

CHAMPION VIEWS

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coloured rocks – all of which are on display at the Telstra Exchange building in Jull St Mall.

To get the kids involved in great activities these upcoming October holidays, contact us soon.

April School Holiday Program

The April school holiday program was incredibly successful with more 30 children taking part in exciting, fun activities.

During the week we coordinated numerous activities including scrapbooking, marble painting and arts and crafts.

We visited the Armadale Reptile Centre where everyone had the opportunity to hold a snake, as well as learn about native animals. We also took a trip to Kings Park where we enjoyed a delicious BBQ.

Armadale Youth Resources joined the team and helped paint totem poles, made tiles with stones and



Champion Message

Kiya and welcome to the 3rd edition of our Champion Views newsletter. Our centre has become a buzz of activity with programming changes, new and exciting partnerships and NAIDOC Week just around the corner.

We are always interested to hear feedback and discuss any programs you would like to see running, so come down have a yarn with the girls. Our door is always open.

Until next time stay deadly!

Champion Centre Team.

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Events @ The Champion Centre

National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

Thursday 9 August, 10am – 2pm

A special event which celebrates children in the local community. There will be FREE cultural activities by Tommy Dimer, Ranger Red with his furry and reptile friends, and fun programs provided by Polytechnic West.

Richard Sheppard School Awards

Thursday 30 August

A celebration of the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in years 11 and 12 living within the City of Armadale region.

Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday 5 September, 10am – 2pm

The centre's inaugural Indigenous Literacy Day will have plenty of FREE activities for children and families including face painting, song and dance, dreaming stories, language and six seasons.



The Champion Centre on Facebook

* The Champion Centre receives significant funding from the Australian Government, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Waabiny Mia (formerly Indigenous Parenting Services)

Cooking & Budgeting

The Cooking & Budgeting program has been producing beautiful results over the last weeks, with soups, stir-frys and desserts. The program will be partnering with local schools in Term 3.

Ngala Boodja Fabric Art & Design

Ngala Boodja has been accommodating families of participants of the Aboriginal Driver Training classes, which has run successfully all term. All participants have produced remarkable works of art, and have left the program, with a strong sense of spiritual growth.

National Close the Gap Day

The Champion Centre held its inaugural National Close the Gap Day Family Expo in March. It was a chance for Indigenous community members and health providers to come together in relaxed atmosphere.

There were displays from health providers, physical activity programs, healthy meal demonstrations and health checks as well as giveaways to participants.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this event so successful.

If you would like to get involved in future events please contact us.



The Champion Centre is a gathering place for Aboriginal people, and for agencies working with Aboriginal families and communities...

We offer an inclusive neutral environment, promote healing of many groups within the local area, reconciliation, build bridges for families, share knowledge and connect with the Armadale community promoting hope and opportunities.

We are Aboriginal led, work in Aboriginal ways and welcome everyone.



Champion Centre Programs

Aboriginal Driver Training Thursdays 10am – 2pm

Are you 16 or over & don't have your learner's permit? Visit the Champion Centre and sit your learner's permit for free.

Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service Inc Thursdays 10am – 12pm

FREE counselling sessions for local Aboriginals living with drug and alcohol issues. Bookings are essential, phone 9221 1411.

Yorgalicious Thursdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm

A weekly program by North Metro Public Health Unit, mixing fun and fitness for Aboriginal women. Wear your joggers, bring a water bottle & kids and be ready to have fun!

Women's Yarning Circle Thursdays 10.30am – 2pm

Learn & develop skills with textiles to make clothing, bags and lots more. In partnership with South Metro Public Health Unit.

ORS Employment Thursdays 9am – 4.30pm

ORS is able to assist the individual needs of those looking for work experience, employment and ongoing mentorship and support. Spaces are limited so ask your employment services provider to contact The ORS Group today to make a referral or call 1300 677 789.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group (ATSIAG)

The purpose of this group is to advise and make recommendations to the Council on a range of issues which affect the quality of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the City of Armadale region. We are always looking for new members to join. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Champion Centre, for more information please call Sue on 9399 0642.

Calling all volunteers!

Are you looking for something to do during the winter months? Volunteering is a great way to build on your work and life skills. It can broaden your horizons and give you an opportunity to meet new people and make new contacts. Contact Armadale Volunteer Services on 9399 0642 or visit www.govolunteer.com.au and discover the many benefits of volunteering.

Marmun Mia-Mia

Supporting the health & well-being of Aboriginal men, young & old. Health talks, activities and companionship.

Thursdays at 12pm, Settlers' Common
Contact 0437 336 296

Office Space Available

The Champion Centre has 2 separate offices 3m x 3m for service providers wanting to co-locate in the centre. Both offices are available now.

For more information please contact Jodie Clarke on 9399 0820.

Champions Alliance

Concept

Champions Alliance is intended to address the needs of Aboriginal people in Armadale, using existing programs and services to alleviate the barriers through an integrated service delivery approach at community level.

The alliance is founded on basic priorities:

1. Targeting Aboriginal families needs;
2. Coordinating and improving access to programs and services;
3. Raising awareness of challenges faced;
4. Coordination of information and knowledge sharing;
5. Improving horizontal linkages by seeking opportunities for partnerships.

How will it work?

The Champion Centre will be the coordinating body for a multi-agency alliance; in a facility that is culturally appropriate and safe.

By using an integrated approach to provide core operations, all services will then be accessible to anyone who walks through the door.

As an added benefit the Alliance serves as a collocation of employees from different agencies available as referral, information sharing and support.

The Alliance will be launched in the coming months.

A monthly schedule will be provided to the agencies involved and the community.



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We welcome your articles and suggestions.

