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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The information below answers some frequently asked questions. You may wish to refer to this again as you approach your secondment.

### **Indigenous Organisations**

The following pages, 'Introduction to Redfern/La Perouse Indigenous Organisations' is the start of your background reading prior to secondment. It provides an overview of the Indigenous Organisations with whom we partner, along with a relevant website for each organisation (if available).

### **Induction**

On the MyJawun Website is a sample agenda for your three-day induction in Redfern and La Perouse. This includes a two night stay at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE). A final induction agenda will be sent to you in the weeks leading up to your start date.

### **What do I need to bring to Induction?**

As a matter of local protocol, your stay at NCIE is compulsory and is an integral part of your induction experience. The NCIE accommodation is campus style - shared rooms with bunk/single beds and en-suite bathroom. All linen is provided but you will need to bring personal items such as toiletries and hairdryer (if needed). You are welcome to use the NCIE facilities in your free time, so if you are keen please bring gym wear, gym-friendly shoes and/or swimwear (NB: the pool is closed in the winter months).

You will need your clothing for the three days (including sleepwear) and a pair of comfortable shoes for walking. Dress code for the induction sessions is smart casual - ie jeans are fine.

All meals, including morning and afternoon tea are provided. Please note that special dietary requirements can be catered for with advanced notice (**please make a note on your Medical Questionnaire**).

### **Transport and Parking**

You are advised to use public transport when working at your Partner Organisation in Redfern, as parking facilities are extremely limited. Contact the transport information line (ph: 131500) for information on train and bus timetables or check train times on the City Rail website (<http://www.cityrail.info/timetables>). Redfern Train Station is within short walking distance of all our Redfern Partner Organisations.

When working with your Partner Organisation in La Perouse, we advise that you travel by car as the only public transport is by bus. Please speak to Susan Yazbeck if you have any concerns regarding commuting to La Perouse.

### **Dress Standard for Secondment**

During your secondment, your dress standard should reflect that of the other office workers at your partner organisation. Please discuss the appropriate dress standard with your local contact. There is an expectation that all secondees will dress modestly.

### **Salary**

The salary costs for secondees will continue to be met by their employing organisation.

## INTRODUCTION TO REDFERN INDIGENOUS ORGANISATIONS

### **ABORIGIANL HOUSING COMPANY**

<http://www.ahc.org.au>

The Aboriginal Housing Company Limited (AHC) is a multi-award winning Aboriginal governed organisation, located in the heart of Redfern.

The AHC is an independent non-profit charity and the first community housing provider in Australia. Incorporated in 1973, the Company formed in direct response to the widespread discrimination Aborigines experienced in the private rental market. The Company also helped kick start the grassroots Indigenous civil rights movement, in conjunction with other organisations like the Aboriginal Medical, Legal and Children's Services.

The AHC is most famous for owning and managing the residential area in Redfern bound by Eveleigh, Vine, Louis and Caroline Streets, known colloquially as "the Block". At AHC you will most likely meet Mr Mick Mundine and Ms Lani Tuitavake.

### **BABANA ABORIGINAL MEN'S GROUP**

<http://www.babana.org.au>

Babana means 'Brother' in the Dharug language. Babana was formed by local Aboriginal men in early 2006 to provide Aboriginal men with opportunities to network, discuss issues affecting local men, meet other Aboriginal men's groups and develop projects which benefit the Redfern community. Babana is an organisation run by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people and it holds an esteemed position in the local Aboriginal community.

Babana has been instrumental in running campaigns that help unite and affirm the positive values of traditional Aboriginal culture. Focusing on healing together to create a safe and hopeful community. 'Family Day on the Block' and 'No Drugs on the Block' are initiatives restoring community to a safe, pleasant and functional place.

Babana Men's Group meet at their Men's Shed on the last Friday of every month. If working with this Group, you will meet Mark Spinks and Babana's many members.

### **GADIGAL INFORMATION SERVICE & KOORI RADIO**

<http://www.gadigal.org.au>

Gadigal Information Service was established and became an incorporated Aboriginal association in 1993 to provide a community based media, arts and information service for the Indigenous community in Sydney.

Named after the traditional owners of the inner-Sydney area, Gadigal Information Service (GIS) grew out of a need for an Indigenous controlled and operated media organisation in the city with the largest Indigenous population in Australia. For many years the mainstream media has portrayed Indigenous Australians with negative stereotypes. GIS is a means to amend this.

To this end, GIS' main aim has been to establish Koori Radio - Sydney's Indigenous community station. After six years of trying, GIS was given a full-time broadcasting licence for Koori Radio in May, 2001. The station is now on air on 93.7FM on a 50kW transmitter. Since 2003, GIS has hosted the Annual Yabun festival to 15,000 people on 26 January, conducted the 'Young, Black and Deadly' performance and radio training project for under 18's and more recently launched their very own Indigenous music label. In September 2008 they moved into a state-of-the-art broadcasting and recording facility in Cope Street, Redfern on the site of the old Black Theatre. At GIS, you are likely to meet Lily Shearer, Helen Anu, and the many Koori radio broadcasters.

## **MUDGIN-GAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION** <http://redfernoralhistory.org/Organisations/MudginGal>

Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation, also known as the Mudgin-Gal Women's Centre, came about from ongoing support and pressure from the Aboriginal Community and women negotiating with the then South Sydney Women's Centre Management Committee. The previous service was handed over to an Aboriginal controlled committee and the official opening was held on 21 July 1992.

This community controlled organisation provides a daily drop-in service, advocacy and liaison for issues of concern to Aboriginal women, family support, court support, a women's anti-violence group, accommodation support and referral resources. Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation is funded by various government agencies. The people to meet at Mudgin-Gal are Dixie Link-Gordon and Ashlee Donohue.

## **NATIONAL ABORIGINAL SPORTING CHANCE ACADEMY (NASCA)** <http://nasca.com.au>

Founded in 1995 by high profile Aboriginal NRL player, David Liddiard, NASCA uses the power of sport and sports stars to encourage young Indigenous Australians to be the best they can be. NASCA specialises in programs which encourage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to stay at school, make positive lifestyle choices and consider the enormous amount of career options they can pursue.

Sport, health promotion, education and mentoring are used as vehicles to achieve this purpose. The programs span across the country and involve significant mentoring from NASCA staff, with a large pool of sporting role models providing outstanding encouragement and support to the students.

With more than 1000 young Indigenous Australians participating in the 2011 programs, NASCA continues to build on its achievements by helping to improve the lives of young Indigenous people. Now located at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern, NASCA also runs Careers and Aspirations camps. These camps focus on giving young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians the exposure to a range of career options and some key life-skills in transitioning from school to the work-force.

NASCA aims to be a leader and standard-setter for imaginative, innovative and effective personal development programs for young Indigenous Australians. NASCA is a not-for-profit, Aboriginal organisation, with a board featuring eminent Aboriginal Australians drawn from sport, business, government and the arts.

You are sure to meet Charles Prouse, NASCA CEO, if you are on secondments at the Academy.

## **NATIONAL CENTRE OF INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE (NCIE)** <http://www.ncie.org.au>

In 2006, the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) purchased the old Redfern Primary School and commenced the development of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence. The ILC decided that Redfern, given its history, was the ideal location for this landmark project that will deliver benefits to young Indigenous people through the provision of world class facilities and programs that encourage excellence, energy and growth. In March 2010, NCIE was officially launched by Prime Minister Rudd.

The NCIE facilities include: sports and fitness centre; arts/crafts, computer and activity rooms; campus accommodation and dining; sports playing field and heated swimming pool; intensive literacy tutorial centre; conference facilities; commercial office space and community meeting rooms.

Helping to bring people together from communities across Australia, NCIE's vision is to create an environment of learning and opportunity, which will foster talent and pave the way for brighter futures. The Centre is already being used as a community meeting place. The use of this facility is open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous patrons, and is the location for our secondee induction. Jason Glanville, CEO and Tori Standen, Campus Program Co-ordinator, are primary contacts at NCIE but you will also meet many of the (fit) community members as well.

## **TRIBAL WARRIOR ASSOCIATION**

<http://www.tribalwarrior.org>

A non-profit community organisation initiated and directed by Aboriginal people with Aboriginal Elders, the Tribal Warrior Association was established with a view to spread and vitalise Aboriginal culture and to provide economic and social stability.

Tribal Warrior's vision is to empower disadvantaged Aboriginal and non-indigenous people by providing quality training for employment skills and extending everyday practical assistance by distributing food and groceries to struggling families.

From their office located in the NCIE, Tribal Warrior organises scheduled cultural cruises and corporate charters on Sydney Harbour. The Association uses their gaff-rigged ketch Tribal Warrior and the Deerubbun to train Aboriginal people to attain their Master Class V Commercial Maritime Certificate and other qualifications including Radar and Marine Engineer certificates. Shane Phillips, CEO, is one of those you will meet if you visit the Tribal Warrior office.

## **WYANGA ABORIGINAL AGED CARE PROGRAM**

<http://redfernoralhistory.org/Organisations>

Wyanga was founded in 1996 by Sylvia Scott and Mary Silva. Wyanga began as a 10 year package project under the auspice of the Mac Silva Centre, Waterloo. In December 1999, the organisation became the first Aboriginal community controlled Aged Care Package provider for the Sydney metropolitan area. It is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

Wyanga offers individually tailored services to assist Aboriginal Elders within their home and community, servicing communities of the inner Sydney metropolitan and La Perouse areas.

Wyanga is managed by a Board of Management which is made up of Aboriginal community members dedicated to the care and interests of Aboriginal elders and their carers. Located in Cope Street, Redfern, drop in for a cuppa and you will meet Aunty Millie Ingram and many Elders from Redfern and surrounding communities.

## INTRODUCTION TO LA PEROUSE INDIGENOUS ORGANISATIONS

### **BOOMERANG CONSTRUCTIONS**

<http://www.boomerangconstructions.com.au>

Former professional Rugby League player, Gavin Lester is the proud owner of this construction company which aims to train and employ Indigenous people in the trades industry. Gavin has 19 years' experience in the construction industry and his goal is to create a sustainable business to support the growth of other Indigenous tradespeople. Boomerang's head office is in Matraville, 5 minutes' drive from La Perouse.

### **EASTERN ZONE GUJAGA MACS**

"Gujaga" is the Multipurpose Aboriginal Childcare Service for La Perouse. Administered by Donna Daly, Gujaga has supported the early education of Aboriginal children for over 20 years. Gujaga also plays an important role supporting the Bummers Youth Haven and the Hippy Program (parent's homework program). Gujaga is located at the gates of Yarra House in La Perouse.

### **GURIWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

Guriwal plays an important role in the health and wellbeing of the community. It provides in-home Respite Care and Community Transport for the frail, aged and younger people with disabilities, support letters for the Department of Housing, Centrelink and personal/character references for court appearances. They also provide emergency relief funds for electricity/gas accounts and rental arrears with Department of Housing. Guriwal also hosts the Annual NAIDOC event for the La Perouse Community. It is located in the main building at Yarra House. Karen Cooley is the Manager.

### **LA PEROUSE ABORIGINAL MEN'S GROUP**

The La Pa Men's Group was revitalised in 2012 by Garry Ardler, a local Aboriginal man passionate about the health and strength of men, women, and children in the community. He aims to improve the capabilities of the men's group, raise appropriate funds to run community programs, and where possible support employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people. Garry is located on the Ground floor of Yarra House.

### **LA PEROUSE 'BUMMERS' YOUTH HAVEN**

The La Pa Bummers Youth Haven provides a safe meeting place for young people of La Perouse to interact and discuss issues that impact the wellbeing and future aspirations of young Indigenous people of the area and Australia wide. It has a number of creative projects and programs to suit all ages and also provides school holiday activities and homework rooms. Carrine Liddell is the Manager and the service is located on the Ground Floor of Yarra House.

### **LA PEROUSE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL**

The La Perouse LALC is the landlord of Aboriginal community owned land in the La Perouse and surrounding areas within their allocated Land Council boundary. The LALC also supports community based Aboriginal owned organisations and businesses by endorsing their programs, projects and also purchasing their products and services. Chris Ingrey is the CEO and the Land Council is located on the Second Floor of Yarra House.

The following website provides contact details for the LaPa Men's Group, 'Bummers' Youth Haven, La Perouse LALC, Gujaga Macs and Guriwal: <http://www.lapa-access.org.au>

## PRE-SECONDMENT READING

Prior to your placement, you should be very familiar with the reasons that we are holding secondments in Redfern and La Perouse. To prepare you, it is essential that you read and understand the pre-reading material provided below and on the Inner Sydney My Jawun section of the Jawun website.

The Redfern Oral History website which provides links to Indigenous organisations (see link below) will provide some context to the Redfern Community.

For a background to Jawun, you should familiarise yourself with the Jawun website.

### **Web links:**

Each partner organisation has its own website or link through a common website. Please familiarise yourself with your Partner Organisation by visiting their site prior to your secondment. Other links that will be helpful are:

- <http://redfernoralthistory.org/>
- [www.jawun.org.au](http://www.jawun.org.au)
- *Am I Black Enough For You'* by Anita Heiss is a memoir that is highly recommended for pre-reading (also available as e-book)  
[Anita Heiss - Author, Poet, Satirist, Social Commentator](http://www.amazon.com/Black-Enough-For-You-ebook/dp/B007C6VAK4)  
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## USEFUL INFORMATION

Following is some relevant information about the facilities available in Redfern and La Perouse. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this information before your secondment so you can make the most of your time in the community.

### **Protocols**

You will be briefed on protocols when you arrive at your placement. However, as a general rule you should exercise common sense and respect people's dignity at all times. Please be guided by the advice of the staff at your Indigenous Partner Organisation.

### **Redfern Local Facilities**

#### Banks

The Commonwealth Bank is the only bank in the local area. It is located in Redfern Street, opposite Purple Goanna Café.

#### ATMs

There is an ATM outlet at the Commonwealth Bank and others at any one of the Public Hotels in the area.

#### Restaurants/café

There are many cafés and restaurants in the area catering for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Most venues offer meals for under \$10. Many are located on Redfern, Regent and Abercrombie Streets.

#### Supermarkets/grocery stores

There is a convenience store on the corner of George & Redfern Streets and an IGA on Regent Street. Also there are several small grocery stores located in the area.

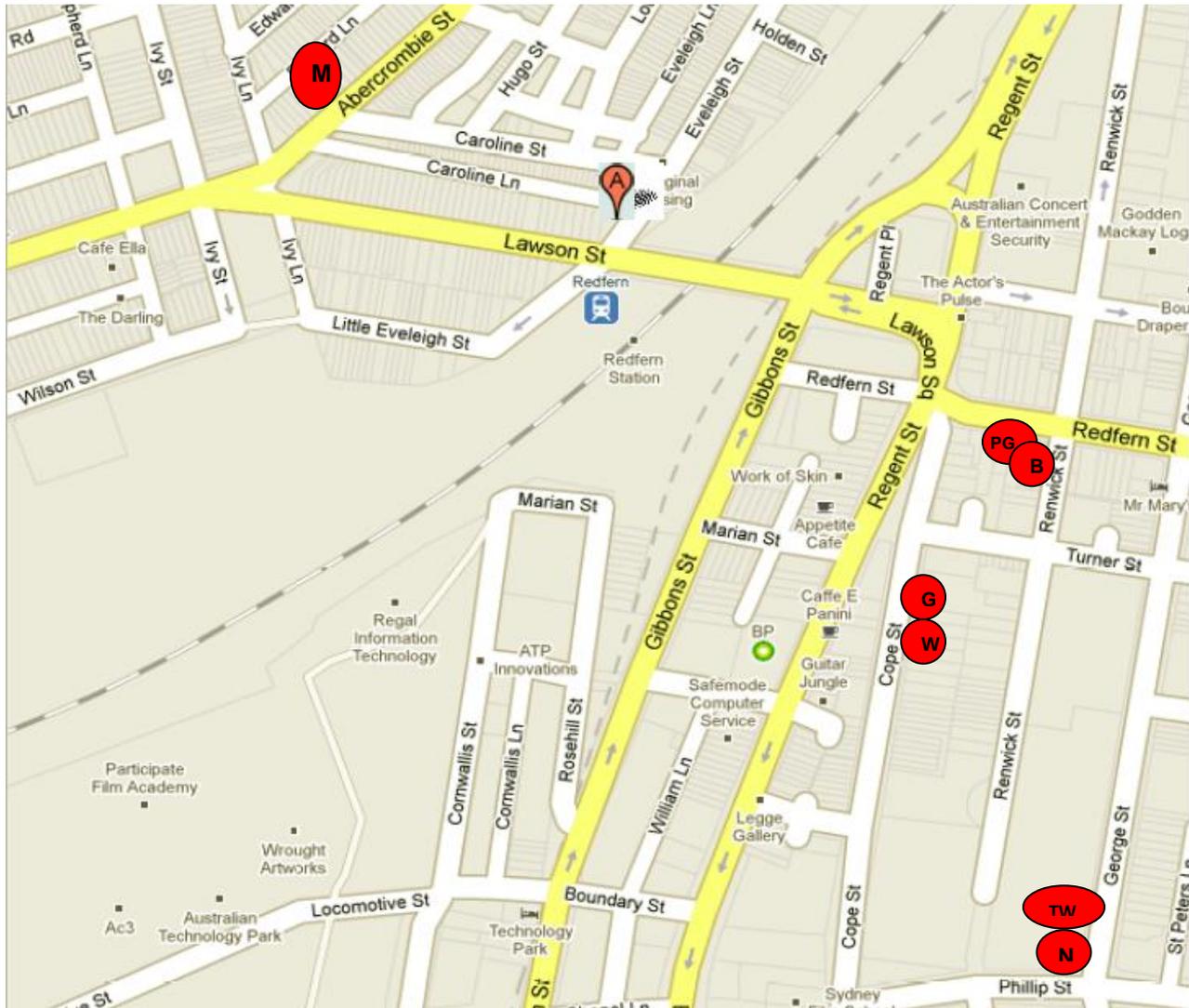
#### Redfern station

The railway station is within short walking distance of all the Indigenous Partner Organisations (except Tranby College which is in Glebe). It services the same lines as Central Station.

## LOCATION OF INDIGENOUS PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Please see the following maps for a guide to the location of your secondment Partner Organisation and the NCIE campus.

### MAP OF REDFERN

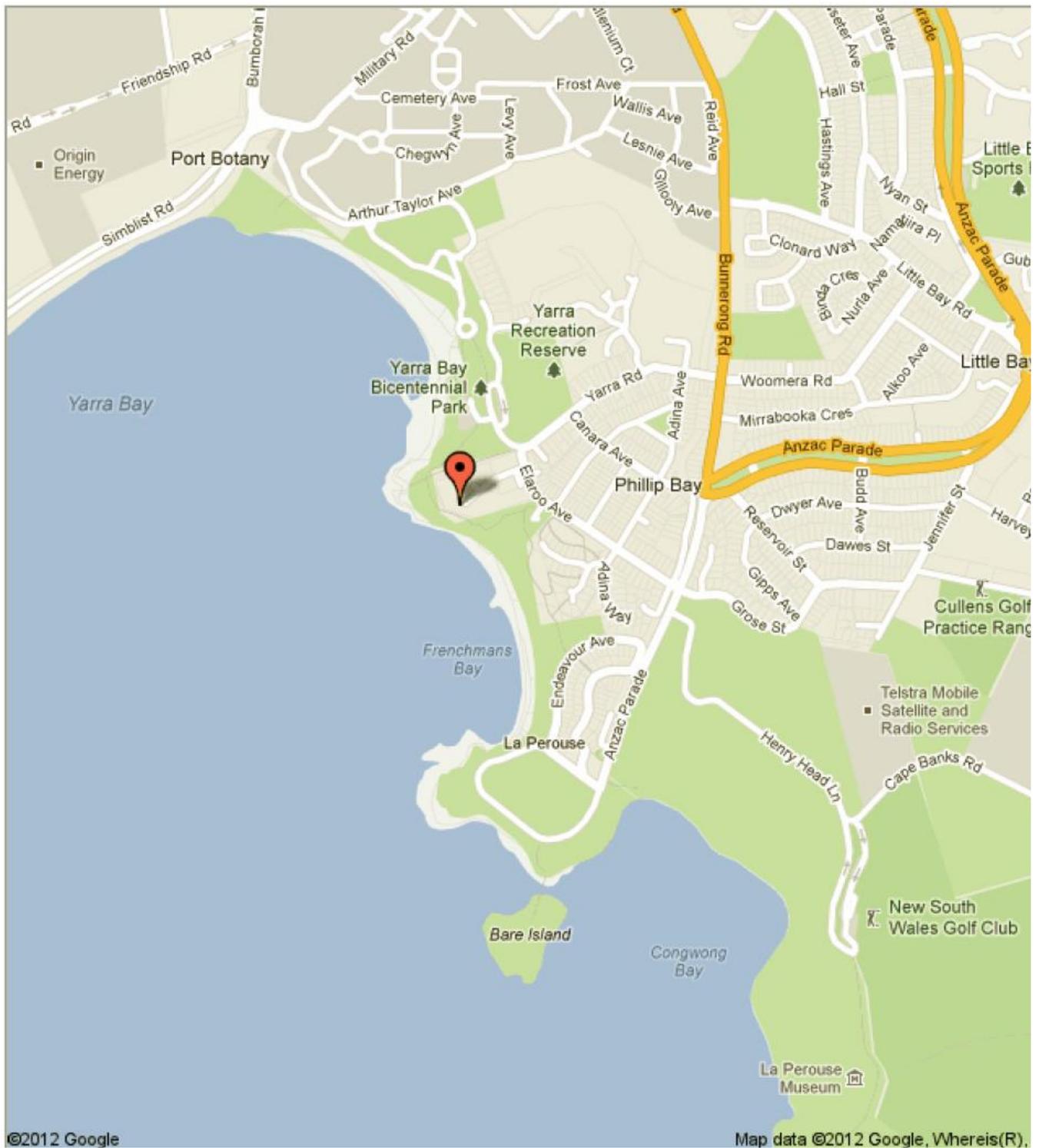


#### Key:

- A** = **Aboriginal Housing Company** - 104 Lawson Street (opposite Redfern Station)
- B** = **Babana Men's Group** - 72 Renwick Street (just around the corner from Purple Goanna Café)
- G** = **Gadigal Information Service** - Level 3, 27 Cope Street, Redfern
- M** = **Mudgin-Gal** - 231 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale
- N** = **National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA)** - situated on NCIE campus
- N** = **National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE)** - 180 George Street, Redfern
- PG** = **Purple Goanna Café** - 137 Redfern Street
- TW** = **Tribal Warrior Association** - NCIE, 180 George Street, Redfern
- W** = **Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program** - 35 Cope Street, Redfern

## MAP OF LA PEROUSE

Showing Location of Yarra House at Elaroo Avenue



## MAP OF NATIONAL CENTRE OF INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE

Including Eora Campus Building and Gadigal House

