



Gainmara Birrilee PreSchool



**Gainmara – Murra in Murra
(Hand in Hand) – Yarning Up day
at Goodooga Preschool**

Wednesday 30 August 202

Thank You



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Thank you everyone that attended and contributed to the success of the Goodooga, Gainmara Murra in Murra (Hand in Hand) – Yarning Up Day

This Children and Family Fun Day, brought Children, Families, Elders, Community Members and organisational representatives together to share in a relaxed and enjoyable day.

The event

1. Held at the Goodooga Preschool, 6 Doyle Street, Goodooga, from 10am to 2pm.
2. Goodooga is in the Brewarrina Shire on the of the Bokhara River. It is approximately 121 km north from Brewarrina, Lightning Ridge, its closest community and is approximately 20 kilometers south of the Queensland border.
3. Coordinated in partnership with Gainmara Birrilee Preschool and Goodooga Preschool as part of the Brewarrina Murra in Murra (Hand in Hand) Spiritually Building a Stronger Future Project, that aims to bring young Aboriginal children, their families, and Elders together in a culturally safe environment, to connect young Aboriginal children and their families together and with their community.
4. Funded through a Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery (Storm and Flood) Grant, this Children and Young People Wellbeing Initiative project is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and the New South Wales Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
5. Attended by an estimated 16 Children, Families, Elders Community members and Agency representatives,
6. Organisational role, information shared by Gainmara Birrilee Preschool and Contact, Murra in Murra (Hand in Hand) initiative and this project.
7. Discussions then focused on what would make a difference for Goodooga Aboriginal children and families and valued programs in the community. The Goodooga Central School is appreciated with comment made about the School's good attendance rates and Playgroup (Parents as Teachers) is offered at the School on a Monday. Needs surrounding early intervention screenings (developmental checks/ speech), birth certificates were raised.
8. Options for a seasonal pop-up children's / adult clothing shop option, like the



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Gainmara Birrilee Preschool option, future professional links/ visits by Gainmara Birrilee Preschool (as feasible) to Goodooga and vice versa for the families and Goodooga Preschool to the Gainmara Birrilee Preschool raised.

9. Elders, families, and children joined in sharing activities, and in good yarns together.
10. Agencies in attendance were Mackillop Family Services, Goodooga Preschool, Gainmara Birrilee Preschool and Contact representatives.
11. Brewarrina sourced catering items and groceries were offered in these arrangements, with a delicious selection of fresh mixed sandwiches and wraps, fruit platters, water, provided for morning tea and lunch. A child's birthday was celebrated at lunch time, with special individual birthday cupcakes especially enjoyed by the children at the conclusion of the event.
12. Promoted by word of mouth and with event posters shared directly to families by the Goodooga Preschool .
13. Attendees provided positive feedback as to the valuing of the day.

In appreciation Gainmara Birrilee Preschool and Contact acknowledge the invaluable support provided towards the day and most importantly a thank you to the children, families, Elders, community members, Goodooga Preschool and MacKillop Family Services that attended to share with us in making the event a special and happy time together.

**Gainmara Birrilee
Preschool and
Goodooga
PreSchool**

**Gainmara - Murra in Murra
Hand in Hand**

You are invited
When: Wednesday 30 August 2023 **Time:** 10 am to 1 pm
Where: Goodooga PreSchool, 6 Doyle St Goodooga
Join us for a fun day!

Yarning Up – About our children, your needs as a family and education.
Babies, Young Children, Parents, Care givers
and Elders all welcome

Families and children joining together in shared activities
Fun activities
Lunch Sandwiches and fruit platter
Bead threading
Yarning
Boomerang scratching
Boomerang painting
Sharing culture

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