Summer School in Gamilaraay and Gumbaynggirr Languages

Dates – Monday 15 - Friday 19 January, 2007
Times - 9am - 5pm

Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-operative & Many Rivers Aboriginal Language Centre, in association with the Koori Centre at the University of Sydney, are facilitating Ngaawa-Garay, a summer school which will offer one week courses in Gumbaynggirr and Gamilaraay. The courses will be taught at the Koori Centre, by teaching teams made up of a teacher-linguist and Indigenous language teachers/researchers, and will have a maximum of fifteen students per language.

These are intensive courses aiming to develop speaking skills in the languages, and will be quite demanding. On completing the course students will receive a Statement of Attainment issued by Muurrbay. The Gumbaynggirr course will be based on the Certificate II in Gumbaynggirr Language and Culture Maintenance which is taught at Muurrbay and accredited by VETAB. The Gamilaraay course will be based on ‘Speaking Gamilaraay’ which is offered at University of Sydney (www.koori.usyd.edu.au/studying/aborig_studies.shtml#2605) and at the New England Institute of TAFE.

These courses are recognised in the Indigenous Languages Education programs offered by the Koori Centre, University of Sydney (http://www.koori.usyd.edu.au/studying/postgrad.shtml). The Gumbaynggirr course will give students ‘recognised prior learning’ for three out of eight modules of the Certificate II Gumbaynggirr course.

Because of the need for teachers for these languages, preference will be given to Indigenous people involved in teaching these languages on country, and then to other Indigenous people. If there is sufficient interest other courses may be planned later.

Costs: Funding assistance is being sought, but at this stage the courses are unfunded, so students will need to provide travel, accommodation and registration fees. We hope to be able to offer five scholarships to help with travel and accommodation. Accommodation is available at several colleges at Sydney University. We recommend Wesley because it is close to the Koori Centre.
Registration is $100.00. Once you have been notified that you have been accepted into the course, please send a cheque or money order for the registration fee to Muurrbay by Friday 1st December 2006.

For Enquiries: Please email Muurrbay, or phone Pauline Hooler on 65694294
Please fax or mail the application form below to Muurrbay, by November 10th.

Application form:

Name: ________________________________ Phone: _______________________

Address: ______________________________ Email: _______________________

Do you identify as Indigenous? If so, which language group?

Which course are you applying for? Please circle one only.

Gumbaynggirr         Gamilaraay

Are you involved in teaching Gumbaynggirr or Gamilaraay - if so where?

Are you likely to be involved in teaching Gumbaynggirr or Gamilaraay in the future?

Academic qualifications:

Employment details:

Other relevant information:

Signed: _____________________________ Date: ____________________________