



MARCH 2025 Community Newsletter

BOARD UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

The Board was saddened to hear the unfortunate news that Dale Campbell would be unable to commence as our CEO due to medical issues, but after many discussions about our options the Board was excited to be able to appoint our current interim CEO Louise Carey to the full time position.

Louise comes with an extensive knowledge of running ACCOs and has worked for Aboriginal communities for over two decades in the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector.

Louise has already demonstrated her passion and assertiveness for advocating for funding, building the capacity of our organisation and supporting our staff.

The Board are extremely excited for the promising future and grateful for Louise's acceptance of the position.

We thank Staff and Community for their patience through this process and are happy we have been able to recruit such an asset to our organisation.

Please keep a look out over the next few weeks of opportunists to engage with Louise over a cuppa. She is eager to have yarns and get to know families and continue strengthening the engagement with Community and Moogji.

Megan Solomon
Chairperson



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CEO UPDATE

I'm very excited to be staying at Moogji and I want to thank the Board and the Staff for the support they have given me during the time I have been here. I'm looking forward to meeting more fully with Community and working with the Moogji teams to continue to build the organisation into a thriving sustainable community owned asset into the future.

Quality Audit

We are very proud of the outcomes of our ISO 9001:2006 Quality Management Standards Surveillance Audit that occurred in November 2024. The Audit identified a very small number of areas for improvement that we were already working on. The Auditor congratulated us on the ability to maintain compliance with the standards despite being a relatively small organisation. All staff in the organisation can be congratulated on this outcome.

Review of Moogji's Quality Objectives

In February this year we reviewed our Quality Objectives to focus on areas we really wanted to excel in over the coming 12 months. We chose to focus on:

Increasing the engagement by community in our events by 50%, Clinic and AOD service delivery increase by 20% Youth Services increase by 20%

Increasing the number of feedbacks we receive by 50% to inform organisational wide Continuous Improvement

Making sure 100% of our nearly 360 policies and procedures, tools and resources reflect contemporary evidence based best practice and meet accreditation requirements

Increase the knowledge and confidence of staff engaging with our Quality and Safety Framework across the five software programs that we use by 20%

Moogji continues to remain 100% compliant with the Child Safety Standards.

Funding submissions

Moogji lodged 10 funding submissions over the past few months to increase service delivery to the community and to increase work for the Crew.

We are still waiting for the outcome on some of them, but the following are some successful new funding for Moogji.

Successful funding bids so far

Two DEECA Weed control contracts

Snowy Recreation Site weed management

Youngs Creek Reservoir Walking Track bushfire recovery and storm recovery works

A youth justice program

Redevelopment of the driveway at Stanley Street

Korrin Korrin Balit Djak funding

Funding for four community cultural events

Natural Disaster and Heatwave response funding

Food Path funding for fresh fruit and vegetables for community

Are you interested in some casual work on the Crew at Moogji or Cultural Heritage works?

From time to time we get extra bits of funding that allow us to employ a few extra staff for a short period of time. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in working with the Crew or on Cultural Heritage work. You will need to get a few tickets, and we can help you do that quite easily

Please send your contact details to reception@moogji.com.au and I will give you a call back to see what might be possible.

DOCTORS SESSIONS –

Please call reception for availability

GEGAC DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

TO BOOK A DENTAL APPOINTMENT CALL GEGAC ON 5150 0700

MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Moogji can help clients get to and from medical appointments.

If you require travel assistance for an out-of-town medical appointment, please give Moogji Reception a call on 5154 2133 . Please be aware the Moogji requires the following:

- Appointment time confirmation.
- At least a weeks' notice to organise either a driver

Please note:

- We require at least 24 hours' notice for cancellations of medical transports.
- If you do not give enough notice, you may be declined travel.

RIVIERA COUNSELLING SERVICE

Jeff Steedman from Riviera Counselling is onsite every Wednesday for appointments. Appointment can be done onsite, home visits or over the phone.

For appointments please call reception on 5154 2133

AOD SERVICES

Our AOD team are on-site at Moogji Monday-Friday, Drop in for a cuppa and a chat anytime, our door is always open and open to everyone. We can also come to clients homes if wanting an appointment, call Moogji Reception on 5154 2133 and ask to speak to Margie or Courtney.

OPTOMETRIST Australian College of Optometry

Next visit to Moogji :

For appointments please call reception on 5154 2133

PLEASE ENSURE PAYMENT IS MADE ON THE DAY

HEARING

Next visit to Moogji : 1st May

For appointments please call 1300 253 655

FINANCAIL COUNSELLER

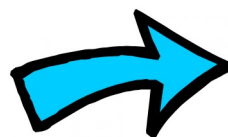
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Bec Hough from Anglicare Victoria can assist clients with :

- Explain options, if you can't pay bills
- Suggest payment plans for gas/electricity, debts
- Offer details of government concession and other assistance
- Help to deal with credit card/loan repayments
- Give you information on the bankruptcy process
- Refer you to other services that may be able to assist

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US

Have a Complaint,
Compliment or Feedback?



Scan the QR code and give us your feedback .



Moogji Aboriginal Council Youth Team

Are you or your youth disengaged
or at risk of disengaging from
school/study, work or even just life?
Come into Moogji and have a yarn
with the Moogji Youth Team.

Mentoring
Just a yarn
Training
Help with School/Schoolwork
Help with finding work
Writing Resume
Counselling
And much more



Struggling with Alcohol or Drug Use? We're Here to Help!

Is alcohol or drug use stopping you from living the life you want?

Do you have a loved one who needs help, but you don't know where to turn?

You're Not Alone.

Taking the first step toward recovery can feel overwhelming, but support is available. Our compassionate AOD team are here to guide you through every step of the journey.

How We Can Help:

- Confidential and professional support
- Information & harm reduction strategies
- Counselling, advocacy & referrals
- Resources for families and loved ones

Reach Out Today!



5154 2133



aodintake@moogji.com.au

Youth DROP IN

COME YARN WITH LEVI & ZACK
EVERY WEDNESDAY 1.15 - 2PM





COMMUNITY FISHING DAY



SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH 2025



10.30 AM - 2 PM



MARLO BOAT SHED - JETTY RD, MARLO

**Bring your fishing rod and chair for a fun
family day out.**

Bait supplied

Prizes to be won

Activities for the whole family

BBQ Lunch

Basket Weaving - Emu Egg Carving - Woodburning

More information

please call reception on 5154 2133



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

15

COMMUNITY FISHING DAY

Marlo Boat Shed
10.30am – 2pm
BBQ lunch, fishing & cultural activities

APRIL

12

COMMUNITY EASTER

The Block – 291 Bonang Rd
11am–2pm
Easter Bunny, activities, food trucks

JULY

7

NAIDOC FLAG RAISING

The Block – 291 Bonang Rd
10.30am–12pm

JULY

11

NAIDOC OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

The Block – 291 Bonang Rd
16–9pm



Elders Gathering

Join us for a day out at the beach with Elders from
Orbost, Lake Tyres and Lakes Entrance.
Have a yarn, walk on the beach or just enjoy the
outdoors.

When: 19th March - 11am

Where: Cape Conran

Time: Bus will depart Moogji at 10:30am limited
seats available so if you would like to join us,
please book in by the 12th of March.

Lunch will be supplied, if you have any dietary
requirements please inform staff at time of
booking.

**To secure your place please call
Moogji reception on 51542133**



MOOGJI ELDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM



Elders care support is now available
at Moogji Aboriginal Council Stanley
Street building Monday- Thursday
9am-5pm and Friday's 9am-4pm.
Please contact Tiff or Zoe for any
help or program information you
may need.

51542133/ 0499948242

Our Elders team are here to support you with all your
My Age care needs.





Have you heard the term 'G3' but aren't quite sure what it is? Maybe you have seen the logo and aren't sure what it is about?

Here's some more information to explain it further.

The G3 (or Group of 3) is short for the *Gippsland Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Alliance*.

The alliance is made up of:

- Moogji Aboriginal Council East Gippsland Inc
- Lake Tyers Health and Childrens Service (LTHCS)
- Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Service (LEAHA)

It started through the Healthy for Life funding in 2006 and eventually evolved to become the Djillay Ngalu program. It has now evolved further, and has become more formalised with a strategic plan and shared goals over the past few years.

The purpose of the Alliance is to build and strengthening capacity to deliver local services in the unique way that each of the communities ask of us.

We are collaborating strategically and operationally on issues we can achieve more collectively than we can individually.

We are all still locally owned and operated by our individual communities, but our power is in advocacy as a group.

A good example of the work by the G3 was the funding for Moogji's clinic. We couldn't have done it on our own, but as a collective of organisations without a locally owned and managed GP clinic, we were able to argue for the need and then the funding came for each organisation to set up a stand alone clinic.

In the past ORH owned the records and the Medicare income. We only had a GP 'on loan' one afternoon a week. Now we have two doctors for 6 weeks of every 2 months. In-between times, we have a Nurse Practitioner who can prescribe certain medications and assist us while the Doctor is away.

All of this work will bring in Medicare income to the organisation which will help fund more culturally safe primary health services to the community.

Outside of the clinic, each organisation doesn't have the population to win the tenders for funding that we need to service the community, but together, we have the population size to be more successful in our funding submissions to support individual communities.

If you have any questions, or would like more information please don't hesitate to contact

Tammy Bundle, the Executive Officer for the G3, or the Moogji CEO.