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Maranguka Community Hub and our Elders of the Community have been working in partnership with Taragara Aboriginal Corporation on the development of this project – *Weaving online on Country*. This group is run by our Elders, and they are connected to Zoom with Taragara.



**Maranguka Cultural Competency Training sessions have been delivered since 2019 & 131 participants have successfully completed the Training.**



MCC Training consist of one day classroom content and experiential on Country Learning, followed by one day of Language Immersion and on Country Learning.



**Sessions have been held so far this year and we have had 6-7 ladies that turn up every Tuesday from 10am – 1:30pm.**

All ladies are welcome to come into the Hub on a Tuesday to take part. For more information, please contact Sandra Kelly on (02) 5834 7900.



**Meetings per Working Group (Early Childhood, 8-18yo & Role of Men) have now been held since the commencement of the Strategy set by Bourke Tribal Council – “Growing Our Kids Up Safe, Smart & Strong”.**

To embed First Nations Culture within the Bourke Early Childhood Services, Connected Beginnings (Yanmali) with the guidance of Elders and Bourke Tribal Council, started developing an Acknowledgement of Country for Bourke and District Children’s Services children to use each day in the Preschool and Childcare Services. At 10:30 each morning the clapsticks start, and the children gather to say their Acknowledgment – Yaama Ngurrampaa, Yaama Mayi Kulka, Yaama Pungku Thuni.

Yaama meaning ‘Hello/Welcome’, Ngurrampaa meaning ‘Country’, Mayi Kulka meaning ‘People’ and Pungku Thuni meaning ‘Many Days’.

The Thursday Preschool group were able to perform their Acknowledgment for the Community at the recent Welcome Baby to Country Ceremony.

Such amazing work being done by BDCS children, and all involved. Well done!

Congratulations to **Janayah Moore** who commenced her School Based Traineeship with NSW Police at the Bourke Police Station in July 2021. The Traineeship is the first of its kind within the NSW Police Service and was originated through the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy with Maranguka & Bourke Shire Council. This School Based Traineeship will also be based in other communities such as Brewarrina & Walgett within The Central North Police District. This Traineeship will provide Janayah and others with a range of skills that can transfer into their post schooling life. Well done, Janayah!




During the School Holiday’s in January & April 2021 over **50 activities were successfully delivered by**

various services in the Community to engage our Youth & Community members. We also had organisations outside of Bourke entertain us during the Holidays, such as All Fun Rides, Castlereagh Connections, TRYP Team and many more.





## Welcome Baby To Country Ceremony

The first *Welcome Baby to Country* event took place in Bourke in June 2021. Welcome Baby to Country is an event held to welcome babies back to their Country that were born away considering there is not a birthing unit in Bourke.

Thirty-seven Babies were welcomed at this special event! Thank you to all the mothers who brought their beautiful babies along to be welcomed back to Country. Also thank you to Pat Cauty, the Maranguka Early Childhood & Parenting Working Group and the Chair of this group Sarah Barton for their amazing leadership & continued support strategic planning for the extremely successful *Maranguka Welcome Baby to Country Ceremony*.



### 2021 Maranguka Working Group Meetings

<b>Role of Men</b>	<b>Early Childhood</b>	<b>8-18-Year-Old</b>
Men's Hub, Meek St	Outback Division	Bourke High School
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug – 11am	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug – 2pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept – 11am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – 10am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – 2pm	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 10am

Everyone is welcome to come along!  
Participate as much or as little as you like!  
Light refreshments provided!  
For more information contact Samara at  
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#### GOALS FOR CHILDREN: Every Aboriginal Child...

- Is born healthy.
- Lives in a safe place.
- Arrives at school ready to learn.
- Has strong family relationships.

#### GOALS FOR PARENTS

##### Every Aboriginal Parent...

- Values learning and feels supported and confident in raising children.
- Supports their children's connection to culture & country.

#### GOALS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: Every Aboriginal Child & Young Person...

- Feels connected to culture & country.
- Has strong family relationships.
- Has a positive sense of identity & belonging.
- Feels respected and has increased self-confidence.
- Is receptive to services and assistance.
- Is mentally and emotionally equipped for their future.
- Is on positive pathways.

#### GOALS FOR MEN: Every Aboriginal Man...

- Feels connected to culture & country.
- Has support to overcome trauma, grief & loss.
- Is supported along his healing journey.
- Is a skilled parent, caregiver, and role model.
- Feels respected.
- Protects his family and community.
- Is on positive pathways.