

Newsletter from The Goondeen Institute - December 2022 edition



Hi,

As this is the last newsletter for 2022, we'd like to thank schools, teachers and students who have worked with us during 2022 in further developing Goondeen.

We've seen many interesting developments this year, such as schools conducting Professional Development sessions, introducing the Goondeen Way, and the first subscriptions to our Goondeen E-Resource library.

We look forward to your continuing involvement with us at the Goondeen Institute and to other schools joining us in 2023



News on the Goondeens

Everald Compton

A Federal Minister has invited Everald to join, as a volunteer, a group of distinguished citizens who will be encouraging Australians to vote 'yes' in the coming referendum to enshrine the First Nation's Voice, etc in the Australian Constitution. Everald will be focusing on senior citizens.

Also, during a recent visit to Canberra, Everald's presence in the House of Representatives was recognised by Speaker (Hon. Milton Dick).

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Uncle Albert Dr. Holt

Uncle Albert's community work was recognised when he became the recipient of a 'Queensland Great' award (2022).

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The Goondeen Educational Resources

Goondeen Institute's Professional Development and E-Resource Library provides the tools for teachers to feel safe in teaching First Nation's perspectives in the classroom.

Based on findings from various focus groups (including teachers), it was recommended that we develop these resources, especially to support Non-Indigenous teachers. This is an adaptable program, we aim to work with each school on what goals they wish to achieve. For example, one school has introduced the concept of Goondeen Guardians, Goondeen garden, Goondeen gratitude postcards, Goondeen wagon wheel of success (see below), etc.



So far, we have around 15 resources (including 2 large teacher's manuals) for use in prep, primary and secondary schools.

Also, we are in the process of developing one for 'kindy'.

These resources were written by **Kiana Charlton** (a proud Goenpul/Yuggera Goorie teacher with a Masters in Indigenous Education) and Lyn Trill (a globally-recognised author of educational books).

Tertiary institutions, like **QUT**, were actively involved in its development which are linked to the National Education Curriculum, ie hundreds of links are documented.

As more and more schools are following a **Reconciliation Action Plans** (RAP), these resources will be used to support each school's RAP.

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Professional Development

Several schools have had, or booked, Professional Development sessions for their staff.

Professional developments are excellent opportunities to help deepen your understanding of First Nations peoples, histories and cultures. Goondeen Professional Development is tailored to guiding and supporting schools on a journey to true healing and reconciliation, within the school, classroom and community environment. We invite you to take the next steps in building a brighter future.

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If you need any clarification, please contact me.

Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and successful New Year.

Enjoy the holiday season and we hope you come back refreshed for 2023.

Best wishes,

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Goondeen is a First Nation's word that was used in Cherbourg to describe a "wise, inspirational, compassionate, community-focussed, respected leader".

Goondeen follows Indigenous LORE "share, care and respect the land, the environment and the people". The Goondeen Institute reflects this as we acknowledge all Traditional Custodians across Australia and recognises First Nations peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the land, sky and waterways that surround us. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging; we acknowledge the Yuggera people as the Traditional custodians of the land that we live and work on.

NB Goondeen is a **profit-for-purpose** organisation, where earnings go straight back into creating more resources.

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