

# KARI NEWS

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to tell you that in 2012 KARI will be sponsoring the under 16's Indigenous Rugby League Team to the play the under 16's All Stars Team at the Gold Coast. This match will prelude the main game the "Indigenous Team" vs. the "NRL All Stars" match. KARI has made a three year commitment to the NRL to sponsor this event and this sponsorship is one of many we have committed to in promoting Aboriginal sport and healthy lifestyles.

It was also very pleasing to see so many local Aboriginal high school students respond to our 2012 KARI School Scholarship Program. With fifty two applications being received I can tell you that the application standard this year was extremely high.

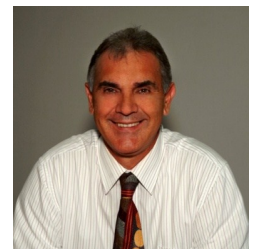
We are now looking forward to most of the students attending this year's KARI Student Camp set down for Term Two.



Talking of high standards, once again I have to congratulate all our foster carers for their support this year in regards to attending the KARI Programs and initiatives. This year saw very high numbers of carer and children participation across all programs from the "Big Day Out" to the end of year "Christmas Carols". The feedback I had received from many of the carers suggests that the programs and initiatives coordinated this year were excellent.

In saying that, I would like to say well done to all staff of the KARI Community Programs Team.

**Paul Ralph**  
CEO



**"Red, Black and Yella – Help our Little Fellas"**

**ABORIGINAL FOSTER CARERS NEEDED NOW WHY?**

Aboriginal kids needing care deserve to be placed with loving people and families who will not only care for and support them but will also ensure that their culture and identity is maintained.

No Experience required...  
Training is provided  
**Help us make a difference!**

Call the Carer Recruitment Team on 8782 0300 or email [newcarers@kari.org.au](mailto:newcarers@kari.org.au)

**2011 Elder's Christmas Hamper Deliveries**

**Brian Delivering a Hamper to an Elder.**

**Hoxton Park Elders Receiving their Hampers.**

**Kylie Delivering a Hamper to an Elder.**

## Community Programs News



### *Vacation Care – Week 1*

#### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January Bents Basin Trip**

Our vacation care group travelled to Bents Basin and met with Aunty Pamela, a Discovery Ranger with National Parks & Wildlife Services. The first exciting moment of the day was to see an Echidna enjoying the sunshine and the children learnt the new skill of pond-dipping, catching and realising lots of interesting creatures. Aunty Pamela then taught the children how to create clay models of things they had caught while pond-dipping or something culturally important to them. The children also drew and painted Indigenous Art on boomerangs. After a sausage sizzle for lunch it was time to head home.



#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January Fast Lane Go Karting**

Fast Lane Go Karting at Minto had their track taken by storm by our KARI vacation care group! The karts were whizzing past at incredible speeds as our 8 drivers raced against the clock. Our speed racers were rewarded with hot dogs and slushies as a refreshing end to the day.



#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January Aboriginal Heritage Museum, Berry Island & Nutcote Cottage, the home of author May Gibbs**

Our 3 stop trip to North Sydney began with a visit to The Aboriginal Heritage Museum where our vacation care group viewed artefacts and learnt about the Aboriginal way of life before and after colonisation. Berry Island's bushwalk was extremely popular whilst learning about our rich natural history. Our final stop was visiting Nutcote Cottage, the home of Gumnut Babies author, May Gibbs. Overall this jam packed day was a great success!



#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January Bunnings Warehouse DIY Workshop**

Our vacation care group of 11 children went to Bunnings, Villawood, to participate in a D.I.Y. Workshop. The group decorated PVC pipes of all shapes and sizes, which would become pots for their plants. While the paint was drying we had a quick trip to McDonalds for some lunch. Back at the workshop it was time to get dirty by potting plants into the PVC pots. This proved to be a very hands-on experience and all the children involved were extremely proud to show off their creations to their parents. Great work!



### **Ongoing Applications for Community Grants**

KARI Aboriginal Resources provides select funding for initiatives and events within our community. We provide funding for sports initiatives, business initiatives and culturally appropriate community initiatives. The Community Grants application can be found on our website [www.kari.org.au](http://www.kari.org.au) or if you would like any information on how to apply for a grant please call Lauren Drayton on (02) 8782 0300.