Madjitil Moorna Newsletter May 2016

Madjitil Moorna, Singers of Aboriginal songs Singing ~ learning ~ healing - Bringing cultures together

Madjitil Moorna, Singers of Aboriginal songs welcomes anyone regardless of skill, age, gender or cultural background.

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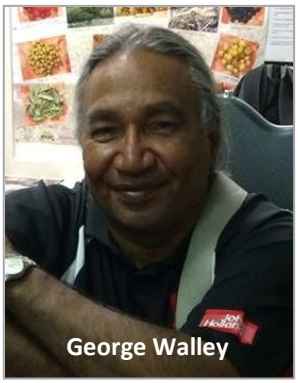
11 MARCH George Walley led us at the Western Australian Mental Health Conference windup. Aboriginal Mental Health was a key focus of the conference and MM was delighted to be invited to share our songs.


George Walley

22 MARCH The launch of the new Indigenous Storybook at the Zamia Cafe was very special. MM features in the Indigenous Storybook - Celebrating and Sharing Good News Stories (Perth & Peel Edition) - along with 13 other great stories. (pg 26 for MM)

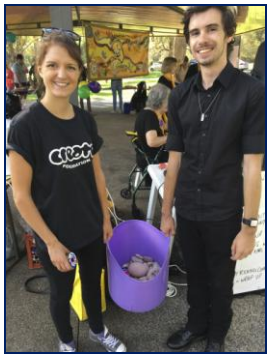
Jo Randell, Karl Mourach with Prof Fiona Stanley.

"It was inspirational hearing from some of the storytellers as well as Professor Fiona Stanley who couldn't be more passionate about improving health across the community. Huge congrats to editor Sunni Wilson and coordinator Melissa Stoneham for creating this inspiring resource" Jo Randell

Copies of the book via phaiwa@curtin.edu.au

20 April Led by Tori and Kobi, Madjitil Moorna enjoyed singing children's songs in language at the Celebration Event in Kings Park for Out of Home Care families. Aunty Karl Mourach provided a Welcome to Country and gifted her 'Thank you rocks' which the children were able to choose and to paint.

Aunty Karl Mourach


Elly Jones & Kobi Morrison

"A special thanks to Aunty Karl. Her welcome to country was so moving and the young people really enjoyed decorating the rocks- they looked fantastic! Thank you also to the members of the choir that supported this activity."

Elly Jones Community Facilitator CREATE Foundation

Music Directors

Candice Lorrae

Very special thanks to **Candice Lorrae** who has been our anchor Music Director. Candice now hands over the reins to **Billie Court**.

Billie Court

"WAAPA trained, Billie Court has been performing for the past 20 years. A versatile performer Billie sings jazz, contemporary and classical music enjoying a diverse and interesting music career taking her nationally & internationally".

We are delighted that Billie has agreed to lead MM!

George Walley continues to be intermittently involved and joins us again as we prepare for the significant concert performance as part of the Mass Choir Concert at Perth Concert Hall (*See Page 1*). We will have other guest Music Directors with us during the year too including **Sam Dinah** and **Josie Boyle**.

Extra Volunteer Help

We are delighted to have **Kyarra Swetman** assisting with website development and social media. **Talya Valenti** has recently joined us on the music support side with practice CD's etc which will be a real bonus! Last year **May Carter** helped with Strategic planning and a review of our constitution. For all this volunteer help we are very grateful recognising it builds a stronger organisation and MM family.

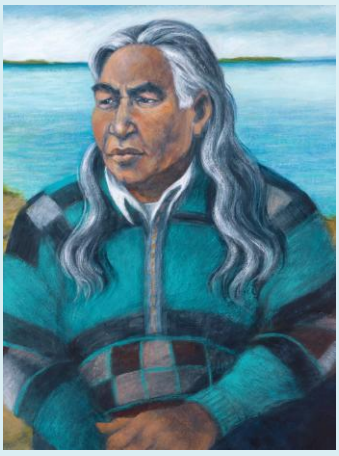
Thank you May, Kyarra and Talya ☺

CULTURAL EVENT

https://www.trybooking.com/KVXP

Madjitil Moorna organises several cultural events each year for members and friends of the choir aiming to build understanding. Sunday May 1st George Walley will be our cultural guide telling stories and singing songs related to the Pinjarra massacre. A visit to the Memorial Park will allow for reflection of history which has not yet been regularly taught in the schools. Hopefully this will change with the new school curriculum. **Tickets $25/20**. Join us if you can! More info: Try Booking or Tel Angela 0402 831 892.

Donations to the choir are always welcome. 'A RARE OPPORTUNITY' – As Madjitil Moorna celebrates 10 years of *Singing ~ learning ~ healing - Bringing cultures together*, the choir is seeking to raise funds through the sale of this portrait of George Walley very kindly painted and donated by well loved WA artist Joanna Lefroy Capelle for the Noongar Language in Schools Project.



George Walley is a significant figure in his home country around Mandurah. He is a Bindjareb man, both strong in his culture and highly respected across the whole community. Enquiries about the painting to Jo Randell ContactUs@madjitilmoorna.org.au

OTHER EVENTS

Thurs May 26th 9.45 – 1.45pm
Wellington Square East Perth

Is this in your Diary?

SORRY DAY

Thursday May 26th

This event is open to the public.
Opening formalities 10.00 – 10.40am
Cultural learning, sharing, healing activities and lunch – 10.40 -12.15pm
Sand mural performance – 12.15 -1.00pm
Smoking ceremony – 1.00 - 1.45pm

Come for all or any part of the day.

"So Long Suckers"

May 26th – 4th June 2016.

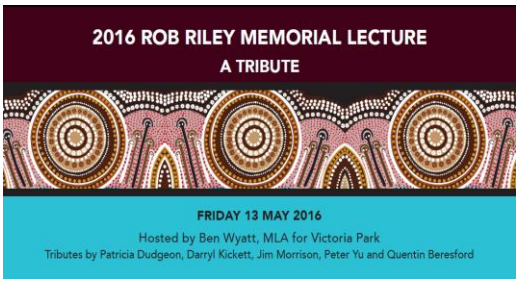
presented by **Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company** at **Subiaco Arts Theatre**

Directed by Kyle J Morrison and featuring Ian Wilkes, Emmanuel J Brown and Peter Docker.

"So Long Suckers" is a first time cross-cultural, cross art form collaboration between Yirra Yaakin & Bunuba Cultural Enterprises (Jandamarra) from Broome. Inspired by real-life stories this provocative and powerful new work explores the destructive effects on alcoholism on Indigenous & Non-Indigenous communities.

Book tickets HERE

Friday 13 May Rob Riley Memorial Lecture hosted by The Centre for Aboriginal Studies Curtin University.



Rob Riley was an indigenous statesman and leader whose untimely death was mourned throughout Australia. Inspired by his conviction that Australia had to confront its history of dispossession of Aboriginal people from their lands and all that has flowed from it, Riley worked tirelessly to advance social justice with non-Indigenous Australia. The evening will be hosted Ben Wyatt MLA. Tributes by Patricia Dudgeon, Darryl Kickett, Jim Morrison, Peter Yu and Quentin Beresford.

Please RSVP by Friday May 6th to events@curtin.edu.au

Information not to be forgotten

- **Sun 10am 01 May** **Pinjarra Massacre Site guided tour** with George Walley **Info**: **Try Booking**
- **Mon 7 pm 02 May** **Term 2 Singing practice** begins at Anderson Community Centre, Forrestfield.
- **Friday 13 May** **Rob Riley Memorial Lecture** RSVP by Friday May 6th to events@curtin.edu.au
- **Friday 20 May 7.30pm** **Mass Choir concert** at the **Perth Concert Hall**!
  Tickets at perthconcerthall.com.au or ticketmaster.com.au
- **Thursday 26th May** **Sorry Day** in Wellington Square .If you haven't attended before, then let this year be your first. See you there ☺ *(http://www.sorrysong.com.au/ Kerry Fletcher's Sorry Song. Stolen Generation Commemorative Flowers Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation)*
- **26th May – 4th June** **"So Long Suckers"** Subiaco Arts Theatre during Reconciliation Week presented by **Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company.**

Meet the Board elected April 2016

Lee Peters	Chairperson
Vice Chair	TBC
Jo Randell	Choir Coordinator
Pete Randell	Treasurer
Rochelle Brown	Secretary and Therese Duirs now as Assistant Secretary
General members	Kobi Morrison, Mary Jo Harris & Sue Peaker.

Huge thanks to *Sharyn Egan* who has stepped down as Vice Chair. Aunty Karl Mourach remains our Cultural Guide and is joined by a small reference group of Elders. We're excited about this new development. We welcome back Rochelle Brown into the Secretary position with Therese Duirs now Assistant Secretary. Kobi Morrison and Mary Jo Harris remain General members and we also welcome Sue Peaker new to the Team. Lee Peters continues in the role of Chair, Pete Randell as Treasurer and the indefatigable Jo Randell as Choir Coordinator.

We look forward to the continuing guidance and direction from a team who works behind the scenes to pursue our vision of Singing ~ learning ~ healing - Bringing cultures together.

Boorda! (Goodbye!)

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Madjitil Moorna is a unique community choir singing Aboriginal songs, led by award-winning Aboriginal performers. We sing for better understanding, challenging old stereotypes as people from all backgrounds open their ears and hearts to explore Aboriginal culture, through song and story. Check us out at Anderson Road Community Centre, 24 Anderson Rd, Forrestfield, WA from Mon 02 May 6.30pm for a cuppa,7pm to sing. More info: www.madjitilmoorna.org.au