accountancy), Mike Dawson-Smith (Pro Bono Human Resources Consultant), Tim Bracher (Pro Bono Business Planner, Bramark Consulting) and Clare O'Kelly (Pro Bono Project Management, All-iN Productions).

## Indigenous Capacity Building – Woor-Dungin

The Woor-Dungin Indigenous Capacity Building Training Program aims to develop the capacity of Indigenous community organisations in community leadership, project design and development, understanding and accessing philanthropy, project evaluation and grant acquittal. The program will be run in three units, over a total of 8 days. Each unit will be delivered in Mildura and Melbourne.

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The Indigenous Capacity Building Training Program consists of 8 units from the Certificate IV in Community Development. The Koorie Heritage Trust is the Registered Training Organisation. Contact HICSA for further details or if you would like to enrol in the program, or contact The Koorie Heritage Trust directly.

## A culturally affirming Childcare Hub in Healesville

Partners Shire of Yarra Ranges, Eastern Health, Healesville Primary School, Robyn Jane, Kinderlink and HICSA are working towards establishing a culturally affirming child care hub in Healesville. The centre will celebrate the areas where Aboriginal children do well and provide early identification of health problems and access to allied health professionals (including dental).

The centre will provide a positive role model for Reconciliation for children and families. In addition to providing cultural training, HICSA will employ a child and family services worker to enhance and build relationships between families and the service.

## Programs for Youth

### DRIVING DEADLY AND SAFE

HICSA has partnered with METEC Driver Education Centre to provide training for the 'Driving Deadly and Safe' program. Participants can enrol in a 'Pre Learners', 'L to P' and 'Defensive Driving' program. In addition HICSA has partnered with the Shire of Yarra Ranges Youth Services to coordinate the 'L to P' driver mentor program. This means our young people can gain their 120 hours of driving experience in a Shire sponsored car with a trained mentor driver. There is no charge for this program. Completion of Level 1 (pre L), leads to a place in Level 2 (L to P) which leads to a place in Level 3 (Defensive Driving) – this is where you get to drive a car out of a skid! Additional help to learn the road rules provided.



**DRUMBEAT FOR YOUTH** Drumbeat is fun! Learn different rhythms on Djembe drums and how to play as a team. We can learn a lot by drumming together, including how to have harmonious relationships, resist peer pressure, and how to have fun. Ages 10 to 18. A demonstration of the drumming rhythms for family and friends is a great way to celebrate the new skills learnt. Held on a Wednesday afternoon at Oonah, after school from 4 to 5pm, beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Snacks provided. No charge.

Participants receive a Drumbeat T Shirt or Cap at the end of the program.

## Programs for Women

The Johnstone Gumption Sub Fund of the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust has provided funding for the 'Women's Health, Healing and Leadership Circle'. This circle is an opportunity to learn new skills and to improve your health, and the health of your family. It has a focus on health literacy and social and

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emotional wellbeing, and includes health promotion (healthy eating and exercise). Gather for friendship and sharing.

## Programs for Volunteers

The Shire of Yarra Ranges- Youth Services 'L to P Mentoring Program' seeks to improve the driving skills of young people. HICSA has partnered with Youth Services to help recruit drivers for the volunteer mentor driver program. The Shire will provide a car and the petrol. Volunteers must complete a 2 day training program. There is no charge for this program.

## Monash University Student Placement

Fiona Mawson has been accepted by Monash University to complete a six month student placement with HICSA. This voluntary position aims to work with community to develop social and emotional wellbeing programs with a particular focus on youth programs.

## Education Bursaries

HICSA has received funding from 'Towards a Just Society' for education bursaries. Education bursaries are available to help with education fees (primary, secondary, TAFE or university), excursions, uniforms or books etc. A selection criteria and limit applies. All grants for bursaries must be passed by the Board and so please allow 4 to 6 weeks for applications to be processed. Contact the HICSA office by phone, or drop in on a Wednesday for an application form.

## Acknowledgement of Country

The Board of the Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association Incorporated would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri, and pay respects to their Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge those peoples, including Elders, who came to live on Wurundjeri land from all over Australia as a result of dispossession from their homelands, and in more recent times through choice. We will strive to uphold a cultural respect model that further includes and strengthens all our people, stories, traditions and culture for now and future generations.

## HICSA Inc Board of Management

The current Board of Management includes: Doseena Fergie: Chairperson – Community Elder, Aunty Dot Peters: Vice-Chairperson - Community Elder, Garry Detez: Hon. Secretary/ Public Officer - Yarra Ranges Council, Fiona Mawson: Hon. Treasurer - Reconciliation Community Member, Anne Jenkins: Board Member - Swinburne University, Miranda Madgwick: Board Member - Community member

**Further details or to enrol.** HICSA is open on Wednesday – just drop in at Oonah, 1 Badger Creek Rd, Healesville. You can enrol by phone on 5962 2940 or by email on admin@hicsa.org.au.

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