

# KARI NEWS

EDITION 2, AUGUST 2011



Dear Friends,

NAIDOC 2011 has proven to be a very busy and exciting time for KARI. Many of the KARI team members attended both the Gandangara and National NAIDOC Balls. Both of these events proved to be spectacular, so well done to all the organisers.

I had the pleasure to also attend a number of events organised by some of the local schools and community groups and let me say that the spirit of NAIDOC continues to grow each year.

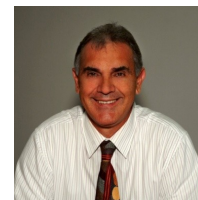
It has been terrific to see so many kids access our Vacation Care programs this quarter and it is here that I would like to say well done to the program organisers, Lauren and Chad, who both attended all sessions to ensure that every participant had a good time.

The 2011 KARI and School Education initiative Vocal Identification Program (VIP) auditions have since concluded and we are now left with twenty talented students to move onto the workshop phase.

The final VIP grand performance is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at the Powerhouse Museum Casula. This is a free event so please attempt to come along and support these very talented students and witness a spectacular night's entertainment.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Ralph  
CEO



## Upcoming events:

The South Western Sydney Region Aboriginal Vocal Identification Program (VIP) now has twenty very talented students working towards the final performance to be held on 19th August 2011 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Powerhouse Museum, Casula.

VIP is an initiative between KARI, Blake Ralph Recording Studios and the

NSW Department of Education that offers Aboriginal youth with identified talent the chance to develop and hone their vocal and performance skills.

Participants are able to form personal and professional relationships with other Aboriginal youth who have similar talents and aspirations. VIP students have access made available to high profile Aboriginal

figures from within the music industry. This allows them to personally meet Aboriginal people who have achieved greatness in their chosen field and to discuss the issues and challenges that face Aboriginal people in the music industry.

**The VIP concert is a free event and everyone is welcome.**



## 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

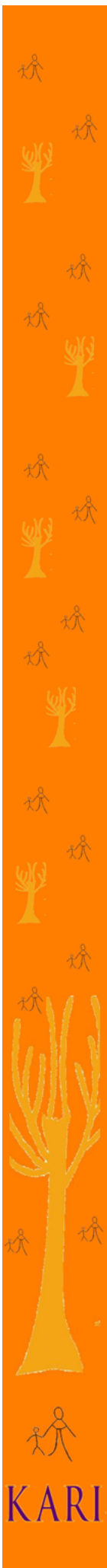
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## Ongoing Applications for Community Grants

KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc provides select funding for initiatives and events within our community. We provide funding for sports initiatives, 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.



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## Community Programs News

### **Vacation Care July 2011**

Vacation Care was held for two (2) weeks during the July school holidays. The participants enjoyed a jam packed program with activities including Indoor Rock Climbing, Ten Pin Bowling, a Ceramic Art Class and a trip to the LG IMAX Theatre in Darling Harbour to view the feature film Transformers 3 in 3D! We had full attendance to all the vacation care activities on offer and are busy planning for the October school holidays!



### **KARI Surfing Program**

During the first week of vacation care KARI ran a four day surfing program at Cronulla Beach. Ten boys from our community were taught how to safely read the surf conditions as well as practice the skills needed to ride the waves by the excellent team at Cronulla Surfing Academy. The program was a huge success with many of the participants keen to return in the summer.

### **Racing to the Top**

The latest Racing to the Top program was completed on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2011 at James Busby High School. Nine Aboriginal students from James Busby High School have been busy building their very own high performance 2 Stroke model race cars under the guidance of Peter Cooley from Koori Communications. Overall the program was a success with all students who participated completing the program with 100% attendance.



## **“Red, Black and Yella – Help our little fellas”**

### **Aboriginal Foster Carers Needed**

★ Do you have a loving, caring home and are willing to help a family in their time of need? ★ Are you or your partner Aboriginal? ★ Can you provide a safe environment where a child or young person can maintain connections to their Aboriginal culture?

**If you answered yes, then we want to hear from you.**

We are looking for Aboriginal carers to look after our children and young people for both short and long term placement. At KARI we ensure that Aboriginal children needing to be placed in care are placed with Aboriginal people so that they can maintain connections to their culture.

**Approved Foster Carers receive full training and support as well as an on going allowance and much more.**

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

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