

Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony Registration Form

Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony is a cultural ceremony for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families with Babies and Children who live in Zillmere, Taigum, Fitzgibbon and surrounding areas. Each Baby and Child Welcomed to Country will receive a certificate and a gift to commemorate the event. Babies and Children will also have the opportunity to be photographed alongside their families and the Traditional Custodians.

Culture plays an essential role in forming a Child's identity and how Children make sense of the world. Families can play a key role in instilling cultural pride in Children. This ceremony is an integral part of giving Babies, Children and their families a sense of belonging, a sense of place and a connection to culture and community. Details of the **Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony** are as follows:

Venue:

Koobara Kindergarten
421 Beams Road Taigum

Date:

7 September 2024

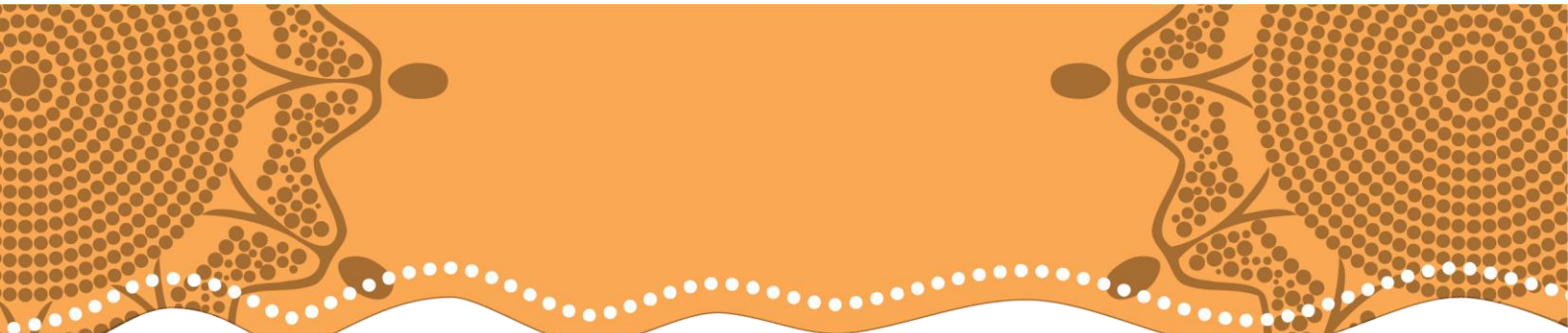
Time:

10:00 am – 2:00pm

To be eligible to participate in the **Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony** parents/carers are required to:

- have a Baby/Child (birth to 5 years) living in either Zillmere, Taigum, Fitzgibbon or surrounding areas.
- have both an identified male and a female family member participate in the Ceremony to fulfill the commitment to the future Elder they have birthed and/or are caring for.
- attend the **Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony** pre-ceremony workshops where you will:
 - decorate the headband that will be gifted to your Baby/Child as they are Welcomed to Country by the Traditional Custodians
 - decorate the Clap Sticks, made by Uncle Joe Malone, that will be gifted to your Child aged 2 to 5 years. Babies up to 2 years will receive a baby wrap in lieu of the Clap Sticks.

Please note: If your child participated in the 2022 *Wunya Baby & Child to Country Ceremony* at Koobara Kindergarten and received a headband and Clap Sticks, or baby wrap, they are not eligible to participate in 2024 *Wunya Baby & Child to Country Ceremony* on Saturday 7th of September. **HOWEVER** your family is welcome to attend the event and enjoy the cultural entertainment and activities. Stay tuned for more information.



Details of the pre-ceremony workshops are as follows:

Location:

Koobara Kindergaten

Dates:

Saturday 27 July 2024
Saturday 3 August 2024
Friday 9 August 2024
Saturday 10 August 2024
Friday 16 August 2024
Saturday 17 August 2024
Saturday 24 August 2024
Saturday 31 August 2024

Time:

10am – 2:00pm for each session

Failure to attend at least one workshop may forfeit your Baby/Child being part of the ceremony.

If you would like your Baby/Child to be part of the ***Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony***, please complete the attached Registration Form.

Please Note: Numbers are capped for this special ceremony



Artwork by Jhana Gray



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REGISTRATION FORM

We need the following information about your Baby/Child for the **Wunya (Welcome) Baby and Child to Country Ceremony**, however we ask that you do not provide us with any other details you are not comfortable having read out on the day. The information will only be used by the Master of Ceremony on the day and to design certificates that will be presented at the ceremony. No information will be provided to anyone outside of **Koobara Kindergarten** and **Kurbingui Youth and Family Development** and all information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

We suggest taking a photo of the completed form on your phone prior to delivering or emailing the form to a representative of **Kurbingui Youth and Family Development** at reception@kurbingui.org.au

All registration forms are to be returned no later than Friday 19 July at 4 pm.

All registration decisions are made by **Koobara Kindergarten** and **Kurbingui Youth and Family Development** without bias. Registrations will be accepted in order of receipt and the applicant's ability to meet the participation criteria outlined on the previous page will be taken into consideration.

Parent/Carer details:

Name of Female:
Mobile:
Email:
Address:
Relationship to Child:

Name of Male:
Mobile:
Email:
Address:
Relationship to Child:

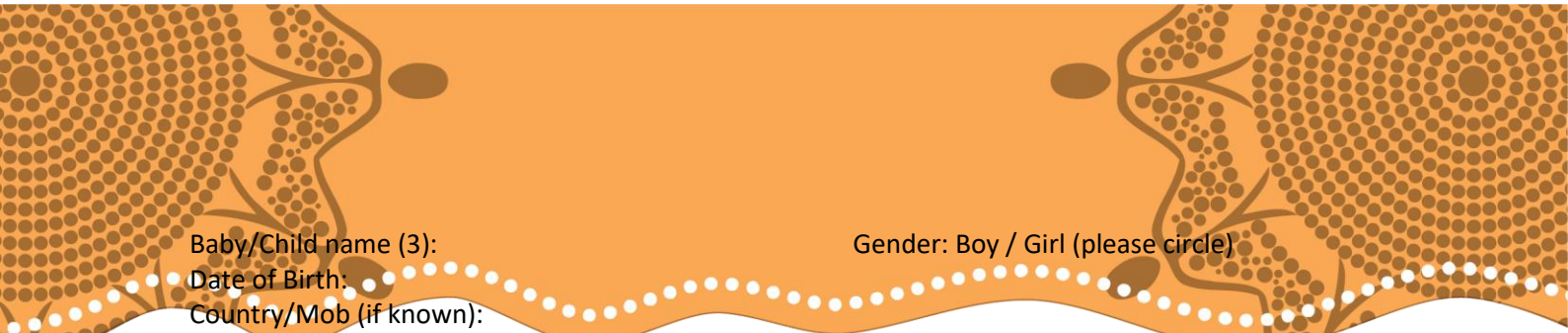
Baby/Child details:

Baby/Child name (1):
Date of Birth:
Country/Mob (if known):

Gender: Boy / Girl (please circle)

Baby/Child name (2):
Date of Birth:
Country/Mob (if known):

Gender: Boy / Girl (please circle)



Baby/Child name (3):
Date of Birth:
Country/Mob (if known):

Gender: Boy / Girl (please circle)

Baby/Child name (4):
Date of Birth:
Country/Mob (if known):

Gender: Boy / Girl (please circle)

Emergency contact details:
Name:
Mobile:

(For office use only)

Date:

Time:

Signature: