



REGIONAL ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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WHO ARE NCARA?

The NCARA was established in March 2014 by the chairpersons of regional alliances participating in the Local Decision Making (LDM) initiative under OCHRE.

The purpose of the NCARA continues to evolve. Its primary role is that of an advocacy group on issues that relate to equitable access to basic and essential services, programs and funding for Aboriginal people, as well as development and application of policy.

NCARA is comprised of Chairpersons or nominated representatives from the Regional Alliances:

- Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA)
- Illawarra Wingecaribee Alliance Aboriginal Corporation (IWAAC)
- Northern Region Aboriginal Alliance (NRAA)
- Regional Aboriginal Development Alliance (RADA)
- Barang Regional Alliance
- Three Rivers Regional Assembly (TRRA)
- Tribal Wave Regional Assembly (TWRA)
- Riverina-Murray Regional

STRATEGIC PLAN

NCARA have recently developed their Strategic Plan which outlines their strategic priorities, goals, and actions for the period January 2017 – December 2019.

The Plan includes the five strategic priorities which are supported by specific goals and actions together with key performance indicators, responsibility, and timeframes for each action. The five priorities are:

1. Secure LDM Legislation
2. Secure relationships with stakeholders
3. Ensure cultural competency within LDM process
4. Influence budgeting and funding for service delivery
5. Provide advocacy and leadership in policy and planning

NCARA JULY MEETING

NCARA meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis in the Aboriginal Affairs office in Sydney or regionally as nominated by members. The July 2017 meeting was held in Dubbo.

NCARA would like to thank the Aboriginal Affairs Greater Western team for hosting the meeting and thank the guests that travelled to Dubbo to attend.

The July meeting included positive discussions with representatives from Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Housing Office, Family Community Services as well as the Clontarf Foundation (image below).





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RECENT NEWS

- The Three Rivers Regional Assembly and the Illawarra Wingecarribee Alliance Aboriginal Corporation are both in the process of negotiating Accords with the NSW Government with signing expected to occur in 2017.
- Ruth Davys, Chairperson of the Riverina-Murray Regional Alliance has launched her bottled water business *Gilangaldhaanygalang* which raises funds to support the teaching of Wiradjuri language.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

- MPRA Meeting | 5-7 September | Cobar
- NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference | 13-15 Sept | Albury City Council
- NCARA Meeting | 19-20 Sept | Sydney
- Aboriginal Housing in NSW - Doing things Differently Conference | 26-27 Sept | Sydney

ALLIANCE SNAPSHOT

NORTHERN REGION ABORIGINAL ALLIANCE (NRAA)

Purpose

The Northern Region Aboriginal Alliance (NRAA) was formed to achieve positive and sustained outcomes for Aboriginal people in the North West/New England region of NSW through committed and collaborative engagement, decision making and action between community members, organisations and government.

Communities

Armidale Dumaresq, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Guyra, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Muswellbrook, Singleton, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Upper Hunter, Uralla, Walcha and Warrumbungle.

Priorities

Health, education, economic development and employment, social justice, housing

Next Steps

NRAA formally lodged their Statement of Claim with the NSW Government in May this year. The next step is to negotiate outcomes in the areas of health, housing, education, economic development/employment and justice, which will develop the Accord and provide increased capacity for community and stronger accountability to both Government and the community.



For more information about NRAA, visit their website:
<https://www.aboriginalalliance.org.au/https://www.aboriginalalliance.org.au/>

