A Very Special Graduation

Every graduation event is a special one for our students, but the one that we just celebrated was a very special one for several reasons.

Not only did we celebrate 13 of our students graduating from the 91541NSW Diploma of Applied Aboriginal Studies course, but we also saw the unveiling of our Friendship garden and showcased the talents of some of our very talented students.
Our friendship garden was unveiled in loving memory of one of our students Aunty Coral Campbell, who studied with this graduating group. The garden was a labour of love, cleared and planted over several community days.

The students themselves officially opened the garden with a beautiful tribute to Aunty Coral, and special readings from fellow student Michelle Guthrie, as well as from the class Programme Manager Dion Barnett.

Student Nathan Fenton unveiled a native Red Dwarf Gum that was planted for Aunty Coral in the garden, as well as reading out the plaque in her memory.

Talented student Sarah Ingram paid a touching tribute to Aunty Coral by closing the garden opening ceremony with a beautiful song in her honour.

Thank you to everyone who donated the beautiful native plants for our garden and their time taking part in our recent Community Gardening Day. Special thanks to Roger Hart who donated a magnificent Burrawang Palm which he grew from a local seed (collected at Woollamia in the Shoalhaven), 16 years ago. We feel honored to be it's new home.
Kevin Cook Award in recognition for her willingness to grow and share her learning in their community.

Special congratulations also go to Sarah Ingram who was the recipient of the Encouragement Award in recognition for her willingness to grow and share her learning in their community.

Michael Weir received a Special Achievement Award in recognition of his persistence, dedication and application to his studies and for persevering when life itself had other ideas. Well done Michael - you got there in the end!

Congratulations to all of our students who all worked so hard to get to the finish line!

Our amazingly talented artist in residence Myangah (Sea Eagle) Pirate was delighted to unveil his latest artwork, a gift from the graduating student class to Tranby - a fantastic burning on wood depicting Gwoya Jungarai reproduced with permission of the Ainslie Roberts Foundation.

At one stage Gwoya was the world’s most famous First Nations Australian. This picture of Gwoya is one of two iconic images drawn by Ainslie Roberts. His other image was produced on a stamp in the 1950s - it sold over 90 million copies worldwide. Look up his story ...

To contact Pirate to find out more details about his artwork, to make a purchase or to commission him for a special upcoming event or unique piece contact him on 0409706776 or email him through the link below.

Tranby feels very honored to be given such a generous and beautiful gift from such a talented artist, and we are delighted to be able to share this with all of our future students to come.

Feel free to pop in and take a look for yourself, we are lucky enough to have several other amazing artworks of his also on display at Tranby and want to share them all with you too.
Tranby is incredibly grateful to the ongoing support from Westpac. Westpac staff have been incredibly generous with their time, energy and enthusiasm in donating their Community Volunteering Day to Tranby to get us ready for our 60th Birthday next year. Thank you to everyone!

We've had some fantastic volunteer teams out around campus, doing some fantastic things - clearing our Friendship Garden in preparation for our Community Gardening Day was just one of the many huge tasks that the team rolled their sleeves up for!

We rely on the great work of volunteers here at Tranby and thank each and every one of them for their amazing contributions to our team, campus & students.
Tranby has a very special celebration coming up in 2017 – we celebrate our 60th Birthday, and as part of our celebrations we have launched an exciting wall art project as a wonderful way to reunite past Tranby students, unite future Tranby students and the wider community and to celebrate all the achievements that our walls have witnessed throughout the years.

This project is open to artists who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and have played a part in our history over the years or want to shape our future for the next 60 years.

Applications are open until Friday 6th December. Please spread the word!

Download a Wall Art Application Pack

Want to become a member of our Co-operative, and be a part of Tranby's future? Sign up to be a member today.

Download our Membership Application Form