

KARI NEWS

EDITION 4, OCTOBER 2011



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to advise you all that KARI will be the major sponsor of the Under 16 Indigenous Team to play the preliminary game prior to the Indigenous Team Vs NRL All Stars match. This match is to be played at Skills Park at the Gold Coast on Saturday the 3rd February 2012. There will also be a number of KARI staff trekking up to the game to support both Indigenous teams.

KARI is still working hard with the Federal Governments Indigenous Lands Corporation division regarding the purchase of suitable premises for KARI. We have since found what we believe are suitable premises that would accommodate all of our services and large contingent of staff. I will keep you all posted on how we are tracking in respect to the major service development as more information comes to hand.

I must pay great credit to the KARI OOHC team for all the hard work done towards family restoration. It is my understanding that this month we saw more children restored back to their family. This is the best possible result for services such as KARI so well done to all those people who made this possible.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Ralph
CEO



KARI Gala Dinner

One of our major events each year is the Annual KARI Gala Dinner Dance. This year the event will be held on Saturday 29th October 2011 at Liverpool Catholic Club. This is a great event with a catered 3 course meal, drinks and live entertainment included in the ticket price of \$40.00. Tickets are selling fast so if you have not yet booked your ticket for the KARI Gala Dinner you better be quick.

GOLD SPONSOR



SILVER SPONSOR



KARI would like to thank our **GOLD Sponsor – NSW Housing** and our

Silver Sponsor – Salmat

for their support of the KARI Gala Dinner 2011.

KARI Gala Dinner Dance 2011

Saturday 29th October 2011

6:30pm to 11:30pm

Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club

Cost: \$40.00 per ticket

Dress code: Strictly Evening Wear

For bookings please contact KARI

Phone: 02 8782 0300

Email: contactus@kari.org.au



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Community Programs News

Fathers & Sons' Camp

The Fathers and Sons' Camp was a great success this year with over 16 participants in attendance. The activities on the camp were challenging, cultural and above all fun! Everyone enjoyed painting their didgeridoos, with the participants able to keep their didgeridoos. The Wacky Olympics were very funny with all the fathers and sons having a good laugh, ending in a tug-o-war which was won by the sons! The Australian Animal Exhibit was really popular with animals ranging from snakes, a crocodile, a possum with its baby and many more. The Aboriginal Exhibit included dances, traditional songs and didgeridoo playing and was enjoyed by everyone.

The Raft Building was both funny and quite challenging with the fathers and sons assembling their rafts and trying to make it across the lake without success until they joined the rafts together. I think we all put on a few kilos from all the food that was on camp, but overall the camp was a great experience and enjoyed by all.

Ongoing Applications for Community Grants

KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc provides select funding for initiatives and events within our community. We provide funding for sports initiatives, also business initiatives and culturally appropriate community initiatives. The Community Grants application can be found on our website 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.



Above: Fathers and Sons' Camp
September 2011

“Red, Black & Yella

Help our little fellas”

Aboriginal Foster Carers Needed

If you feel you can help, and wish to make a difference please contact the **Carer Recruitment Team on 8782 0300**

Scholarship Assessments

Community Programs conducted half yearly assessments for all of our 2011 Scholarship holders to provide further funding assistance for this school year. Successful scholarship holders were notified by mail. Congratulations to all 2011 Scholarship holders and thank you for your participation. We encourage all Year 11 students to re-apply next year and we wish all the very best to this year's HSC students for your upcoming exams.

Good Luck!

Vacation Care

Community Programs has been busily planning for the September/October Vacation Care period. These school holidays we will be holding a week long surfing program at Cronulla Beach as well as a number of activities including trips to Taronga Zoo, Muru Mittigar Cultural Education Centre and a trip to Event Cinemas to see 'The Smurfs' in 3D. Activities have been filling up fast, but we will have a jam packed holiday's program ready for summer!

