



Aboriginal Family Support Services Newsletter

July - August 2022



Family Fun Day NAIDOC Week 2022



Family Fun Day took place following the NAIDOC March on Friday, July 8, at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) from 11.00am - 3.30pm. The community event was held at the Elders Pavilion/community tent. AFSS Foster Care team and volunteers had a wonderful day connecting with the community providing giveaways and information about AFSS services and programs, as well as providing a lovely lunch to all.

This year's theme was Get up! Stand up! Show up! This encourages us all to make change while celebrating those who have already stepped forward and been motivated to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities over past generations.

A message from the Chief Executive

It was great to see such a brilliant turn out for AFSS Connection to Culture Children's Day this year. It was lovely to see our kids in care and other members of the community who came along, celebrate their culture with friends and family.

'Proud in Culture - Strong in Spirit' was this year's Children's Day theme, and the children definitely expressed this with their bright, resilient and creative spirits on the day.

We have had a lot of things happening over the last 2 months, with NAIDOC Week occurring from 3-10 July. This year the Foster Care and NDIS team were able to participate in the NAIDOC march and community event which was held at the Elders Pavilion, Victoria Square (Tarntanyanga). Staff from AFSS Berri and Port Lincoln locations joined in on the fun and connected with community throughout the week. Port Lincoln also provided some fantastic holiday activities for the children.

I would also like to congratulate AFSS Board member, Ivan Copley who received the Mayor's Award for 19 years of service. He is a great asset to the Aboriginal community and continues to provide valuable advice here on AFSS board.

Just a reminder to all carers about the Foster Carer's Lunch, which will be taking place on Thursday 15 September at Sunnybrae Farm, Regency Park. Please contact your Carer Liaison Officer (see page 14) if you haven't already, and we look forward to seeing you there.



*Sharron Williams
Chief Executive*



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NAIDOC Week in Port Lincoln

It was a busy week in Port Lincoln during NAIDOC. To open the week, AFSS Port Lincoln attended the march along the foreshore, followed by a presentation from the Port Lincoln Children's Centre and a sausage sizzle supplied by DCP. On Tuesday, Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service (PLAHS) held an Elders lunch and bingo. Wednesday was the traditional cook out at Mallee Park, with a work expo, the weather was exceptional, which is very unusual as we generally freeze. Thursday, AFSS threw a kids disco which was well received by the kids and their families. Friday was the Youth Ball and Saturday was the Adults Ball. This is the first time since the start of COVID that Port Lincoln has been able to celebrate NAIDOC week and it was noticeable with lots of community members attending all events.



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NAIDOC Week in Ceduna

The NAIDOC Week events in Ceduna were all a great success. Every year AFSS has participated in the NAIDOC march. This year AFSS helped with the 'Silent Disco' and made gift bags to present to the children and young people attending. A silent disco is an event for children and young people who can not tolerate loud noises or music and is especially designed for children and young people with autism. It is a large space filled with sensory items, games, spaces to relax and other activities. The children and young people have the option to listen to music through special headphones and they are able to control the volume of the music. The gift bags were filled with some sensory items and AFSS merchandise.

Aboriginal Events Calendar - September

Metro

1 Sep
Decorate a unicorn cake
Cake Studio Adelaide
Thu, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Holden Hill Community Centre, 82 Valiant Rd
Holden Hill SA

3 SEP
OUR WORDS
Sat 3 – Sun 4 Sept
Adelaide Festival Centre
King William St
Adelaide SA



3 SEP
Aboriginal weaving with River Rushes
Sat, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm
Hahndorf Academy
68 Main Street
Hahndorf SA

6 SEP
Culture as Infrastructure
A CHASS Seminar
Tue, 1:00 – 2:00 am
Australia (online)

16 SEP
Seadragon Science in the Pub
Fri, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
163 Main S Rd
Yankalilla SA

17 SEP
Building First Nations Cultural Confidence Together
Sat, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
St Peter's Girls' School
Stonyfell Rd
Stonyfell SA

21 SEP
Traditional Weaving
Wed, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
163 Main S Rd
Yankalilla SA

21 SEP
Traditional Weaving with the Southern Elders Weaving Group
Wed, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Yankalilla Showgrounds
Yankalilla SA

22 SEP
Basket Weaving with Marra Dreaming - Seniors Program
Thu, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Para Hills Community Hub
22 Wilkinson Rd
Para Hills SA

26 SEP
World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE 2022)
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Sept
Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute
253 Grenfell St
Adelaide SA

Regional

22 SEP
Monthly Ngarrindjeri Language Workshops with Kyla McHughes
Thu, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Victor Harbor Library
1 Bay Rd
Victor Harbor SA



24 SEP
Deadly Bowling
Sat, 9:00 am
Port Pirie Bowling Club
Mary Elie St
Port Pirie SA

Search "SA Aboriginal events 2022" for further details and bookings



Connection to Culture

Children's Day

On Friday 29 July, after 2 long years of Covid-19 restrictions, AFSS held its Connection to Culture Children's Day, at Parafield Gardens Recreation Centre.

Since 2016, AFSS has been putting together this annual event, which is organised with much passion by AFSS Cultural Officer, Barbara Falla. Considering the current lingering Covid-19 climate, the day was still very busy, with over 500 participants attending.

The theme for Children's Day this year was "Proud in culture, strong in spirit". As with all Australian children, it is important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to be able to maintain strong connections to their family, community, culture and Country. Karl Tamaru Smith opened the day with Welcome to Country and continued the entertainment as MC throughout the day. (He even managed to sneak into the photo booth for a quick snap amongst all the talking).

In the centre of the recreation centre, there were lots of activities set up for the kids to enjoy; Bead making, play dough, slime making, face painting, Henna tattoos, badge making, coloured hair spray, canvas painting and more. Face painting was definitely the highlight of the day, as the ladies still had a few children lined up (and adults) once we started to tidy up at the end of the day. There were some amazing artistic creations made by the children,

particularly with the canvas art, where children were able to refer to a chart which showed Aboriginal symbols and their meanings as a guide to their creation. The whole thing looked amazing, all done with a brown coloured paint pallet.

The Jumping Castle and petting animal farm were once again a hit for the kid's. Mr Goat (pictured on page 7), was very happy to be amongst all the fun and enjoyed the pats.

The Kineman Karma Ngarindjeri Reggae band graced the stage after lunch, (Ringo also has another music group the Twang Bangers who played at last Children's Day). They provided some uplifting Reggae music throughout the afternoon and had the kids bouncing balloons to the tunes. Another highlight of the day were dance groups, Tal Kin Jeri with Uncle Moogy Sumner and Dusty Feet Mob who also performed their choreographed piece to 'My Island Home', a real puller of the heart strings indeed.

A big thank you goes out to the young ladies from the Indigenous Round basketball team, Jasmine, Annalise and Amber who provided workshops throughout the day for the children. This was popular for some of the older kids who came along.

There were over 20 information stalls set up around the outside of the arts and craft area, which was a great opportunity for

organisations to promote their programs and services. AFSS NDIS and Community Safety and Wellbeing teams had their own individual stalls, enabling them to network and promote services and upcoming workshops. The NDIS team put together a 'paint a ceramic pot' activity, which was a real crowd pleaser, and a great way to sit down and make new connections while expressing their creative flair.

Overall, it was a fantastic day and great to see the kids getting amongst all of the fun. Hopefully the day provided a lovely, positive memory for years to come, as they celebrated their culture with friends, family and peers.



Photobooth fun with Residential Managers Susie Crisa and Joanne Griffin, and MC Karl Tamaru Smith.



Connection to Culture
Children's Day





Connection to Culture

Children's Day

in Berri

On 4 August 2022, a small number of services put together a special event to celebrate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. The event was held in Berri from 3.00pm until 7.00pm. There was a good turnout of young people and their families to enjoy a BBQ tea, fruit, sandwiches and drinks. Activities at the event included making damper and cooking it on the open fire, painting (canvases and boomerangs), kicking the footy and playing netball, colouring in (a special thanks to Tamara from Wonky Lines Counselling for allowing the printing of the sheets for the colouring and providing a prize for the picture voted the best). AFSS staff member, Nicole Barber represented AFSS at the event and provided the fruit for the evening and also facilitated the painting activities. The members of the community who attended were in no hurry to leave and the atmosphere was inclusive, full of laughter and fun. It was a fantastic evening.



NUNGA BALLET

With Qualified Ballet Teacher Tony and Mel K!

Free for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children

Ages 3 - 15 welcome

4pm - 4:45pm Tuesday and Thursday

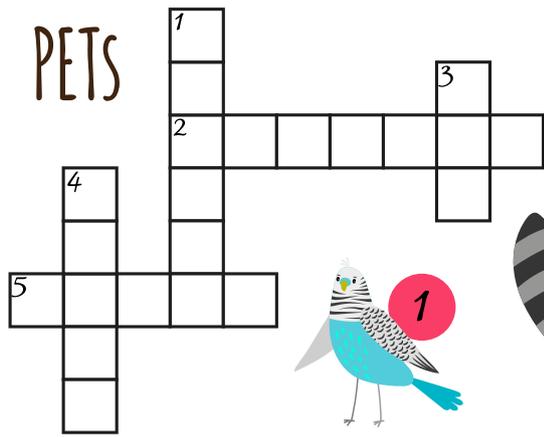
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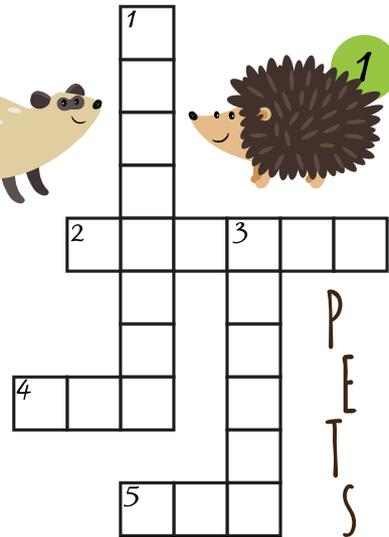
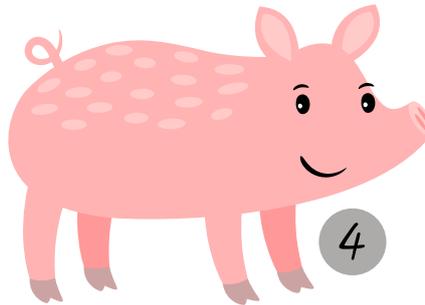
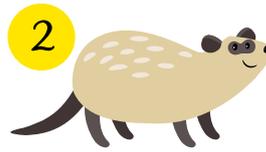
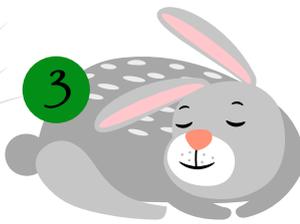
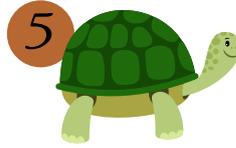
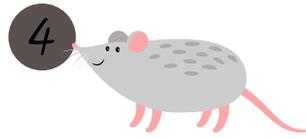
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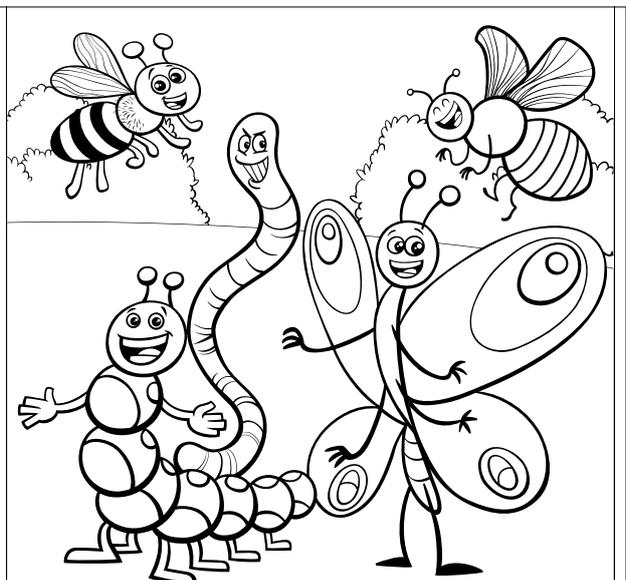
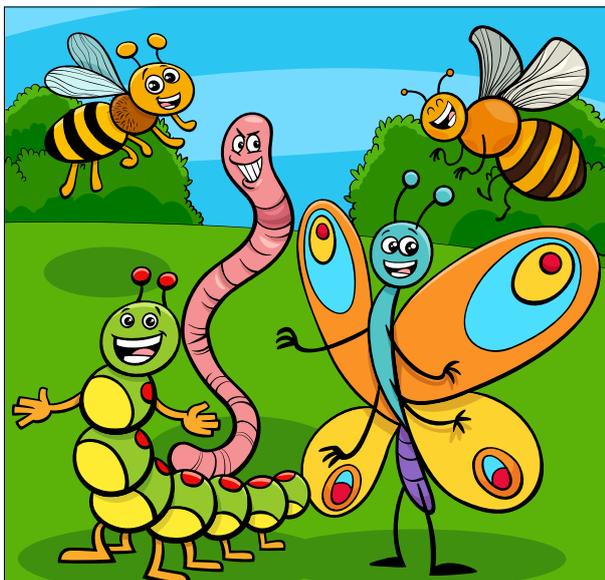




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1.hedgehog 2.ferret 3.rabbit 4.pig 5.cat



AFSS is Seeking Foster Carers across the Riverland

- Are you passionate about the future of Aboriginal children and young people?
- Are you supportive and understanding?
- Can you help keep young people safe and connected to their culture and community?



AFSS is looking for people just like you, who want to play their part in caring for Aboriginal children and young people.

Please Contact AFSS:

Nicole Barber ✉ nicole.barber@afss.com.au ☎ 8582 5503



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Staff Updates



Kayla Pitts, Youth Support Worker, SILS and Residential Care.

Hi, my name is Kayla and I have recently started as a Youth Support Worker for Supported Independent Living Services (SILS) and Residential Care. I am a fourth year Social Work student and completed my 500 hours of placement at Wiltja Boarding school. The students from the boarding school were from the APY lands and I learnt a lot about the Aboriginal culture whilst being on placement. I ran programs during my time on placement around confidence and self esteem and also had the opportunity to attend many cultural events. The SILS program has recently began this year and we have four young people in our service. SILS is about promoting the life skills that young people need to live independently. Youth Support Workers provide support around the many aspects of a young persons life. I love ice skating, the colour pink and eating burgers. The AFSS team at Smithfield have been so welcoming and make me feel a part of the team and I can't wait to see where this career takes me.

Reconnect

Do you think Reconnect would be helpful to you?

AFSS Reconnect Program is a community based early intervention program for young Aboriginal people aged 12 to 18 who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. The program works with young people and their families to strengthen relationships, improve the wellbeing of children and young people, reduce the costs of family breakdown and strengthen family, community and cultural connections.

Connecting to culture, schooling and training

AFSS Reconnect Youth Workers provide an early intervention case management service which focuses on ensuring young people are engaged with peers, family and community, participating in schooling, training and education or employment, developing independence and resilience and building their sense of self worth and wellbeing.



Young Aboriginal people involved in the Reconnect Service will be linked to a broad range of social, cultural and sporting experiences including the Annual Aboriginal Sports Carnival, NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week and Tandanya.

Young Aboriginal people can participate in workshops such as art, basket weaving, artefact making and dance to strengthen cultural and community links and enhance cultural connections.

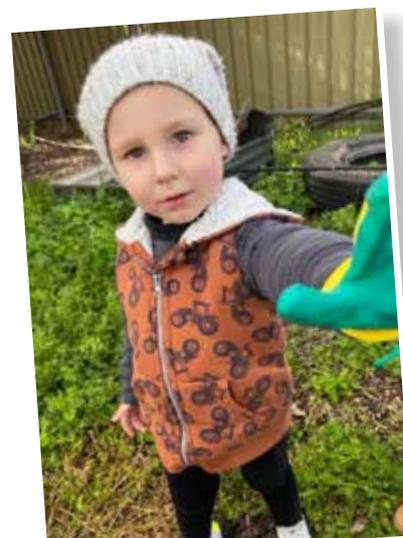


For more information please contact Manager, Reconnect - Nick Ward

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Staff Updates - NDIS



Above: NDIS Navigators Eileen Collins-Cole, Shana-May Karpany and Ricache Van Grosen.

A warm welcome to Eileen who has recently joined the team as NDIS Navigator. She will be facilitating the 'Disability and Aboriginality - The Intersection Explained' training. Please give Eileen a call if you would like to find out more information about the training. (See below)

*Top right: Olivia King's (Manager of NDIS) gorgeous son Jace.
Bottom right: NDIS Navigator Sharna-May Karpany.*

Last month Shana-May attended the Hillbank Community Children's Centre to help them create their 'Bush Tucker Garden'. Shana went to the centre to meet the children and get to know the space and then researched different plants, their origin, usage and benefits. Together the centre and Shana-May put together this beautiful resource and nature space.



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'Be With Me'

Disability and Aboriginality
The Intersection Explained

Fortnightly Training Sessions Open to Community

When: Thursday's Where: Parafield Time: 10am-3pm



If you are interested please email NDIS@afss.com.au
or call (08) 82813440 / 0458 966 906 and ask for Eileen, AFSS NDIS Navigator

(Min of 10 people for training to commence)



Kaurna Laneways renamed in Port Adelaide

Last month AFSS SILS and NDIS teams enjoyed a sunny day in Yartapuulti (Port Adelaide) celebrating the official ceremony of the renaming of the laneways around the Civic Centre in Port Adelaide. The laneways in this area have been named after members of the revered Kaurna family who continue to be recognised in local history and who are also known for their relationship with settlers in the early settlement years of the Adelaide Plains and the Port Adelaide region. The team were lucky enough to hear Uncle Rodney's yarns and some history about the namesakes of the newly signed areas. Some of the names included:

TYAMAITPINA – King Rodney Lane

TANGKAIRA – Queen Charlotte Square

IPARITYI – Princess Amelia Lane

YARTAPUULTI – Port Adelaide Walk



R U OK Day Thursday September 9



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in

R U OK Day will be held on Thursday 9 September and was initiated to inspire and empower people to connect with others around them, and to start a conversation with anyone who may be struggling with life. You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

So make sure your spidey-sensors are extra open next Thursday and start a conversation with someone to see if they are doing OK!

The NDIS and Residential Staff have been busy bees putting together over 450 R U Ok Day bags with info and treats for all of AFSS staff to hand out on the day and throughout the week. Great work guys!

Tadpoling in Port Lincoln

Each year, AFSS Case Manager of Stronger Families, Glenys Nowak, goes tadpoling. The staff at AFSS Port Lincoln office help to nurture the tadpoles until they grow and are ready to be returned to her fish pond, and then into the wild to live out their lives. The staff have had so much fun this year caring for them, and the kids loved it too!



Aboriginal Family Support Services
Together with the community

We are excited to invite you to join us at **AFSS Foster Carers' Lunch**

Acknowledging your valuable contribution and
celebrating Foster Carers' Week



When: Thursday 15th September 2022

11.30am - 2.30pm

Where: Sunnybrae Farm

1 Naweena Road

Regency Park SA 5010

With: The staff of the Foster Care team

RSVP: Please RSVP to your
Carer Liaison Officer by
Thursday 1 September



RSVP's essential for catering purposes
Please inform us of any dietary needs

We look forward to seeing you there!



AFSS Community Safety & Wellbeing Open Day 2022

On Friday 5 August, AFSS Paralowie held their Community Safety & Wellbeing Open Day which was open to local community members and services providers. Throughout the day there was an interactive room for children and young people, a walking tour of the office, information about AFSS Community, Safety & Wellbeing programs and an amazing Welcome to Country conducted by Robert Taylor from Kuma Kaaru.

It was a great turn out and we thank everyone who came down for a yarn and feed!



If you would like to find out more about AFSS CS&W programs, please give our friendly staff a call!



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Ceduna
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Ceduna SA 5690
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Coober Pedy
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Coober Pedy SA 5723
☎ 8672 3066

Cross Road
503 Cross Road
South Plympton SA 5038
☎ 8297 5708

Mount Gambier
20 Elizabeth Street
Mount Gambier SA 5290
☎ 8723 6110

Morphett Vale
Unit 1-365 Main South Road
Morphett Vale SA 5162
☎ 8186 4000

Murray Bridge
67 Adelaide Road
Murray Bridge SA 5253
☎ 8532 1790

Paralowie
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Paralowie SA 5108
☎ 8281 5440

Port Augusta
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Port Augusta SA 5700
☎ 8641 0907

Port Lincoln
21 Washington Street
Port Lincoln SA 5606
☎ 8683 1909

Port Pirie
23 Norman Street
Port Pirie SA 5540
☎ 8632 2227

Salisbury
4 Ann Street
Salisbury SA 5108
☎ 8182 6567

Salisbury
20 Ann Street
Salisbury SA 5108
☎ 8281 3440

Whyalla
19B Darling Terrace
Whyalla SA 5600
☎ 8644 0116

AFSS Board member Ivan Copley receives Mayor's Award for 19 years of service!

In June this year (NAIDOC Week), The City of Adelaide awarded Ivan-Tiwu Copley OAM the Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Award for 2022, which was held at the annual luncheon at the Adelaide Town Hall.

Ivan was recognised for his outstanding achievement and service for being an extraordinary Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community member who has made a significant contribution to reconciliation in the City of Adelaide.

A Peramangk – Kurna man and respected Elder, Uncle Ivan-Tiwu is the longest serving member on the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee, and has dedicated 19 years' of service, guidance and support. The Lord Mayor and City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee co-chairperson Sandy Verschoor says Uncle Ivan-Tiwu has been a devoted community leader.

"Uncle Ivan-Tiwu has displayed a deep commitment to reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities for more than 30 years and I am fortunate to have benefited from his incredible service," said the Lord Mayor.



Adelaide Lord Mayor (Sandy Verschoor), Ivan-Tiwu Copley, (AFSS Deputy Chairperson/Treasurer) and Alex Houthuysen (AFSS Board Member).

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