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NCARA FEBRUARY/MARCH MEETING

NCARA held their February/March meeting at UNSW in Sydney.

The Feb/March meeting included discussions with representatives from Aboriginal Affairs, Think Impact, Youth Justice Coalition, Gilbert & Tobin and Danny Lester NSWADO.

NCARA had the opportunity to meet with The President of the Upper House Minister John Ajacka of Parliament to discuss the permanent location of the Message Stick.

NCARA were invited to be a part of the Aboriginal Affairs launch of the Research Agenda at Parliament House (image to the right)

ACCORD

One of the strategic priorities is to develop an Accord between NCARA and Government.

A Development workshop was held during the Feb/Mar meeting at the Department of Premier & Cabinet, with ongoing meetings to occur in 2018.

NCARA held discussions with, Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Legal Service, Police, Education, Family & Community Services, Premiers Implementation Unit and the Department of Justice.

An update will be provided in the summary to be distributed to NCARA.

NCARA NOVEMBER MEETING

NCARA would like to thank Gilbert & Tobin for hosting another meeting at their office.

The November meeting included discussions with representatives from Aboriginal Affairs, Sam Jeffries - Department Prime Minister & Cabinet, Pro-Bono Legal firms, Murat Dizdar – Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance



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ALLIANCE SNAPSHOT – Riverina Murray Regional Alliance (RMRA)

Purpose

The aim of the Riverina Murray Regional Alliance (RMRA) is to ensure each local Aboriginal community has a genuine voice in determining how and what services are delivered in their communities and increasing the capacity of each community to make decisions about their future. We intend to build and strengthen the knowledge and ability within communities to work in partnership with government, Build the knowledge and ability within government to work in partnership with our communities, Enable our communities to define issues and priorities which drive negotiated local responses, Build strong partnerships between government and non-government sectors to deliver effective localised responses, and hold government accountable for appropriate service delivery to Aboriginal communities.

Communities

The RMRA footprint covers the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri, Wamba Wamba/ Wemba Wemba, Perrepa Perrepa, Yorta Yorta, and Muthi Muthi nations.

Our member communities are Albury, Cootamundra, Cummeragunja, Deniliquin, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Narrandera, Tumut and Wagga Wagga.

Priorities

RMRA Governance & Community Engagement 6. Employment & Business Development, Culture, Housing, Community Wellbeing, Law & Justice, Health & Healing, Aged Care, Education & Training, Transport

In November 2017 RMRA partnered with AA and Healing Foundation to hold a Regional Healing forum. The forum focused on how Government can change policy and service delivery to assist the generational trauma still sustained by our communities. There were up to 120 people in attendance. Reinstating our cultural ways was high on the agenda with many guests able to share their language and culture at the event, and special performances were given by the boys at Tikandi Inaburra. While RMRA have 10 priorities, we see these as all being linked in various ways. We are looking forward to launching our Regional Strategic Priority Plan 2018 - 2021 in May this year.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

Illawarra Wingecarribe, Local Decision Making Accord Signing | Monday 14 May 2018

NCARA Meeting | 14,15 &16 May 2018 | Sydney

Successful participants of the Murdi Paaki Young and Emerging Leaders (MPYEL) will be attending the MPYEL forum being held on the 29th and 30th of May in Cobar, with a separate MPYEL project planning meeting on the 31st.

