

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## ***Free Opportunity to Yarn with Aboriginal Elders***

Community Industry Group is proud to sponsor a Yarn with Aboriginal Elders as part of the Wollongong Seniors Festival 2020. The event is a collaboration project with the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation.

“Yarning has nothing to do with knitting in this context” said Community Industry Group Project Officer, Joni Braham “Yarning for Aboriginal communities is a way of communicating. It’s about speaking and listening, sharing stories and learning.”

Yarning is a timeless way of learning and sharing for Aboriginal people.

“Many people have never had the opportunity to have a conversation with Aboriginal people” said Nicky Sloan, CEO of Community Industry Group “The *Having a Yarn with Aboriginal Elders* will give non-Aboriginal people the opportunity to sit with Aboriginal Elders, listen to their stories and ask questions in a safe and non-judgemental space.”

Participants in this free event will also enjoy free morning tea and a light lunch.

“We encourage all seniors to take advantage of this opportunity” said Ms Sloan “it’s a great chance to share stories and experiences, which are significant in all of our lives and which shape who we are. It is also a wonderful way to build new connections and understandings.”

“We like to think that this project will bring together Elders from all communities” added Ms Braham “I am sure we could all learn from the collective knowledge and wisdom that will be in the room on that day.”

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**Time:** 10:30am – 1:30pm  
**Venue:** Dapto Ribbonwood Centre  
93 – 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto  
**Bookings:** Ph: 4256 4333

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### **About the Community Industry Group**

Community Industry (formerly known as Illawarra Forum) is the peak body working for community services and organisations in the South East of NSW. It supports community organisations, promotes expertise and innovation in community development, fosters industry development and provides advocacy for social justice. Community Industry Group is an independent organisation governed by a committee of management elected annually by the membership.

Community Industry Group represents the non-government community services industry in the South East of NSW, and works closely with numerous organisations which provide support to vulnerable people across the region.

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