



Outer East KESO Team Newsletter

29th August 2022

“The Outer East KESO team acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Custodians of Country and recognises their continuing connection to land, sea, culture, and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.”

Aboriginal people whose traditional lands and waters exist within the boundaries that today frame the state of Victoria are often collectively called Koorie peoples or Koories. Koorie is a contemporary collective or group term. Throughout this Newsletter, the term ‘Koorie’ is used inclusively and refers to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Victoria.”

Welcome to the fifth edition of the KESO Newsletter for 2022. We acknowledge that it has again been a challenging year and we like to take this opportunity to thank the students, their families, and the teaching staff for getting through the year.

If there is anything that you or your child would like to talk about, please contact your kindergarten, primary school, or secondary school. You can also contact your KESO for support or visit the [Department of Education and Training Victoria](#) website.

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Good News Story

The Knox Child and Family Centre was the recipient of the recent Local Government Professionals Australia's 2021 Community Service Delivery Award for the project '*Embedding Aboriginal Culture in Early Years Services*'.

The Knox Child and Family Centre recently celebrated their 2nd year anniversary and pledged to continue their journey, learning, and sharing the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The centre also believes in imparting this knowledge onto young learners for them to take this home and share with their families.

A big congratulations to Knox Child and Family Centre on this tremendous achievement 😊



Uncle Archie Roach

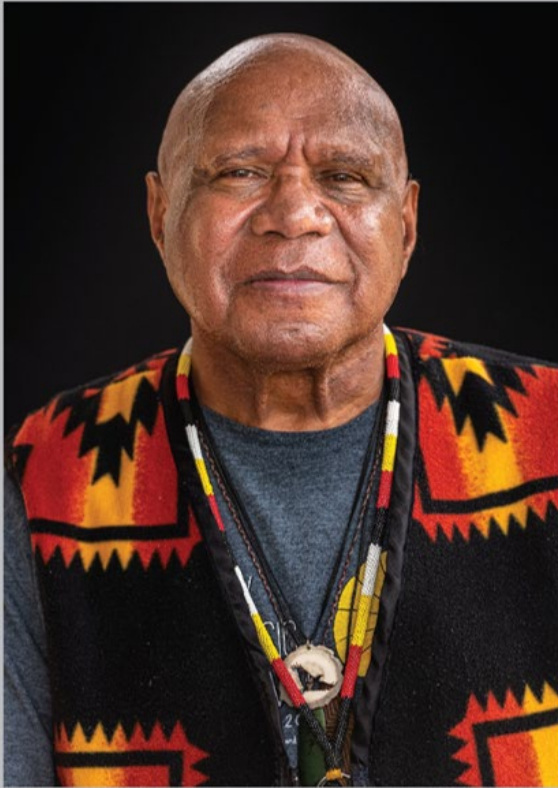


Photo by Phil Nitchie

A STATEMENT BY AMOS AND EBAN ROACH ON BEHALF OF THE ROACH FAMILY

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of Gunditjmara (Kirrae Whurrong/Djab Wurrung), Bundjalung Senior Elder, songman and storyteller Archie Roach.

Archie passed on Saturday 30th July, surrounded by his family and loved ones, at Warrnambool Base Hospital after a long illness. We thank all the staff who have cared for Archie over the past month.

Archie wanted all of his many fans to know how much he loves you for supporting him along the way.

We are so proud of everything our dad achieved in his remarkable life. He was a healer and unifying force. His music brought people together.

A private ceremony will follow.

We ask that the media please respect the family's privacy.

Archie's sons, Amos and Eban Roach, have given permission for Archie's name, image and music to be used, so that his legacy will continue to inspire.

If you would like to learn more about Archie Roach, please visit the [Archie Roach Foundation](#) for further information. You can also purchase books, albums, and merchandise from the website.

A conversation with Uncle Archie Roach & Uncle Jack Charles.

[runtime 52 mins] Click [here](#) to listen.

Archie Roach and Jack Charles' powerful and influential voices have long reflected the struggles, healing, and empowerment of First Nations Australians.

Now Elders, the Uncles have joined forces through the [Archie Roach Foundation](#) to use the arts to connect with and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners caught in the justice system.

As survivors of the Stolen Generation, Uncle Archie and Uncle Jack reflect on their long friendship and how creativity has been an integral part of connecting them to community, culture, and each other.

It also led to one of the Uncles rubbing shoulders with legendary cricketer, Sir Don Bradman.

Activities & Events



Baker Boy – HEALESVILLE

Don't miss Baker Boy on his first headline tour of regional Victoria!

Following a triumphant slot at the 2021 AFL Grand Final in Perth, Baker Boy had to reschedule his biggest national tour due to pandemic logistics.

Five years after he broke out with the empowering 'Cloud 9' and winning the first of successive National Indigenous Music Awards; Baker Boy is a pop culture phenom, amassing over 55m streams globally. In 2021 he received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM). That October, Baker Boy aired Gela – a chronicle of identity and personal growth – led by the ARIA Gold jam 'Cool As Hell'

Co-presented with Oonah he will be appearing at The Memo on the 3rd of September, tickets **will** go quickly! To purchase your tickets please click [here](#)

Indigenous Literacy Day



Celebrating Stories, Cultures and Languages.

“We are proud of our culture. We are proud of our language. Our stories. And songs.”

Proudly presented by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and hosted by the Sydney Opera House. Please join into this online event to take place on Wednesday the 7th of September at 10.30am.

Register for the National Digital Event [here](#).

Please note this takes you to the Sydney Opera House's booking system. If you experience any difficulties registering for the event, please contact their Creative Learning Team on 02 9250 7770 or email: creativelearning@sydneyoperahouse.com

Sovereignty: 50 Years of the Tent Embassy

On January 26, 1972, a small group of Indigenous Australians began a sit-in protest on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra that led to one of the most pivotal moments in Australia's social history. To learn more about this and view the documentary please click [here](#)

VACSAL Junior Football Netball Carnival

This event runs over 2 full days. As well as promoting healthy lifestyles it also supports mob and communities to come together, catch up and show off some amazing talent. This event will be taking place on the 21st & 22nd of September for further information please click [here](#)



**MELBOURNE
WARRIORS**
JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

**WARRIORS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING
VACSAL JUNIOR
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CARNIVAL**

**WHEN - 21ST TO 22ND SEPTEMBER
2022**

WHERE - BAIRNSDALE, VIC





**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
JAYNAYA ATKINSON OR RIEO ELLIS
VIA FACEBOOK**

Koorie Big Day Out

With Toorong Marnong

An online event for Indigenous students and families to connect with Victoria's Universities.

Join us as we yarn about pathways and available support for students.

Special guests +
giveaways

DETAILS

Date: 1st September, 2022

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Platform: Zoom

For more information, contact
Richard Hurst, richard@vaeai.org.au

REGISTER

Please register
through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toorong-marnong-koorie-big-day-out-2022-tickets-394186732127>



DANCE WORKSHOPS + PERFORMANCE
FOR YOUTH AGED 4- 25

Mullum Mullum
Indigenous Gathering Place



WHEN: 7TH & 14TH OF SEPTEMBER 4-5:30PM
PERFORMANCE DAY: 21ST OF SEPTEMBER, 1PM-5PM
(SPECIAL GUESTS ARRIVE AT 2:45PM)
LOCATION: 47-49 PATTERSON STREET, RINGWOOD EAST
PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS LINK: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DV2U7BAS3Q5AG0SP8](https://forms.gle/DV2U7BAS3Q5AG0SP8)



The dates for the workshops are:

Wednesday the **7th and 14th of September** from **4pm-5:30pm** at 47-49 Patterson St, Ringwood East.

The performance date is:

Wednesday the **21st of September** from **1pm-5pm** at 47-49 Patterson St, Ringwood East.

(Guests are to arrive at 2:45pm)

Please register using this link: <https://forms.gle/zutrijG2RFtv6MKaA>

***In signing up to attend the dance workshops, you are committing to take part in the final performance on the 21st of September.*

Please reach out to the MMIGP youth staff if this is an issue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sami Ison-Johnson Youth Worker on 9725 2166 or 0499 325 306 or email aylp@mmigp.org.au



Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST)

The Community Understanding and Safety Training is a key commitment in the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan, Victoria's ten-year plan to support improved outcomes for Koorie learners across early childhood, schools, skills and training and high education.

The purpose of the training is to increase understanding of Koorie culture, history, and experience to ensure a strong foundation for culturally inclusive practices. Training also aligns with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes, including the state-wide priority 'a positive climate for learning'.

Our Koorie Education Workforce have been working very hard to deliver this training both onsite in-person and online for schools. The training has led to a greater awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives which assist school staff to consult with parents/carers of Aboriginal students, the Local Aboriginal Educational Consultative Groups (LAECGs) and other members of the Koorie community in developing the curriculum (i.e. Traditional Owners, Elders).

A big thank you to all members of the KEW team for their continued commitment to supporting our families and schools through the delivery of the CUST training.



Koorie Education Workforce

If you need any advice or support, please contact one of the team members or alternatively you can make contact via nevr.koorie.outereast@education.vic.gov.au

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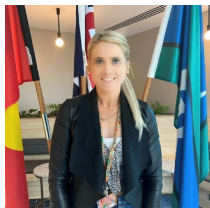
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KESOs are area-based professionals that provide:

- advice to schools and early years services about culturally inclusive learning environments
- co-ordination of services to facilitate improved engagement of Koorie children and young people
- can attend Student Support Group meetings (SSG's) if the student, family, or school require.

Community Contact Details



VICTORIA ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION INC

VAEAI is a state-wide Koorie Community organisation consisting of eight regions. These regions are divided based on traditional networks with several Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) within each region. Click [here](#) for further details.

Framed around significant events throughout the calendar year, the interactive [Koorie Education Calendar \(2022\)](#) has been developed by VAEAI to assist educators and learners alike. The Calendar draws the learner to Victorian Koorie voices, stories, and achievements, and features Koorie leaders, artists, authors, playwrights and more. The Calendar is updated annually and can assist schools in planning for key events and locating information about Victorian Koorie cultures, histories, and perspectives. Designed to be viewed online and printed on A3 paper for planning.

Any queries or feedback about these resources, please contact vaso@vaeai.org.au.

LAECG (Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group)

LAECGs operate to support parents of Aboriginal students to discuss Koorie education initiatives within their local community.

To find out more information and to participate contact your local LAECG Chairperson:

Lea Jones email: lea.jones@education.vic.gov.au