



WINDA-MARA

NOVEMBER 2022

CURRENT VACANCIES

Winda-Mara currently have 8 vacancies available. Check them out inside this newsletter! More details on our website or call 5527 0000 to speak to our People & Culture Team.

MEDICAL CLINIC HOURS

We've had some changes to our Medical Clinic service hours. Changes can occur at any time so please contact our medical receptions for availability.

HEYWOOD

Tuesday 10am-4pm Dr Nicole Kerr
Thursday 10am-4pm Dr Nicole Kerr

HAMILTON

Monday 9am-5pm Dr Frank Fox
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ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

Allied Health Services are available to community members including massages, podiatry, optometry, and audiology. Check our health section for available dates, and call either of our medical receptions to book your appointment.

HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

Playgroup (Hey/Ham)
Every Friday (excl. holidays)
10:30 - 12:30pm

Cultural Studies (Ham)
Thursdays 3:30pm - 5pm
Running all term 4

Youth Drop-In Centre (Hey)
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
3:30pm - 5:30pm

Women's Group (Ham)
Thursdays 11am - 2pm
Running until end of 2022

Massages
Every 2nd Wednesday (Hey)
Every 2nd Friday (Ham)

Youth Activity: Escape Rooms & Lunch (War)
Sat 5th Nov

Doctor in Heywood
Mon 7th - Wed 16th Nov
9am - 5pm

Podiatrist (Ham)
Thursday 10th Nov
1:30pm - 5pm

Youth Activity: Dinner at Groke (Ham)
Fri 11th Nov

HAPEE Program Audiologist (0-5yrs) (Hey)
Thursday 17th Nov
9:30am - 5pm

Dietician (Ham)
Monday 21st Nov
1pm - 5pm

Optometrist (Ham)
Friday 25th Nov
9am - 12pm

Walk Against Family Violence (Hey)
Fri 25th Nov 12:30pm

Youth Activity: First & Forever Music Festival (Hanging Rock)
Sun 27th Nov

CONTACT US!

Join our Mailing List or update your details on our website!

Heywood (Main Office)
P: 03 5527 0000

Heywood (Main Office & Medical)
21 Scott St (PO Box 42)
Heywood VIC 3304

Hamilton (Medical Clinic)
107 Thompson St
Hamilton VIC 3300

Heywood (Medical)
P: 03 5527 0060

Land Management
598 Henty Highway
Portland VIC 3305

Hamilton Community Services & Family Services Office
333 Nth Boundary Rd (HIRL Studio Room)
Hamilton VIC 3300

Hamilton (Medical)
P: 03 5527 0090

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STAFFING UPDATE

Ngatanwarr!

We will be welcoming some new staff in November!

Greg Schultz will be starting on November 7 as a new Project Manager as part of our Finance team.

Lisa Hughes will be starting November 21 as our new People & Culture Advisor to assist our Manager with recruitment and all things HR.

We've also had current workers move into new and existing roles within their area.

Jenna Bamblett has started in the newly created Cultural Strengthening Team Leader position. This position works

to manage our Youth Mentor, Building the Dream and Bringing them Home teams.

Sharon Rigg is now officially our new Health Services Manager after having been in the interim position for a long time overseeing our Health team.

Wurruk!

We've have some workers leave us recently and we wish them the best with whatever is next to come! Kiah Morgan, Marley Morgan, Patrina Lovett, Jacy Pevitt, Daryl Robinson, Doneka Webb and Tara Crumpen-Slade.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Youth Engagement Worker

This Youth Engagement positions main priority is to engage with the Indigenous youth in our service area with a strong focus on the Youth Mentoring program we currently run.

Domestic Assistant

This casual Domestic Assistant position requires a worker to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50 years in their home to maintain the general upkeep of the weekly home duties.

Access & Support Worker

This Access and Support position will liaise between service providers and clients of Community Home Support Program (CHSP) and Home and Community Care - Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP).

Koorie Preschool Assistant

This Koorie Preschool Assistant position supports Koorie students at specific pre-schools/kindergartens and will work with the Kindergarten Directors in line with the Early Years Learning and Development Framework. This position will also implement and co-ordinate the local playgroup sessions.

Applications for all above positions close 5pm Friday 4th November 2022.

Family Centered Approach – Cultural Broker

Family Centered Approach – Case Coordinator

These Family Centered Approach positions empower and further strengthen Aboriginal families with an individual member at risk of or engaged in the justice system.

These roles will leverage the natural role and strength of Aboriginal families, with culture as a critical protective factor for all family members, to support better outcomes for individual family members.

Please note the Cultural Broker role is an identified position.

Family Services Case Manager

The purpose of this position is to support families who are involved with or at risk of being involved with DFFH Child Protection. This role works to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's access to the program through the provision of culturally safe and appropriate services and promote the safety, self-determination, and wellbeing of clients.

Kinship Case Management & Promotions Worker

The purpose of this position is to work with our Carers to ensure placement is established, supported, and monitored in a culturally appropriate manner to ensure the safety and needs of the child are being met. The role will also be responsible for promoting Kinship care and recruitment through information sessions, local markets and networking.

Applications for all above positions close 5pm Tuesday 8th November 2022.

To view position descriptions, head to www.windamara.com.au/employment or email peopleandculture@windamara.com

For enquiries or to apply, email peopleandculture@windamara.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE



Willan Playgroup Halloween Party!

Our young mob got to spend a playgroup session with some Halloween fun! They got to wear some deadly costumes and do some fun arts and crafts!

Willan Playgroup runs every Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm during the school term. Contact Tash on 0448 032 788.

Women's Group (Hamilton)

Our first Women's group back in Hamilton, and the women created some deadly mosaic artwork! Women's group runs in Hamilton every Thursday 11am - 2pm. Contact Jenna on 5527 0084.

Upcoming activities include pottery classes, art therapy, sound therapy, massages, pamper day, day out and about, out on country, family trees and memories.



Cultural studies (Hamilton)

Running on Thursdays after school 3:30 - 5pm during the school term at HIRL. School pickup is available. Contact Jenna on 5527 0084.

Elders Group

Contact Jodie Lovett on 5527 0074 or 0431 786 995.

Youth Mentor Program

Our Youth Drop-In Centre at 31 Edgar St in Heywood is open Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Contact our youth mentor team. Tayla (0458 923 498) or PJ (0412 119 024), .

KARREETA KOORNONG MAAR Youth Mentor Program

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sat 5th Nov
Escape Rooms & lunch
Warrnambool
EOI by Thu 27th Oct

Fri 11th Nov
Dinner @ Groke
Hamilton
EOI by Wed 2nd Nov

Sun 27th Nov
First & Forever Music Festival
The Gathering Place,
Hanging Rock
EOI by Sat 26th Nov

Sat/Sun 10th-11th Dec
Live Wire Adventure Park
Lorne
EOI by Wed 23rd Nov

Weekly Activity
Cultural Strengthening
Mon (Hey), Thu (Ham)
3:30pm - 5pm

Weekly Activity
Drop In Centre
Tues/Weds
3:30-5:30pm

EOIs to youth@windamara.com

For more info, contact our youth mentor team.
Tayla 0458 923 498 or PJ 0412 119 024



WINDA-MARA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION WORKER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Do you have fines?

By joining the Worker Development Program, you can work off your fines at \$49p/h through activities such as:

- Unpaid work/cultural activities including Arts, Crafts and Traditional Artefact Creation
- Treatment given by a doctor, nurse or psychologist
- Courses - including educational, vocational or life skill courses
- Counselling, including financial counselling
- Drug or alcohol counselling
- Mentoring (if you are under 25 years of age)
- Service Engagement and Referral

For more info contact Grant Roberts, Local Justice Worker
03 5527 0053 | grantroberts@windamara.com

HEALTH UPDATE

New Deadly Choices t-shirts have arrived!

Complete a 715 health check to receive your Deadly Choices t-shirt!

Our annual ATSI health check only takes 45 minutes and will help keep us healthy and strong.

Book your health check today!

Heywood 5527 0060
Hamilton 5527 0090

100 ATSI HEALTH CHECKS COMPLETED IN 2022!



Our deadly Hamilton community have shown up this year and in October we completed our 100th ATSI Health Check!

By completing an annual ATSI Health Check you're not only taking care of yourself and keeping track of yours and your families health, but you're making sure you feel deadly and can spend time with your mob.

By completing your check, you can get yourself one of our Deadly Choices t-shirts or a \$40 voucher to spend.

Gunditjmara Elder Uncle Johnny Lovett knows the importance of getting a health check. "I've had a triple bypass but ignored all the signs and symptoms. I now always have my annual ATSI health check at Winda-Mara."

Book your ATSI Health Check today!

Hamilton 5527 0090 or Heywood 5527 0060.

UPCOMING ALLIED HEALTH VISITS

PODIATRIST
(Hamilton)

Thursdays
1:30pm-5pm

10th Nov
8th Dec

DIETITIAN
(Hamilton)

Mondays
1pm-5pm

21st Nov
12th Dec
16th Jan '23

OPTOMETRIST
(Glen Howell - Hamilton)

Fridays
9am - 12pm

25th Nov
3rd Feb '23
14th Apr '23

OPTOMETRIST
(Penry Rousten - Heywood)

Fridays

17th Mar '23
21st Apr '23
19th May '23
16th Jun '23

**HAPEE PROGRAM
AUDIOLOGIST (0-5yrs)**

Thursdays
9:30am-5pm

17th Nov
8th Dec

MASSAGES Every 2nd Friday (Ham) Every 2nd Wednesday (Hey)

SEWB TEAM UPDATE

This Month was a big month for our Social Emotional Well-being (SEWB) Team, organising activities for World Mental Health Day and World Mental Health Week.

During World Mental Health Week, the Men went out to Tae Rak for a tour and lunch, and we'd like to thank Grant Roberts for facilitating it and Victor Hill and Riana Beardsell for transport. The men had a great time. We also had Bush Medicine, Sound healing and Breakfast in Hamilton with Uncle Brian talking about his book. We had a great turn out from community and would like to thank the people who showed up and supported.



NEW DOCTOR HOURS AVAILABLE

Dr Greg Stewart will be taking appointments at the Heywood Medical Clinic for a limited time.

Mon 7th - Wed 16th November

Clinic hours are 9am - 5pm
Mon - Fri finishing at 12pm
on Wed 16th November.

Dr Kerr will still be available during this time Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am - 4pm.

To book an appointment, call 5527 0060.



FAMILY SERVICES UPDATE



WALK AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

Friday 25th November at 12:30pm

Meet at 14 Lindsay Street Heywood
Walking down Edgar Street to the Apex Park.

Wear something orange.

Lunch will be provided

Flyers and other information will be on hand.

On Wednesday 23rd November between 2pm and 5pm, Winda-Mara's Family Violence and Orange Door teams will be holding a banner making workshop if anyone would like to make a banner for the walk. It will be held at the Community Services building at 12 Lindsay Street in Heywood. All materials will be supplied.

DONATIONS FOR OUR BOORIS

Family Services are looking for donations of food and toys for Kinship Children in Care and Family Services clients for Christmas (toys to be new, food non-perishable).

Donations to 107 Thompson St Hamilton, Family Services Office
51 Edgar St Heywood (next to bakery) by Friday 16th December.
Thank you for your continued support.



FAMILY SERVICES CAMP

After years of planning and delays due to COVID-19 the Family Services team were excited to finally host our family camp, coming together to share experiences and culture in a safe and enjoyable way.

The families were welcomed to Narrawong by Winda-Mara CEO Jason Walker and Exec Manager John Bell, through a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country. Families were then allocated cabins and given hoodies to commemorate the camp.

Time was allocated for families to get settled, meet each other and for the children to have the opportunity to explore the park, beach, and river.

The families and staff worked together to cook shared meals, preparing breakfast and lunches, sharing knowledge, learning from one another and sharing an understanding of different family structures.

Everyone attending the camp worked together preparing meals and sharing jobs to help the camp run smoothly.

During our time on the camp the families attended a tour out on Country to the Tyrendarra IPA. For many this was the first time that they have had the opportunity to visit, hear stories and explore, and Aunty Colleen was an amazing guide!

The families shared positive feedback for the opportunity to attend and didn't want the camp to end.



LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

GUNDITJMARA FAMILY CLAN MAP

After many months of research and checking and rechecking, our Gunditjmara Family Clan map has come to life! Aunty Eileen as the female mentor suggested that we delve into the process of having a huge family Clan map on display out on Country at the Gilgar building. With the help of the Rangers, spelling and placement was scrutinized, and doubled checked!

We had discussions with Portland Signworks to work on the graphics and it looks amazing! The “wow” factor is a 10/10. Across the wall it is 2.4m and from ceiling to the skirting board. Huge thanks to Signworks for their help.



OTHER NEWS

MARRUNG EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marrung Education Scholarships program is currently open! The scholarships provide support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to complete Years 11 and 12. The program offers 20 scholarships of \$5,000 each (\$2,500 per year over two years). The scholarships recognise students who demonstrate a high potential to succeed in their chosen pathway.

Marrung Education Scholarships are for students who are:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- completing Year 10 at a Victorian government school
- planning on completing Year 11 and 12 at a Victorian government school

To apply for a Marrung Education Scholarship

1. Download the application form from <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/marrung.aspx>
2. Applications open Monday 18 October and close Friday 19 November. Submit the completed application via email. Subject: Marrung Scholarships [insert full name of applicant and school] marrung@edumail.vic.gov.au



SISTERS DAY OUT IN WARRNAMBOOL!

You're invited to join Djirra's Sisters Day Out workshop in Warrnambool!

Come and hear all about Djirra's services and programs, along with the opportunity to connect with local services on the day. We will also have cultural and wellbeing activities for you to join in and enjoy. All registered participants will receive a tshirt and showbag.

Tuesday 6th December

9:30am - 3pm

City Memorial Bowls Club

50-58 Cramer St, Warrnambool

Please ensure you register prior by visiting www.djirra.org.au or email sistersdayout@djirra.org.au

Registrations close Friday 2nd December.

