



NEWSLETTER

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NCARA SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER 2017 MEETINGS

NCARA held meetings in September and November 2017.

The September meeting included discussions with representatives from Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Housing Office, Premiers Implementation Unit and Cox Inall Ridgeway.

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 (image below with NCARA and Karl Eaves – Aboriginal Affairs) and Glenn King – Premiers Implementation Unit.

ACCORD WITH THE NSW GOVERNMENT

NCARA have recently developed their Strategic Plan which outlines their strategic priorities, goals, and actions for 2017-2019.

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

An accord workshop was held during the November meeting, with ongoing meetings to occur in 2018.

Updates on the Accord process will be made to the alliances through this newsletter, the NCARA meeting summary provided after each meeting and the Aboriginal Affairs website.

NCARA REGIONAL GATHERING 20-22 MARCH 2018

Hosted by the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Regional Alliances (NCARA) and supported by Aboriginal Affairs NSW, the 2018 Local Decision Making Aboriginal Regional Alliance Gathering will bring together representatives of regional alliances from across NSW to engage in practical workshops and discussions focusing on fostering collaboration, exchanging practice and strengthening capacity and communication.

To register your attendance, please contact your alliance's secretariat/support officer with your contact details by Wednesday 24 January. A registration portal is also currently being developed to formally register attendance and details and will be shared with attendees who have registered their interest.

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REGIONAL ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

RECENT NEWS

The Illawarra Wingecarribee Alliance Aboriginal Corporation (IWAAC) completed its last formal Accord workshop on 29 November 2017 and expects to sign an Accord in March 2018.

The Northern Region Aboriginal Alliance (NRAA) kicked off Accord negotiations with the NSW Government in late 2017 and expects to commence its pre-Accord workshops in February 2018.

Barang Regional Alliance undertook community consultations in late 2017 and is in the process of finalising their Statement of Claim.

ALLIANCE SNAPSHOT - Three Rivers Regional Assembly (TRRA)

The Three Rivers Regional Assembly (TRRA) is working to ensure that Aboriginal communities have a real and genuine voice in determining what services are developed and implemented in the Central West.

Three Rivers incorporates the following communities, including Bathurst, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mudgee, Narromine, Nyngan, Orange, Parkes, Peak Hill, Trangie, Warren and Wellington.

TRRA identified the following priority areas for negotiation with the NSW Government: Housing, Education, Economic Development and Health. The Assembly is currently undertaking formal Accord negotiations on each of these priorities and expects to sign an Accord with the NSW Government in 2018.

TRRA also recently ran two Maliyan workshops (funded by the Office of Regional Development) to improve cultural awareness with mainstream employers.

The training was supported with TRRA member attendance. Feedback from participants has been really positive; and we hope will lead to improved employment participation and conditions within the participant organisations.

The image below shows Uncle Neville Merritt, with the trainers and participants at the Dubbo session, held on 4 December 2017.



KEY UPCOMING DATES

NCARA Meeting | 28 February - 2 March 2018 | Sydney

Northern Region Aboriginal Alliance - Accord Logic Workshop | 19 February | Tamworth

Regional Alliance Gathering | 20-22 March 2018 | Coffs Harbour

