

# KARI NEWS



EDITION 1, JULY 2011

Dear All,

Welcome to the brand new edition of the KARI News-letter. In the coming editions we plan to provide you with relevant information about our service programs and activities as well as important local community information.

At times we will showcase certain KARI team members and explain their roles as well as providing a personal profile on each member.

July is an important time for Aboriginal communities, and we are all looking forward to the various NAIDOC events and activities that will take place not only locally but also Nationally. I encourage all of you to support this important annual event.

I hope that you enjoy the first of what we hope will be many editions of the KARI newsletter.

Yours sincerely,  
Paul Ralph



Paul Ralph, CEO



## Scholarships 2011

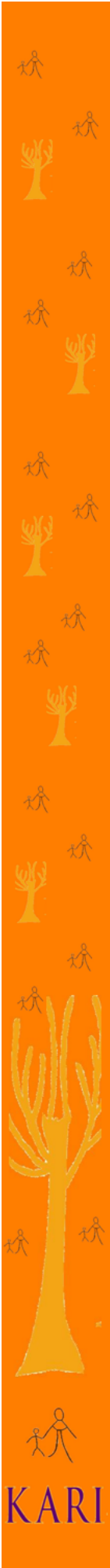
The 2011 Scholarship camp was held from Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June to Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at Vision Valley Conference Centre. The camp was a chance for current scholarship holders to get to know each other and take part in some workshops presented by The University of Western Sydney (UWS), TAFE NSW, Apprenticeships and Training and The University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). The camp will be an annual event for all future scholarship holders to take part in.

## NSW Rugby League Clinics

NSW Rugby League ran two (2) clinics for Aboriginal students at Campbelltown Performing Arts High school. The clinics ran in May and June respectively and allowed the participants to gain certified qualifications to coach their own Rugby League teams and take on paid Referee jobs. This program aids our senior aged students in gaining qualifications for activities outside of school that can later be used to bulk up their resumes when they begin the search for employment.

## Racing to the Top

The latest Racing to the Top program is currently underway at James Busby High School. Racing to the Top is a fun, strengths based initiative run in schools. The program uses the hands on experience of building high performance 2 Stroke model race cars to mentor and train Aboriginal Youth. Previously, the program has shown evidence of building resilience in Aboriginal Youth, keeping youth engaged in school and building their confidence and skills.



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## Vacation Care April 2011

Vacation Care ran again for two (2) weeks in the April school holidays. Participants enjoyed a jam packed program with activities including Fishing, Indigenous Art Class, Footy Skills Clinics, Indigenous Cooking Classes and much, much more.

See the **Upcoming Events** section for details on the July School Holiday Vacation Care Programs on offer.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Vacation Care during the July School holidays

The July School holidays begin on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and we at KARI have two jam packed weeks of programs to offer our local community.

KARI will be running two (2) surfing programs these July School Holidays. Both programs will run for 4 days over the course of 2 weeks at Cronulla Beach.

We will be taking 12 participants per program, and we ask that all participants be competent swimmers.

As well as our exciting surfing program we have a week of fun activities including:

- **Rock Climbing at Villa-wood Indoor Climbing Centre**
  - **AMF Ten Pin Bowling**
  - **Ceramic Arts Workshop at Gladesville**
  - **IMAX Darling Harbour viewing Transformers 3**
- Please contact KARI for further information.

### Vocal Identification Program (V.I.P.)

The South Western Sydney Region Aboriginal Vocal Identification Program will be holding it's annual concert on 19th August 2011. More information in the next issue.

## 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.



## “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**