

Welcome to the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated Newsletter.

If you have any educational or interesting news that you would like to share with the community please let us know and we will be able to distribute it to the community in our next newsletter.

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Ngankat-Kalo: Aboriginal Education 1901 -2001 Website launched

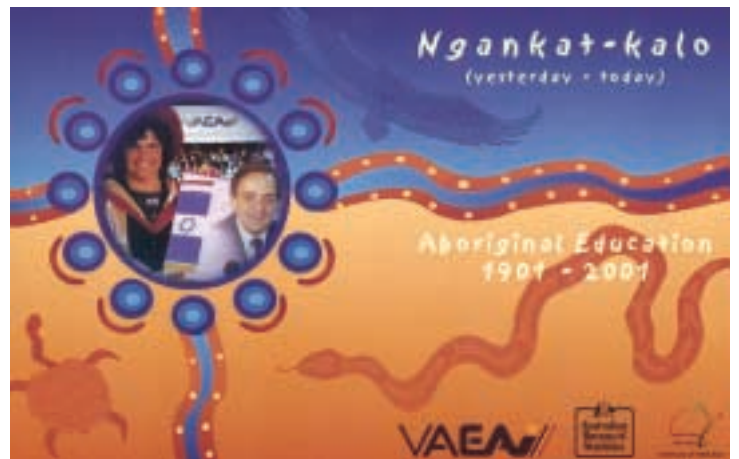


Aunty Mary Atkinson & Aunty Laura Bell

Aboriginal Education, both in terms of policy development and the participation of Aboriginal people within the education system.

The website provides both educators and students with cultural, historical and statistical information that will enable them to gain an appreciation of the historical background of current educational issues, as well as major events within Aboriginal Education in Victoria.

A link to the website can be found on the VAEAI homepage www.vaeai.org.au



The Ngankat-Kalo (yesterday-today): Aboriginal Education 1901 – 2001 website was launched by The Hon. Mary Delahunty, Minister for Education and the Arts, Minister Responsible for the Centenary of Federation, on Thursday, 13 December, 2001 at 11.00am at Wales Street Primary, Thornbury.

The purpose of the website is to increase the knowledge and understanding of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians of the past 100 years of

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Goodbyes

The VAEAI office has said Goodbye to two key Staff members. Mick Harrison from the School Unit on 25th January 2002 and Damein Bell the Program's Co-ordinator on the 8th February 2002. The VAEAI Staff would like to wish them both the best in their career move.



Damein's Fairwell



Staff

Welcome Lorraine Fisk who is currently working part time in the Early Childhood Unit.

Certificate III in Community Services (Children's Services)

VAEAI in conjunction with Swinburne University of Technology launched the Certificate III in Community Services (Children's Services) Customised for Indigenous Participants. The launch took place at Yappera on Tuesday December 18 at 12.15 pm. The launch was attended by VAEAI COM members and staff, community members, Yappera representatives and staff as well as by representatives from Swinburne University of Technology, ETTE, DHS, FaCS. Cherie



Sue Atkinson, Alistair Crozier, Geraldine Atkinson



Alf Bambuett, Geraldine Atkinson, and Lionel Bamblett

Waight, Acting Chair of Yappera welcomed the guests before addresses were given by Geraldine Atkinson, VAEAI President, Sue Atkinson, member of the Customisation Project Team and Alistair Crozier, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Swinburne University of Technology (TAFE Division).

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- **Realising children's potential;**
- **Realising staff potential;**
- **Strengthening families;**
- **Strengthening communities.**

A "Call for Presentations" and further information will be mailed to services working with children 0-8 years, early in March 2002. For further information contact: earlychildhoodmatters@dhs.vic.gov.au. Updates will be provided on the conference website: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/earlychildhoodmatters

Training sessions

VAEAI facilitated 2 series of training sessions for the MACS. They were delivered by the University of Ballarat and attended by MACS staff. It was also a great opportunity for Gunai Lidje and Bung Yarnnda staff to meet and visit each other's centre, as it was Lidje, Berrimba and Robinvale staff to meet at Lidje and Berrimba.



Training session at Lidje



KODE School, Swan Hill Opening.

KODE

The VAEAI Schools Unit is pleased to announce the opening of KODE Swan Hill. We take this opportunity to congratulate the LAECG & the local Koorie community on a very successful opening. The open day involved speeches from local community members, Stephanie Charles (Chairperson LAECG) and special guest Kutcha Edwards.

We would like to congratulate the following appointments to KODE Swan Hill:

- **Jan Muller, Principal**
- **Heather Mc Cartney, P-2 Teacher**
- **Kristen Emerson, 3-6 Teacher**
- **Vicky Schriber, Secondary Support Teacher**

"Best of luck for the future to Jan Muller and staff at KODE Swan Hill".

KODE Mildura also had something to celebrate, they celebrated their 4th year of operations. A great day was enjoyed by all with students and staff from Swan Hill KODE joining in on the celebrations.

"Congratulations to Karen Modoo and staff at KODE Mildura".

KODE Morwell has had a change of Principals. Karen Cain recently resigned from KODE to move onto bigger things. Karen has been at KODE Morwell since it opened in 1995. Karen will be sadly missed by everyone at VAEAI, and KODE Morwell.

"On behalf of the Management and staff at VAEAI we would like to wish Karen every success in the future".

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly appointed Principal to KODE Morwell, Mr Ian Luck. No doubt Ian has big shoes to fill, but I'm sure Ian will have no problems settling into the position.

TAFE & Wurreker



Koorie Training Plan 2003

Currently the TAFE Unit is preparing the Koorie Training Plan 2003. A proforma has been sent out to LAECGs and Koorie TAFE Units, any new program initiatives or community program needs in the TAFE Sector need to be included for the 2003 Plan.

TAFE KLO In-service

The Unit is finalising dates and venue for the next KLO In-service, we are working with Minister Kosky's timetable as VAEAI has a number of program initiatives to launch, we would like Minister Kosky to be a part of the launches.

Youth Forum

VAEAI is keen to implement a forum where our youth can voice their concerns. With the current climate in the number of traineeships, work placements and jobs available we are seeking advice and direction from our youth as to what are the restrictions in filling these positions. We are currently finding Indigenous youth to conduct this forum with VAEAI staff.

TAFE Wurreker Implementation Plan

VAEAI will be evaluating all TAFE plans with the Employment Training & Tertiary Education (ETTE). VAEAI & ETTE will then provide feedback to TAFE's & LAECGs on the outcomes reached from the evaluation. VAEAI will then compile a Best Practice document with the findings established and promote the document to TAFE's and LAECGs.

Koori TAFE Database

VAEAI is currently gathering course information from all TAFE's and constructing a Koorie TAFE database with courses listed for Koori Specific or Koorie Customised. Once compiled, the database will then be merged into the VAEAI website. The database will be launched at the VAEAI Youth Forum.



Grants Available

Cooperative Audience Development Support Initiative

Funding is available for organisations wishing to develop cooperative pilot projects in regional or outer metropolitan Victoria.

www.arts.vic.gov.au

Industry & Cultural Development – Interactive Media Fund

To support for publications, exhibitions, festivals, seminars, screenings, awards & conferences.

www.afc.gov.au/services/getting/index.html

Grosvenor Settlement

Provide financial support to enhance the education and quality of life of members of community groups in Victoria.

www.equitytrustees.cm.au/carities/apply_funding.asp

Victorian Community Foundation

Funds are provided for general charitable purpose and projects to benefit older people, children, Koories, and music in Victoria.

www.anz.com.au/australia.charitabletrusts/Guidelines.asp

Of Interest

www.educationnews.infoxchange.net.au

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