

INVITATION - 2019 Shoalhaven Sorry Day Event

When: Friday 24th May 2019 Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Commencing at Scenic Drive, Nowra (*south of the Shoalhaven Bridge*) and walking to the old Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home for activities & lunch

Dear recipient,

The South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation wishes to invite you to join us in mourning and celebrating National Sorry Day 2019 in the Shoalhaven.

National Sorry Day is a very significant day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly for Stolen Generations survivors and their families. National Sorry Day events are often held during May each year to acknowledge and recognise members of the Stolen Generations. The first Sorry Day was the 26th May 1998, one year after the Bringing Them Home Report was tabled in Federal Parliament.

The Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home in the Shoalhaven was mentioned in the Bringing Them Home Report (1997) as an institution that housed Indigenous children removed from their families. The United Aborigines Mission established Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home in 1908, this was the home for many children aged under 10 years up until 1980.

The SCMSAC are proud to host this event in collaboration with the children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Homes Inc. (CBACH), Nowra Local Aboriginal Lands Council and other local services that wish to partake and support. We would like to extend the invitation to local communities, schools and organisations to take part in the walk to share and learn more about the history of the Stolen Generation and particularly the stories of the Bomaderry Homes, and its role in further educating and healing our younger generations.

If you would like to register your attendance and/or support this event, please contact Sharlene Cruickshank on (O2) 4448 O2OO or email <u>sharlene@southcoastams.org.au</u>

Sincere

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NATIONAL SORRYDAY DRUG / ALCOHOL / SMOKE FREE EVENT





You're invited to join the commemorative Sorry Day event. The Reconciliation Walk will depart at 11am from Moorhouse Park, 1 Scenic Drive Nowra, over the Nowra Bridge to the Bomaderry Homes, 59 Beinda Street Bomaderry.

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