

United Ngunnawal Elders Charter

Our Unity is a journey of healing. We have taken the first big step and along the path people will join with us (and leave) but everyone is welcome.

In welcoming people, we know the following to be true:

- That our Elders have our respect. We are honoured by their giving respect back. We acknowledge them for assuming responsibility as leaders in our community.*
- We need to come together to create our future – one in which everyone has a place where they can feel proud, have dignity, and feel they belong.*
- That communication is everything and we do this in a supportive way to know more about each other, our history and our culture. These knowledges we make are ours together, although it belongs not only to us, but it's also for our kids and grandkids too. And it is for them that we do this work now.*
- It takes courage to do work for the greater good. We need to learn how to solve problems, include not isolate, to listen with our hearts and speak from our souls.*
- In being courageous we are a direct link back to the Dreamtime. This is the essence of Aboriginality, as is our relationship to land.*
- In this Journey we strive for Unity. We do this by empowering people, creating confidence, self-esteem and room for difference so we can work and laugh together, moving forward all the while.*
- We, each and every one of us, want this; not only for ourselves and our families. We want this, too, for people who need it the most.*

*Greenhills, ACT
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