

**Welcome to
Aboriginal Transport
Conference**

**GULAYMALDHAANY
“The Net Makers”**

21-22 April 2004

Dubbo Expo

Function Centre

Dubbo

The aim of the Conference

The primary aim of the Conference is to promote regular networking between providers of transport for Aboriginal people. In a relaxed and friendly environment, the conference will provide an opportunity for participants to:

- **Identify good practices,**
- **Explore strategies to achieve these**
- **Establish and Maintain networking relationships between Aboriginal transport providers and other relevant groups.**

Aboriginal Transport Conference Agenda

Day 1

8.15 Registration

9.15 Introduction and Welcome to the Land

9.35 Housekeeping / Review of Agenda

9.45 Aim of conference

9.55 Guest Speaker – Peter Gibbs - Aboriginal Employment Strategy

10.30 Morning Tea

11.00 John Whelan—Ministry of Transport

11.15 Presentations

1.10 Lunch

2.00 Opening and introduction to Regional Workshops

3.00 Afternoon Tea

3.15 Regional Workshops

4.00 Close

7.00 BBQ

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Day 2

9.00 Review first days activities

9.15 Regional Workshops

11.00 Morning Tea

11.30 Feedback from Regional Workshops

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Feedback from Regional Workshops

3.00 Thank you and Close of Conference

GULAYMALDHAANY

“ The Net Makers”

Traditional net making was a vital activity in Aboriginal society which played an essential role in the food gathering task. All adult community members were capable of making nets and all were at times "gulaymaldhaany", as well as being craftspeople and teachers of their skills. While some were more skilled than others the gathering of food was an activity which benefited the entire community. It did not matter if one net seemed better than another, the important thing was that each net worked. In the same way, contemporary transport providers are essential to the welfare and well-being of today's Aboriginal community, and while some services may be more highly regarded than others, the important thing is the actual provision of transport when it is needed.

Requesting the Subsidy:

Please note that for conference registration, priority preference will be given to organisations providing transport for Aboriginal people. NSW Health has provided limited funding to assist groups with travel and accommodation.

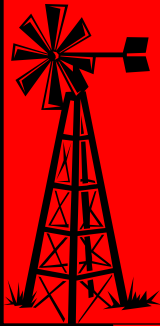
This funding is only available to the first 70 organisations who meet the eligibility criteria which is to be:

- .Located outside 100km radius of Dubbo,**
- .Receive funding under \$150,000.00**

The funding will be allocated as a subsidy payment to the organisation after the conference.

If you wish to apply for this subsidy, please ensure you see a member of the Aboriginal Transport Conference Working Party, to receive the relevant paper work.

Conference BBQ Dinner



7 pm Wednesday 21st April

Country & Western Theme

A shuttle bus service will be available for transport to and from the BBQ. Please register your name on the sheet at the registration table by the END of morning tea today.

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