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# Time to change the Constitution



## Running away to the circus... masterclass

VISITING an Indigenous masterclass at Circus Oz in Melbourne last week were actor Rachael Maza, in the ring, Deadly Funny director Jason Tamiru, Circus Oz artistic director Mike Finch, playwright Jane Harrison, cultural leader Caroline Martin, and circus performer and Koori program manager Josh Bond. To find out what they, and the 'clowns' in the background were up to, see Page 35.

## Expert Panel in call for reform



RECOGNISE Indigenous Australians in the body of the Constitution and scrap racist sections of the document.

They're among the recommendations in the report of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, presented last week to Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

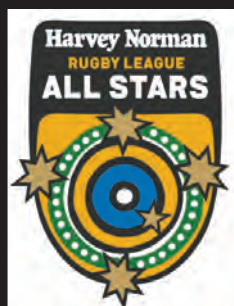
The report was compiled after the 19-member panel held meetings nationwide over the past year.

Ms Gillard, who has pledged to hold a referendum on recognition on or before the next Federal election, backed constitutional recognition for Indigenous people, as did a wide range of organisations and community groups.

But there was some opposition, and the Federal Coalition – whose support is considered vital if a referendum is to succeed – said it would examine the report before taking a stance.

Panel co-chair Pat Dodson warned of many obstacles ahead.

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## NAIDOC WEEK

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SPIRIT OF THE  
TENT EMBASSY:  
40 YEARS ON

National NAIDOC Poster Competition and nominations for the National NAIDOC Awards are now open. Forms are available online at [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au) or at your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre.

Poster competition entries close **Friday 30 March**.  
Nominations close **Friday 27 April**.





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# My FAMILY MONA-LISA HART – Devonport, Tas



Back: Harmony Smith, Mum (Fiona Maher), Kirra Maher, Caitlyn Smith, Teagan Smith, Dylan Maher, Tjumbu Hart, Rayna Dakin and Garina Hart. Front: Bourbon-Jack Hodges, Mona-lisa Hart with Paige Oolbakkink, Theo Hart, Leroy Hart Jnr, Tye Hart and Ch'e Hart.

I HAVE family from Tasmania all the way up to Cooktown in Queensland. Mum, Fiona Maher, brother Bourbon and Nan Dawn Blazely live on Cape Barren Island. Mum is right into basket weaving and Nan is an artist, they are at uni together doing ceramic arts.

I've got lots of siblings – five younger brothers in Hobart with their Mum Rayna and a sister in Melbourne, who I've been told looks like me. I would love to meet her.

People tell me that Dad (the late Leroy Hart) said he wanted his own football team, I guess he wasn't joking.

We catch up at Aboriginal community gatherings, like the Generation Cup where this photo was taken.

In the Aboriginal way, when my father passed away in 2005, all of his brothers and sisters became my fathers and mothers, there's so many family I can't even begin to count.

Dad was adopted through 26 different families growing up, it was in his funeral notice.

Family life keeps me on my feet and out of trouble. We have two kids, they are the best thing in my life – a son named Garina, a family name meaning black prince, and a baby daughter, Paige.

I will encourage Garina to get into boxing,

like his father and my father. Dad was a bantam weight, and by the age of 12 had competed in 24 fights, losing just one.

But he was best known for traditional dancing, he was very proud of his culture. People say he helped revive Aboriginal dance in Tasmania.

Dad was born in Cherbourg (Qld) and came to Tasmania to dance with his brothers at the Oyster Cove festival. Tasmania became his home.

Apparently he pointed at a photo of Mum and said 'she's going to have my baby'.

My brothers all get painted up and dance at the Oyster Cove festival and marches.

Dad was painted up by my uncles and put in a lap lap to be buried. My family in Queensland are very traditional.

My brothers are all good soccer players too.

I'm proud of Rayna, she gave me five beautiful brothers and a beautiful sister, Ebony. I cut her umbilical cord. She was born on Rayna's birthday, but sadly passed away when she was only a few months old. Rayna is doing nursing placement, I'd love to have a nurse in the family.

I'm very proud of my brother Djuker too, he wants to be a doctor.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

## OUR CHILDREN



Rylee Mackey, from Sydney, left, and Yilarra Widders, from the Gold Coast, cool down at the Deadly Choices Community Day, held on Saturday in the Brisbane suburb of Capalaba. More photos, report on Pages 32-33. Photo: Naomi Moran

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# Brothers in arms – again



THE putalina festival, held on the middle Saturday

of January each year south of Hobart, is one of Tasmania's most anticipated annual Aboriginal gatherings.

And this year it was made even more special with two brothers reuniting after 18 years.

Ben Everett, left, from Hobart, and Daniel Everettferguson, from Devonport, had an emotional reunion at what is a special day for Tasmania's Aboriginal families.

"I actually saw Daniel being born and held him when he was new-born," Ben told the *Koori Mail*.

"Last time I saw him he was 18 months old. He's a pretty special lad to me.

"This year's festival was special, getting to meet my brother Daniel and getting to perform with my other brother Dewayne (Everettsmith) for the first time."

● See our putalina coverage on Pages 30-31

● Photo: Jillian Mundy



# Embassy is the theme for NAIDOC



'SPIRIT of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on'. That's the theme for this year's NAIDOC

celebrations.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell said the theme, selected by the committee, was about celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and acknowledging the key contributors to its long history.

"In 1972, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy became a powerful symbol of unity. Its founders instilled pride, advanced equality and educated the country on the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Ms Martin said.

NAIDOC Week will be from 1-8 July this year, with the national ball to be held in Hobart on 6 July.

The NAIDOC committee said the week was an opportunity for Indigenous and other Australians to join together to recognise the valuable contribution Indigenous people make to Australia's national identity.

Members encouraged Indigenous people to nominate fellow community members to receive National NAIDOC Awards and submit entries, based on this year's theme, to the National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

## Opportunity

"The National NAIDOC Poster Competition is a great opportunity to showcase upcoming artists on the national stage," Mr Mitchell said.

The winning entry, which receives a \$5000 cash prize, will feature on the 2012 National NAIDOC poster and be displayed across Australia in workplaces, schools and

community organisations.

The committee said communities and individuals could also acknowledge the contributions and talents of artists and other outstanding Indigenous individuals by nominating them for a National NAIDOC Award.

There are ten award categories including the Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. Winners will be honoured during NAIDOC at the week's premier NAIDOC event, the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball in Hobart.

Entries for the 2012 National NAIDOC Poster Competition close on 30 March.

Nominations for the 2012 National NAIDOC Awards close on Friday 27 April.

For entry forms and more information, visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au) or call an Indigenous Coordination Centre on 1800 079 098.



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# St Kilda set to get festive



THE Melbourne Indigenous event on Saturday 4 February Yalukit Willam Ngargee will kick off the nine-day St Kilda Festival.

The day will include a program of free Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, dance, arts and children's activities in O'Donnell Gardens.

City of Port Melbourne Indigenous Arts Officer Daniel King told the *Koori Mail* the Indigenous festival was a highlight on the annual calendar of events.

Mr King said this year's entertainment would include The Last Kinection, folk singer Bart Willoughby and headliners Emma Donovan and The Gracemakers.

Yalukit Willam Ngargee, which means 'People Place Gathering' in the Boonwurrung language, is set to begin with a welcome to country by Boonwurrung Elder Aunty Caroline Briggs before the A Jaara Dream Dancers perform a traditional welcome dance.

The stage will feature an array of Indigenous musical and dance acts, including Jayden Lillyst, along with poets and storytellers Den the Fish and John Harding.

Roots singer-songwriter Benny Walker and the b-boys and girls from Indigenous Hip Hop Projects will also perform.

Other activities include ochre painting and storytelling as part of Yarn Strong Sista, as well as cooking demonstrations with native flora and fauna by celebrity chef Mark Olive.

As part of the six-day Yalukit program, on Wednesday 8 February the inaugural



Daniel King, the Indigenous arts officer with the City of Port Melbourne, is the man organising the Yalukit Willam Ngargee festival on 4 February in St Kilda's O'Donnell Gardens.

Black Icons event profiling iconic Aboriginal albums will pay homage to musicians who have shaped Aboriginal identity in Australia. The celebration will feature Indigenous artists using audio and vision to explore Coloured Stones'

*Koonibba Rock*, an album that gave rise to songs including *Dancing in the Moonlight* and *Black Boy*.

On Sunday 12 February, Archie Roach will perform on the main stage, while Rockhampton band Busby Marou will

play the Live 'n Local stage.

The festival is produced and presented by the City of Port Phillip and supported by the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria. For more information visit [www.stkildafestival.com.au](http://www.stkildafestival.com.au)

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# Three in line for honours



THREE Indigenous people are in the running for 2012 Australian of the Year awards, to be announced today, 25 January, in Canberra.

Laurie Baymarrwangga, a community leader from the island of Murrungga, is a finalist for a national award after being named the Northern Territory's Senior Australian of the Year.

Rebecca Richards, 24, won the SA Young Australian of the Year title and is a finalist for the national honour.

Ms Richards, the first Aboriginal Rhodes Scholar, says she is committed to conserving her heritage and helping young people.

She was the first person in her family to complete high school and is an anthropology honours student who grew up in the Riverland and is a member of the Adnyamathanha and Barnjarla peoples.

While undertaking her anthropology degree she completed a cadetship at the National Museum of Australia and then an internship at The Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

She is also involved with Indigenous health, human



JULIE TONGS

rights and education issues.

Health worker Julie Tongs took out the Local Hero category in the Australian Capital Territory awards for her work running the Winnunga Nimmitiyah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra.

A success story in Aboriginal health, Winnunga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being and Ms Tongs believes there is no point in treating a person for a single ailment without looking at other aspects of their life.

The announcement of the Australian of the Year Awards 2012 will be held on the lawns outside Parliament House, Canberra, from 6pm today.



LAURIE BAYMARRWANGGA



REBECCA RICHARDS



# Alice Springs death in custody



Richard Morton, a cousin of Terrance Briscoe who died in police custody, gathers with family and friends at a candlelit vigil opposite the Police Station in Alice Springs, Northern Territory. *Newspix image*

## Amnesty warns NT police probe not enough

AMNESTY International has called for an independent investigation into the death in police custody this month of Alice Springs man Terrance Briscoe.

Mr Briscoe's family members claim he was bashed by police on the night he died.

The NT police and the Coroner are undertaking their own inquiries, with NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson saying he had full confidence in the police investigation.

But Amnesty International Australia national director Claire Mallinson said that was not enough.

She called for 'an impartial investigation of the highest standard, independent of the police responsible for Mr Briscoe's custody'.

### 'Flawed'

"What we saw in the flawed police investigations into the deaths of Palm Islander Mulrunji Doomadgee and West Australian Aboriginal leader Mr Ward were systemic failures of authorities to deliver justice for these deaths and must not be repeated," Ms Mallinson said.

She also urged all levels of government to fully implement the 339 recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in 1991.

"The tragic death of Terrance Briscoe highlights government inaction in implementing the recommendations made more than 20 years ago in Australia's most significant inquiry into Aboriginal deaths in custody," she said.

"We are particularly concerned at the failure to implement the recommendations directed at ensuring all deaths in custody are as rigorously investigated as homicides in a transparent and impartial manner.

"People in custody must be treated in accordance with the international standards that Australia has sworn to uphold.

"It's high time Federal, State and Territory Governments made sure that proper standards of care are implemented and adhered to."

# Family rejects media reports

By DARREN COYNE



THE family of an Alice Springs man who died in police custody on 5 January has called for all future deaths in police custody around the country to be investigated by an independent body. Patricia Morton-Thomas, an aunt to Terrance Briscoe, whose death at the Alice Springs watch-house has sparked allegations that he was bashed by up to five officers, also rejected media reports that the family had seen interim autopsy results showing no signs of physical abuse.

Ms Morton-Thomas said that during an informal update on the investigation, police had told the family the autopsy had shown there were no signs of 'violent abuse' such as broken ribs or punctured lungs.

"But there were signs of abuse on him. I saw them myself when I went to the morgue to see him," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Northern Territory police took Mr

Briscoe, aged 28, into 'protective custody' at the watch-house about 9.30pm on 4 January for drunkenness.

Police said he was discovered unconscious during a routine cell check just after 2am on 5 January and later pronounced dead at Alice Springs Hospital.

Two men arrested with Mr Briscoe (his cousins) later claimed they saw him being bashed by four

"My nephew is never walking back through my door again and while his case is important, and getting to the bottom of why he has passed away is important, yes, it's not as important as saving the life of the next person," she said.

"It's disgusting that Australia has sat back for so long and allowed this (deaths in custody) to happen."

Ms Morton-Thomas said such deaths would only stop when all

"They all came back saying that they didn't believe a second autopsy was called for," she said.

Ms Morton-Thomas also repeated that the family did not want his death to fuel racial tensions in Central Australia. There have been peaceful protests in Alice Springs against police violence since the death.

Meanwhile, the Indigenous Social Justice Association last week issued a call for donations to help Mr Briscoe's family meet the costs of his funeral, but Ms Morton-Thomas said enough had been received and the funeral would be held in 'the next two weeks'.

She said, however, that the Government should consider paying for the funerals of people who died in suspicious circumstances while in custody.

ISJA president Ray Jackson last week issued a reminder that a rally to mark the death of TJ Hickey eight years ago would be held at the corner of George and Phillips Streets in Waterloo, Sydney, on 14 February at 10.30am.

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**'It's disgusting that Australia has sat back for so long and allowed this (deaths in custody) to happen'**

policemen and a female officer, prompting the calls for an independent investigation, which the NT Government has refused.

And while the family still wants an independent investigation into Mr Briscoe's death, a call backed by the human rights group Amnesty, Ms Morton-Thomas told the *Koori Mail* 'I know we're not going to get it'.

recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 20 years ago were acted upon.

She said that although the family had not seen the autopsy results, they had decided not to proceed with a second autopsy after seeking the advice of three forensic scientists who spoke with the examining doctor.



# Panel reports on Constitutional

## What it's all about

### Background facts

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander people are recognised in the Australian Constitution.

- Some parts could be considered racist by today's standards.

- For example, section 25 says people can be disqualified from voting in state elections due to their race.

- The issue of constitutional recognition is not new.

- At the 1999 referendum on the republic, Australians were asked whether they supported a preamble to the Constitution.

- This included a line recognising 'the nation's first people, for their deep kinship with their lands and for their ancient and continuing cultures which enrich the life of our country'.

- The preamble question was defeated, with more than 60 per cent voting no.

- Advocates say constitutional recognition would be a symbolic and important step in the reconciliation process.

- The issue was reignited after Prime Minister Julia Gillard formed a minority government.

- Her agreement with the Australian Greens included the promise to hold a referendum on or before the next election.

- Last year, Ms Gillard appointed a 19-member expert panel of Indigenous leaders, politicians and legal minds to investigate.

- After a nationwide, five-month round of public consultations, the panel has now reported back.

- Indigenous academic Professor Patrick Dodson and co-chair of Reconciliation Australia Mark Leibler led the panel.

### Recommendations

- The panel wants Indigenous Australians recognised in the body of the Constitution.

- It suggests several new sections be inserted and two sections scrapped.

### What's in

- Section 51A – Recognising the continent and islands known as Australia were first occupied by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; acknowledging the continuing relationship of Indigenous people with their traditional lands and waters; respecting the continuing cultures, languages and heritage of Indigenous people; acknowledging the need to secure their advancement.

- Section 116A – Prohibition of racial discrimination. The Commonwealth, a state or a territory shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, colour or ethnic

or national origin. But that does not preclude the making of laws or measures for the purpose of overcoming disadvantage, ameliorating the effects of past discrimination, or protecting the cultures, languages or heritage of any group.

- Section 127A – Recognition of languages. The national language of the Commonwealth of Australia is English. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are the original Australian languages, a part of our national heritage.

### And what's out

- Section 25 – which says an Australian voter could be excluded from voting on the basis of race.

- Section 51(xxvi) – as it can discriminate against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

### What's next?

- The Government will consider the panel's recommendations.

- Draft legislation proposing constitutional amendments will be prepared and released for public comment.

- Ms Gillard wants Opposition Leader Tony Abbott to support the changes because without bipartisanship, the referendum is likely to fail. The Opposition has committed to recognising Indigenous people only in a preamble.

- Legislation will then be put to Parliament before a national referendum.

- In order to be successful the constitutional change will need a double majority – support from a national majority of voters in states and territories as well as a majority of voters in a majority of states (at least four out of six states.)

### Some referendum facts

- Since federation, only eight out of 44 proposals to amend the Constitution have passed.

- In 1967, a referendum passed with 90.8 per cent support (the highest 'yes' vote on record) to give the Commonwealth powers to legislate for Aboriginal people and include them in national censuses.

### What the panel wants

- The referendum question to comprise a single question only.

- A resourced education campaign.

- A referendum to go ahead only when it is likely to be supported by all major political parties, and a majority of state governments.

- The vote to be held at a different time as another referendum on constitutional recognition of local government.



Michael Mansell ... Not impressed.



Leah Armstrong ... Part of the reconciliation journey.



Jodi Broun ... Urging leaders to be brave.

# Plenty of support

By DARREN COYNE

**A** PART from a few detractors, the push to recognise Indigenous people in Australia's Constitution has met with resounding support across the nation.

Since last Thursday when the expert panel led by Pat Dodson and Mark Leibler handed its report to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Indigenous groups and supporters have welcomed its recommendations.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said all Australians who supported equality and fairness should support the recommendations.

Congress co-chair Jody Broun said it was time to eliminate racism from the Constitution and to prohibit racial discrimination.

"If taken to referendum and passed, these reforms will establish the Constitution as a pillar against racism," she said.

"Congress encourages everyone to read the comprehensive report and join us in supporting the recommendations. We call on our political leaders to be brave in taking the country forward on this issue."

### Recognition

Congress co-chair Les Malezer said constitutional recognition was one of many long-term goals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. (Mr Malezer's views are outlined in an article on Page 27).

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong said recognising Indigenous people in the Constitution would provide the reconciliation movement with a huge boost.

"Working together and engaging in ongoing discussions about the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a modern Australia is part of the reconciliation journey," she said.

"Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures in our nation's founding document is a further way to demonstrate the valued place of the First Australians in our national identity."

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation national director Jacqueline Phillips said the panel's recommendations represented an historic opportunity to fulfil the promise of the 1967 referendum.

Amnesty International's Sarah Marland said it was a 'once-in-a-generation opportunity to meaningfully recognise the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'.

Australian Human Rights Commissioner president Catherine Branson said constitutional recognition of Indigenous people would benefit all Australians.

"The commission supports the Expert Panel's recommendations and believes that coupling recognition with the removal of provisions in the Constitution that permit discrimination based on race will signal a national commitment to racial equality for all peoples in Australia," she said.

The Commission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, an ex-officio member of the expert panel, said recognising Indigenous peoples was the logical next step in the unfinished business of reconciliation and would take the nation closer to being one built on understanding and respect.

"Since the historic Mabo decision in 1992, our legal system has recognised the prior occupation and ongoing physical and cultural connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the lands and territories of Australia," he said.

"It is right that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should now be recognised in the Constitution as the first peoples of this land."

Others to welcome the report included the National Sorry Day Committee, the Australian Council of Social Services, the Uniting Church of Australia and South Australia's Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khatija Thomas.

### Not impressed

But not everyone was impressed.

Tasmanian Aboriginal rights lawyer Michael Mansell described the panel's recommendations as an 'opportunity missed'.

"It lacks any sense of purpose or vision, promotes assimilation," he said.

He slammed the proposed new section on language. "(It) is based on the notion of white supremacy and dispenses Aboriginal language to second-class," he said.

Another detractor, north-west NSW Aboriginal leader Michael Ghillar Anderson, condemned proposals for writing Indigenous people into the Constitution as 'a treasonous act and serious fraud against Aboriginal peoples, because it does not represent their interests across the nation'.

The Federal Government is now considering the panel's recommendations.

Legislation on the changes must pass Parliament before a referendum is held.



# recognition of Indigenous people

# PM backs change for Constitution

## Dodson in warning of many obstacles



PRIME Minister Julia Gillard has urged all Australians to say 'yes' when asked to recognise

Indigenous people in the Constitution.

Ms Gillard said changing the Constitution would recognise 'the unique and special place of Aboriginal people and strengthen our identity as a nation'.

She made the call after receiving a report in Canberra last week from the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, led by co-chairs Patrick Dodson and Mark Leibler.

Following consultations across the country, the 19-member panel recommended Indigenous people should be recognised in the body of the Constitution, and that racist sections of the founding document should be scrapped.

Ms Gillard said the proposed changes were a 'a great opportunity to continue the journey of reconciliation that began with the previous referendum in 1967'.

"To constitutional recognition, I urge our whole nation to say 'yes'," she said.

Labor has promised to hold a national referendum on the issue on or before the next Federal election, due next year.

Aboriginal leader and panel co-chair Pat Dodson said he looked forward to a time when the cultures, art, languages and heritage of Indigenous people were embraced as 'the nation's soul'.

"We look forward to a nation that acknowledges its history, its heritage, in its founding document," Mr Dodson said.

"We look forward to a nation who stands up to be counted as opponents to racism."

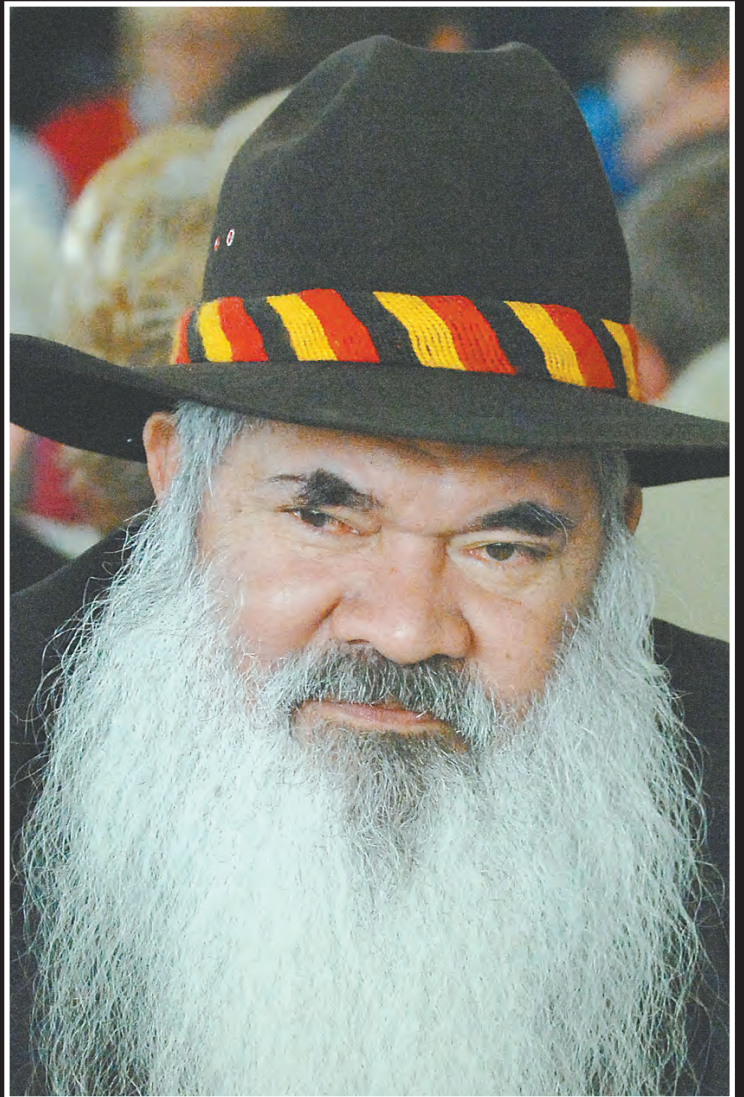
Mr Dodson warned the path ahead had many obstacles.

Since federation, only eight out of 44 proposals to amend the Constitution have been approved.

According to the report, the panel has recommended that recognition should take place in



Prime Minister Julia Gillard ... "To constitutional recognition, I urge our whole nation to say 'yes'." *Newspix images*



Pat Dodson ... "We look forward to a nation that acknowledges its history, its heritage, in its founding document."

the body of the Constitution, rather than by inserting a new preamble.

"There is too much uncertainty in having two preambles," the report said.

It also recommended inserting a new section (51A) to recognise that 'the continent and its islands now known as Australia were first occupied by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'.

### Relationship

The new section would also acknowledge the continuing relationship of Indigenous people with their traditional lands and waters.

It would also respect the continuing cultures, languages and heritage of Indigenous people and acknowledge the need to secure their advancement.

The expert panel also called for new section (116A) to prohibit racial discrimination.

"The panel came to the view that there is a case for moving on from the history of constitutional

non-recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and racial discrimination and for affirming that racially discriminatory laws and executive action have no place in contemporary Australia," the report said.

The panel also proposes a new section (127A) stating the national language of Australia is English while recognising that 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are the original Australian languages, a part of our national heritage'.

The panel urged the Government to hold the referendum as a single question, consult widely about the timing and fund an extensive education program about the issue.

It also said the referendum should not be held at the same time as a vote on constitutional recognition of local governments.

"For many Australians, the failure of a referendum on recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

would result in confusion about the nation's values, commitment to racial non-discrimination, and sense of national identity," the report said.

"The negative impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be profound."

Discriminatory sections recommended for the cutting board include section 25, which says an Australian voter could be excluded from voting on the basis of race, and section 51(xxvi) on 'race power'.

### Significant issue

The panel said aspiration of sovereign status had been a significant issue to emerge during public consultations with Indigenous people.

But the panel believes recognising the sovereign status of Indigenous people would be highly contested and likely to jeopardise broad public support.

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott welcomed the report and said the

Coalition would study it closely.

"We have some reservations about anything that might turn out to be a one clause bill of rights," he said.

"But we accept that millions of Australians' hope and dreams are resting on constitutional recognition of Indigenous people."

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert, a member of the panel, said it was time to put 'party politics aside'.

"It's not just something we've plucked out of the air. There's strong community support for it," she said.

"People see this as the next step, post the apology, even though it's been slow in coming."

The expert panel of 19 Indigenous leaders, politicians and legal minds presented their report to the Government at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra last Thursday.

For the final report go to [www.youmeunity.org.au](http://www.youmeunity.org.au) - with AAP

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# Tears as family reunites

By ALF WILSON



TEARS flowed freely – followed by cheesy smiles – when 59-year-old cancer sufferer Wayne G Williams met his mother Joyce Plumb (Williams) and sister Lynette Padmore for the first time in 32 years at the Townsville Hospital last week.

Mr Williams asked that the *Koori Mail* be the only media on hand to cover the emotional reunion.

"The last time I saw mum and Lynette and my two brothers was in Brisbane. I first went to see my father who lived in Rockhampton as I was brought up at Lakes Creek area near Rockhampton with my whole family," he said.

Mr Williams had been working on cattle stations and his father told him that the rest of the family moved to Brisbane.

"So I then went to Brisbane to see them and that was the last time I did, as I headed back to work on the cattle stations.

"This is the best thing to happen to me in a long time. My dad George Williams was from Woorabinda but is now deceased and he passed away in Brisbane."

Mrs Plumb and Mrs Padmore came from Brisbane to meet Mr Williams who was diagnosed with throat cancer 10 years ago and now also suffers from acute leukemia.

"We came up to Townsville about 20 years ago looking for Wayne and couldn't find him and have found out since he went 'walkabout' working on cattle stations. Since then we have not stopped trying to find him," Mrs Padmore said.



Joyful reunion ... Wayne G Williams kissed by his mother Joyce Plumb and sister Lynette Padmore.

She said the family had searched around Queensland but were 'hindered by the number of Indigenous men named Wayne G Williams'.

"There are just so many of them and we heard Wayne had a son Nicky-Bidju J Pryor," Mrs Padmore said.

Mrs Plumb and Mrs Padmore were also delighted to meet their grandson and nephew Nicky-Bidju, 27.

The contact between Mr

Williams and his family members came about through the Salvation Army's 'Find My Family' campaign.

"We got the call about two months ago that he had been found and then phoned Wayne at The Townsville Hospital where he has been for a while," Mrs Padmore said.

For Mrs Plumb it was a life-long wish come true to see her son and grandson.

"That is all I ever wanted to

do – find Wayne and we did and I am very happy. This is so hard to believe," Mrs Plumb, 85, said.

One person who played a major role in the meeting was Townsville Hospital Indigenous liaison co-ordinator Liela Murison, who was praised by the family.

"You should have seen the smile on Wayne's face when he heard from them. He had a grin from ear to ear," Ms Murison said.

Mr Williams, who has been discharged from hospital, said he

was going to spend time catching up with his family.

The quietly spoken Mr Williams had led a great life having been part of the Mornington Island Dance Group, their bus driver and stage manager.

Now that he has met his mum and sister Lynette, the journey has just begun for Mr Williams.

"I want to meet all my cousins, nephews, nieces and any other family members," he said.

# In celebration of our survival



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people will be gathering at Survival Day

events around Australia tomorrow (26 January).

In Melbourne, the Share the Spirit festival will be held in Treasury Gardens, featuring Indigenous music, dancing and culture.

Presented by Songlines Aboriginal Music, the festival will feature acts including The Last Kinection, Benny Walker, The Charcoal Club, and 'Bear' Johnson; a special traditional dance performance by Kooriboree and Melbourne's Yung Warriors.

There will also be a youth stage featuring traditional dance and hip hop workshops open to all young people, as well as showcase dance-offs and MC 'battles' hosted by The

Songlines Hip Hop Collective.

The festival will also include a dedicated program of children's cultural activities, with storytelling sessions, traditional music, painting classes and a jumping castle.

The festival is free and runs from 1pm to 7pm.

## Line-up

Also in Melbourne, a Survival Day celebration will be held in Borthwick Park in Belgrave. The Indigenous line up for this year's event includes the Yung Warriors, Lou Bennett formerly of Tiddas, the Jindi Worobak Dance Group and traditional dancing and storytelling by Gnarnayarrahe Waitairie.

The MC for the day is Leila Gurruwiwi from the *Marrngrook Footy Show*, and the event will be held from noon to 4.30pm.

Activities and workshops will include a didgeridoo meditation, Aboriginal flag and badge

making for kids, traditional basket weaving and a traditional dance workshop. There will also be a range of Indigenous craft stalls, and a barbecue.

Another event is the 2012 Saltwater Freshwater Festival at Queen Elizabeth Park, Taree, NSW. The day features music from Microwave Jenny, The Black Turtles, Stiff Gins and Casey Donovan. Workshops include weaving, language, design, dance, didge and aerosol art.

## Adelaide

In South Australia, the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Tandanya, will again hold its annual Survival Day celebrations in Adelaide's Rymill Park extension.

In Sydney, the Yabun Festival will be held in Victoria Park, Broadway, from 10am to 7pm. The festival will feature a

line-up that includes Jessica Mauboy, Archie Roach, Christine Anu and Dan Sultan, and others.

Yabun will also present panels and speeches by some of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's most recognised leaders, academics, politicians and artists.

In Perth, a free festival is being held in the Supreme Court Gardens from 12.30pm to 7.30pm.

The festival celebrates the resilience of Aboriginal people, with particular reference to the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra.

Performers will include the Yabu Band, Barlett Brothers and the Walkabout Boys, among others.

There will be community stalls, kids activities and a history marquee.

## Vibe heads to Port Lincoln



THE National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3 will open for 2012 in the South Australian city of Port Lincoln.

The event, which features a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition, a free barbecue and a health expo, all accompanied by backing music, will be held on 16 February.

It will also feature Indigenous role models to inspire students, including MC and actor Luke Carroll and dancer Medika Thorpe.

Executive producer Gavin Jones said the aim was to teach some new skills, celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and give young people the latest information so they could build a better future for themselves and the communities.

"The Vibe 3on3 really is a community-based event that Vibe Australia is proud to be associated with," he said.

"I am certain the young people of Port Lincoln and surrounding regions will take away positive experiences from the 3on3."

For more information go to [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)



# Art takes Nathan a long way

By CHRISTINE HOWES



NATHAN MUNDRABY knew he'd be an artist when he took art in Year 8 at

Yarrabah High School, north Queensland. Of course he didn't know at that time his love of drawing and painting would lead him to being on stage in New York with super-star Hugh Jackman, or to proposing to his sweetheart Sharona-Lee Murgha in the 'Big Apple'.

At the time all he really knew was he wanted to draw. And while he may well have been in the right place at the right time to end up with Jackman performing in his latest theatre hit *Back on Broadway*, he said making a career of the rest of it was nothing less than sheer hard work.

"I'm more of an artist. Since the age of 12-13 I looked at school and I did a

lot of drawing so I knew I'd be an artist," he said.

Nathan left school before finishing Year 9 and struggles with his literacy and numeracy skills.

"Yet I'm achieving a lot of my goals and not letting that pull me down," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I had a feeling about painting when I was living in Ravenshoe. There was an ad in the paper about an artist, he wanted the night markets in Cairns, and that is where I first kicked off."

## Thousands

In the early days he would sell works for as little as \$2.50. These days they can command thousands.

Nathan's big break came with a collaborative group called 'Nomad Two Worlds', an artistic collaboration project between Australian photographer Russell James and Australian Indigenous artists.

It has since expanded into the Nomad Two Worlds

Foundation, and evolved into a global business

"Supplying (shops in Cairns) with my art got me involved with Nomad Two Worlds," Nathan said.

He met Jackman at an opening in Los Angeles.

"Because he was doing a one-man show, he had an idea for a didgeridoo player in the theatre. That's how it happened," Nathan said.

"It looks easy, but there's a lot of work behind the scenes."

Nathan is keen to encourage youth, especially his own Yidinji people, to develop their talents. "This is not only about me. I want to get some of the people back in the community to come along and sell art through me," he said.

"They can get a better wage or more money."

Nathan is in the process of developing a business plan he hopes will take him through the next five years.

"Hopefully we'll have good luck," he said.



Nathan Mundraby ... "It looks easy, but there's a lot of work behind the scenes."



Nathan Mundraby and partner Sharona-Lee Murgha with actor Hugh Jackman in New York.

# Child abuse, neglect 'a major problem'



CHILD abuse and neglect remains a major problem in Indigenous communities, new statistics show.

The figures from Australian Institute of Health and Welfare show the number of substantiated cases of mainstream child abuse or neglect steady in 2010-11, at 6.1 per 1000 children.

But among Indigenous Australians the rate was far higher at 34.6 children per 1000, although this was a small drop from the prior year.

As well as a higher rate of substantiated abuse, Indigenous children were also more likely to be placed on care and protection

orders, indicating abuse that was more severe.

Among Indigenous children, 51.4 per 1000 were on care and protection orders, compared with only 5.4 per 1000 for non-Indigenous children.

Care and protection orders are one of the last resorts for authorities, which give them some responsibility for a child's welfare.

Indigenous children were also about 10 times more likely to be in out-of-home care.

The legacy of the Stolen Generations, poverty and perceptions arising from cultural differences in child-rearing were

underlying causes of the Indigenous over-representation, the report said.

Families Australia chief executive Brian Babington said

**'International research has shown the damaging effects of the often multiple unresolved trauma of childhood on the brain'**

the report showed just how far Australia had to go in tackling abuse and neglect of children.

He added that the continued over-representation of Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander children was alarming.

Cathy Kezelman, of Adults Surviving Child Abuse, said the report showed that despite best efforts, child abuse and neglect continued unabated.

"International research has shown the damaging effects of the often multiple unresolved trauma of childhood on the brain," Dr Kezelman said in a statement.

The report showed girls were the victims of 52 per cent of confirmed cases of abuse or neglect.

Despite much publicity in recent years concerning high

levels of sexual abuse in Indigenous communities, institute spokesman Tim Beard said this was not borne out by the statistics.

He said there were very similar rates of sexual abuse among Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, with a slightly higher rate among the non-Indigenous.

The report found the overall number of children reported as being abused or neglected has fallen 13 per cent compared with the prior year.

Mr Beard cautioned much of the drop could be attributed to a change in the definition of abuse in NSW to bring it more closely in line with other jurisdictions. — AAP



# Fears over Facebook

## Mayor warns of inappropriate use



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey has called on parents and Elders to

educate Indigenous youngsters about the inappropriate use of Facebook and other social networking sites.

Various Elders have blamed social networking sites for a variety of problems including blood feuds between warring clans, other acts of violence, and false criminal accusations against people.

The social networking sites have caused a raft of

serious problems around the country for Indigenous communities.

Mayor Lacey spoke to the *Koori Mail* following calls by tribal leader Barry Walden, of Doomadgee on the Gulf of Carpentaria, for a social media ban.

Mr Walden made the appeal when 12 youths clashed in a bloody street brawl after computer exchanges reignited a long-standing feud between clans in the former Aboriginal mission of 1100 people.

It reportedly started out as name calling and petty stuff on line such as rude



tit-for-tat chat. But then it got out of control.

Mayor Lacey said almost every youth aged over 12 on Palm Island had access to a mobile phone and a social networking site.

"With the simple press of a finger they can write something such as unhealthy gossip which causes a lot of trauma and problems," he said.

The mayor said that

some comments posted had fuelled long-held animosities.

"These comments stir up old family rivalries and there has to be more education and awareness by Elders and parents about the dangers of this," he said.

"We are seeing kids getting on these chat rooms and bad-mouthing others."

Mayor Lacey said the shift to the internet had spilled over into bloodshed in many Aboriginal communities.

However, he has stopped short of calling for a ban or censorship of these social sites.

"I support Barry Walden and if a ban works for Doomadgee then that is good. However, here on Palm social networking sites can be good and education is needed about the misuse," he said.

"Every Aboriginal community in Queensland has a web site and youngsters can click on to Yararabah, Woorabinda or others and check them out and put on comments. Most have families on other communities."

Palm Island police have urged warring families to be more responsible and to avoid violence.

● Social networking sites have also become a major problem in the Torres Strait. A TSI woman told the *Koori Mail* that a 'page' had been swamped with negative comments and gossip – naming alleged women bashers and cheaters.

It was linked to another site and when the creators of that threatened legal action, the offensive material was removed with apologies.

# New series filming starts

By JILLIAN MUNDY



**BUSHWHACKED!**, a new adventure series with a focus on Aboriginal culture, has begun filming in Tasmania.

The 13-episode series takes stars Brandon Walters, who shot to fame as Nullah in the movie *Australia* alongside Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman, and ABC3 kids show host Kayne Tremills to some of Australia's most spectacular remote locations.

The North One TV production will screen on NITV in June and later in the year on ABC3.

North One TV head of programming Adam Kay believes the show will educate Australian children about Indigenous culture.

"For many kids this will give them their first taste of Indigenous culture. It really is a program we feel will make a difference to the education of children in this country," Kay told the *Koori Mail*.

"To do this through the genre of kids television is particularly exciting, but that's not to say adults won't enjoy it, because they will.

"*Bushwhacked!* is unique, when we pitched to ABC3 we tried to think of a similar TV program and we couldn't.

"Brandon and Kayne both learn about each other's world, and especially the Aboriginal way of life.

"It's also a bit of a travel log."

Filming for *Bushwhacked!* began in early January in Tasmania, and the cast and crew will return to the island state to resume filming next week, before heading to tropical Queensland.

Other episodes of the program will be shot in the Red Centre, the coastline of the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, northern and rural New South Wales and urban Victoria.

Brandon is portrayed as a bushman, who takes skateboarding city-slicker Kayne on a journey, where they learn about Indigenous rites and rituals, intriguing aspects of native wildlife, bush tucker and bush medicine, as well as meeting other bushmen, jackaroos and Aboriginal Elders.

Brandon sets Kayne heart-pounding



In a scene shot on the picturesque Neck, on Bruny Island in Tasmania, Brandon Walters and Kayne Tremills meet Harley and Sinsa Mansell on location for *Bushwhacked!* to learn about the local Aboriginal culture.

challenges including tagging a tiger snake, sky diving, swimming with great white sharks and more.

Although 16-year-old Brandon appears shy, Adam Kay describes him as 'gold' when the cameras roll.

"He's got terrific chemistry with Kayne, they've formed a big brother, little brother bond, which will come through in the show," he said.

"Finding the right chemistry and partnership was important in making the show."

In his first role since *Australia*, Brandon is enjoying being back in front of the camera and is proud to be able to showcase Aboriginal culture.

"It will make 'em proud," he said referring to the different Aboriginal people who he and Kayne are scheduled to meet over the coming months.

Brandon plans to continue with a career in acting.

Tasmanian Aboriginal siblings Sinsa and Harley Mansell, who oohred up and danced for *Bushwhacked!* on Bruny

Anita Mabb, from Hobart, Darlene Mansell, from Molecreek in Tasmania, who makes an appearance in another episode of *Bushwhacked!* and Brandon Walters' grandmother Doris Eadon, from South Hedland in Western Australia, watch on as *Bushwhacked!* is filmed on Bruny Island.

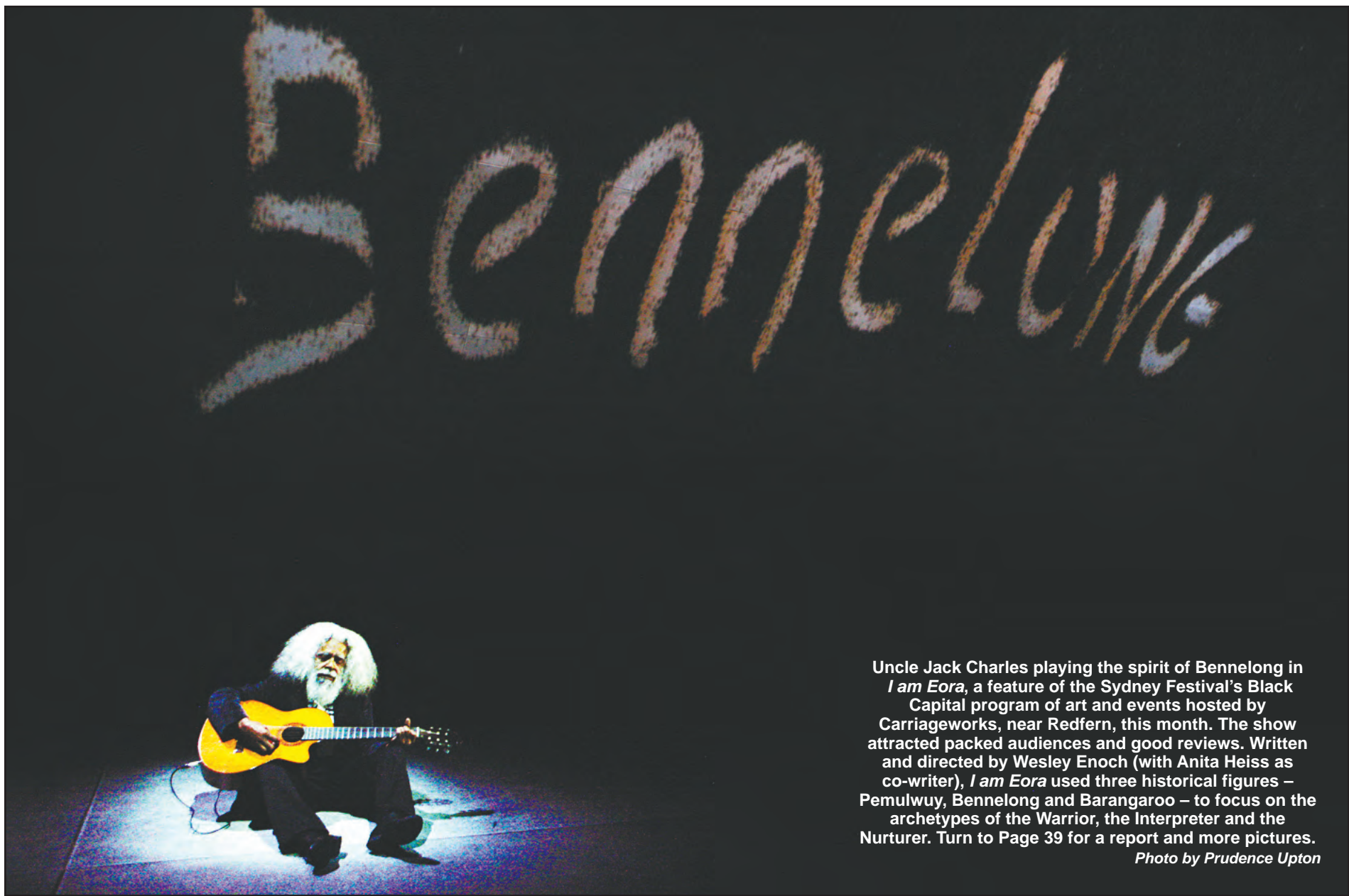


Island, are also proud to be involved with the series.

"It's really significant to me to pass on

our culture, to not only our own people but the whole of Australia," Sinsa told the *Koori Mail*. "We get to tell our own story."





Uncle Jack Charles playing the spirit of Bennelong in *I am Eora*, a feature of the Sydney Festival's Black Capital program of art and events hosted by Carriageworks, near Redfern, this month. The show attracted packed audiences and good reviews. Written and directed by Wesley Enoch (with Anita Heiss as co-writer), *I am Eora* used three historical figures – Pemulwuy, Bennelong and Barangaroo – to focus on the archetypes of the Warrior, the Interpreter and the Nurturer. Turn to Page 39 for a report and more pictures.

Photo by Prudence Upton

# Detained man finally freed

By LIZ MURRAY



AN Aboriginal man who had been jailed indefinitely despite having not been convicted of any crime has been freed from Greenough Regional Prison in Western Australia.

Marlon Noble, 29, who has a cognitive and hearing impairment, was jailed indefinitely under the *WA Mentally Impaired Accused Act* in 2001.

Carnarvon police alleged he sexually assaulted two girls, but court-appointed experts deemed him unfit for trial.

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said Mr Noble should have a chance to clear his name.

He and fellow commissioner Graeme Innes said the criminal justice and mental health systems must deal with disabled people in a more flexible and appropriate way.

They called for the removal of Mr Noble's release conditions, which Mr Gooda said 'read like a lifetime punishment, but it is for someone who was never found

**'It is disturbing that this could happen to Mr Noble, but it is even more disturbing as he is not alone and I'm aware of several other similar cases'**

guilty of anything'.

He said such restrictions would prevent Mr Noble from paying his respects at his mother's grave – she was murdered while he was in jail – unless he applies to the WA Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board for permission.

Mr Innes, the Disability Discrimination Commissioner, said the Act needed to be reformed so what happened to Mr Noble 'could not happen to anyone ever again'.

"Marlon Noble lost a decade of his life due to Western Australia's laws on the treatment of people with cognitive disabilities facing criminal charges," he said.

"It is disturbing that this could happen to Mr Noble, but it is even

more disturbing as he is not alone and I'm aware of several other similar cases."

Greens MLC Alison Xamon has campaigned for the release and exoneration of Mr Noble, and she voiced concern the release conditions were so severe he was being set up to fail.

About one third of those detained indefinitely under the Act are Indigenous, and Ms Xamon said they were usually detained in regional prisons instead of Graylands Psychiatric Hospital, Perth.

She commended the WA Government's interest in establishing supported places for people detained under the Act, but said action was needed.



MICK GOODA

An inquiry in August 2011 by former Director of Public Prosecutions Robert Cock determined prison authorities did not deal fairly with the disabled man.

The inquiry parameters did not examine the original arrest and investigation, the catalyst for Mr Noble's indefinite detention.

## Funding to help families



VICTORIAN Aboriginal children and their families are to benefit

more than \$8.8 million over four years. Community Services Minister Mary Wooldridge said the funding would be shared by 17 Aboriginal community-controlled organisations already providing family services, out-of-home care and placement prevention programs.

The Minister said that for the first time, Aboriginal services across Victoria would be funded to provide therapeutic out-of-home care for Aboriginal children who had been abused and/or neglected and support for young Aboriginal people moving from state care to independent living.

Previously, young people who needed this types of help could only access it through mainstream services.

"This new approach provides greater choice for Aboriginal young people in times of great need," Ms Wooldridge said.

"High quality, responsive and culturally appropriate care and support can make a significant difference in young lives and help break the cycle of disadvantage."



## Courts the subject of conference



A CONFERENCE to detail information on the Family Law Court,

NSW-based care and protection courts and the NSW criminal courts will be held next month in Sydney.

The gathering, from 13-15 February, is a partnership between Sydney-based Aboriginal community controlled organisations and the Greater Sydney Family Law Pathways Network.

Organisers say there has been a major increase in the removal of Aboriginal children in the past ten years, and the conference will discuss how Family and Community Service (formerly NSW DoCS) collects information when considering the removal of children under the NSW 'Care and Protection System'.

There will also be discussion about the Federal family law courts and the way they can work with Aboriginal families to ensure the best interest of the children in terms of Aboriginal culture and providing a safe environment.

Organisers say solicitors will attend to offer legal advice at the conference as well as other services such as mediation services and Aboriginal community controlled services.

The Aboriginal organisations involved are the Sydney Regional Aboriginal Men's Network, Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, Cootamundra Girls Home, Aboriginal Children's Services, Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Service and the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service.

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## Kmart joins jobs project



KMART Tyre & Auto Service has formed a partnership with the Aboriginal

Employment Strategy (AES) to develop 14 school-based automotive apprenticeships across Australia. Starting next month, the program will offer Indigenous students the opportunity to complete the first year of the Light Motor Vehicle Certificate III throughout Years 11 and 12.

Following completion of the course and the Higher School Certificate, students involved in the program will be eligible to be employed as second-year automotive apprentices.

Kmart's Tony Hofman said: "We're excited about the opportunity to partner with the AES. We see this partnership as an integral step toward developing a more diverse workplace."

# Rangers share ideas for looking after country



Nimbin Rocks Project ranger Lee King with Kathy Williams-Browne, a senior ranger with the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, and rangers from both groups. Nimbin Rocks can be seen in the background.

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS rangers from the Northern Territory visited their northern New South Wales counterparts near Nimbin recently to exchange ideas on looking after country.

The Larrakia mob enjoyed a barbecue and tour of the Nimbin Rocks Project, which is overseen by the Ngulingah Aboriginal Land Council in Lismore.

Ngulingah project officer Tracey King said the exchange was a great opportunity for the rangers to share knowledge and skills.

During their visit, the Larrakia rangers

examined the property's nursery, which boasts hundreds of native plants and bush foods, and heard of the Nimbin group's plans to develop an eco-tourism operation.

Walking trails and bush food gardens already have been established, and much of the 120-hectare property has been cleared of weeds such as lantana.

The Larrakia rangers also visited Arakwal rangers working around Byron Bay during their visit.

Donna Jackson, the women's team leader with the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation's ranger program, said six women and three men had travelled from Darwin for the exchange.

"It's been a good opportunity to find out about things such as obtaining outside contracts, and also to meet and share stories," she said.

Nimbin Rocks Project ranger Lee King said his group was hoping to eventually develop the Nimbin property as an eco-resort, which would include guided tours of the area with Indigenous rangers.

Envite environment officer Ian Gibbs said more than 10,000 trees had been planted on the property in the four years the project had been running.

The Nimbin Rocks Project is supported with funding by the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

# SA court ruling against drillers



AN exploration venture in South Australia's north has been blocked by a court ruling in favour of the land's traditional owners.

Argonaut Resources and its joint venture partners, Straits Resources Ltd, were planning to start drilling for copper, gold and iron-oxide in parts of Lake Torrens and Andamooka Island.

The companies had been given ministerial approval to access the area, which is part of the traditional lands of the the Kokatha Wati and Adnyamathanha people.

But the South Australian

Supreme Court overturned that approval, ruling that the traditional owners were denied procedural fairness in not being properly consulted.

The Supreme Court also found problems with the nature of the approval, ruling that Straits did not actually hold any exploration rights but that they were held by another company.

The SA Government is deciding if it will appeal the decision to the High Court.

Argonaut chairman Patrick Elliott said the court's ruling was disappointing. He urged the SA Government to amend the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* to prevent

traditional owners from having a right of veto over any activity on traditional lands.

Mr Elliott said the current arrangement provided traditional owners with 'a strong power to quarantine land from any development'.

## 'Oversights'

"Regulatory and legislative oversights have eliminated intended ministerial power and raise questions of appropriate procedure and governance," he said.

"I strongly encourage the South Australian Government to act quickly and decisively to regain the

power to determine the fate of development in the state and to introduce appropriate procedural rigour for the benefit of investors."

Mr Elliott said he was disappointed that Straits had been forced to spend several million dollars on legal action and warned that legislative uncertainty could force other companies to do the same, eroding exploration budgets.

"These funds could otherwise be used to responsibly explore for, discover and develop economic mineral deposits, consequently bringing increased employment and royalty income to South Australia," he said. — AAP



# Action plan 'set to work'



AN action plan to lift Indigenous literacy and numeracy and school retention rates will start showing results in another year, the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs says.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan aims to halve the gap between Indigenous and other students in reading, writing and numeracy achievements by 2018.

It also seeks to halve the gap in Year 12 attainment rates by 2020 and ensure access to early childhood education for all four-year-olds in remote communities.

The first annual report on the action plan, released last Friday, says the Commonwealth, states and territories will use data collected in 2010 as their starting point in working to close the gaps.

"Patterns, trends and best practice will become evident in subsequent years of reporting," said WA Education Minister Elizabeth Constable, who chairs the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs.

"Access to quality education is something we want for all children, and closing the gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students is an absolute priority for all governments."

The 2010-14 plan was developed in 2009 after a review of the previous four-year strategy. Non-government schools have agreed to work with governments towards the targets of the action plan.

**'Access to quality education is something we want for all children, and closing the gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students is an absolute priority for all governments'**



School's in .... a lesson takes place at the Gunbalanya School, near the edge of Kakadu National Park, in the Northern Territory on 17 January. The school has brought forward the academic year by three weeks in an attempt to try to stem low school attendance rates during the dry season. AAP Image

## School back early as Gunbalanya pilots trial



A NORTHERN Territory school in Kakadu National Park is piloting a flexible school year in an effort to increase attendance.

Under the program,

students at Gunbalanya have returned to school early.

The NT Department of Education and Training (DET) has supported a flexible school year, and has adopted a target of getting students in very remote schools to attend for 180 days each school year.

The trial matches the NT Government's T2030 aim of increasing school participation among Indigenous Territorians.

The new arrangements have been driven by the school's leadership, in

consultation with interested groups including parents, the wider community, teachers and the Australian Education Union.

DET chief executive Gary Barnes said research indicated that students attending school at least 90 per cent of

**'This is practical – run school when the kids are in the community'**

the time (180 school days) had a much better chance of success in the education system.

"The school looked at its attendance figures and found they peaked in the wet season, when heavy rain limited travel out from the

Gunbalanya area," Mr Barnes said. "This is practical – run school when the kids are in the community."

"In the dry season, attendance drops significantly as students travelled with their families for cultural ceremonies and traditional activities."

"We know that children who go to school every day, regardless of where they live in the Territory, are more likely to get a good education."

"The flexible school year gives kids every opportunity to participate in school activities."

Starting the school year early doesn't mean students lose some of their holidays, because they will have a longer holiday in the dry season months when students elsewhere will be at school.

## National Indigenous Photo-Media Forum

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# Wiradjuri language help wanted



A WIRADJURI woman has appealed to the Lithgow community to help revitalise the local Aboriginal language. TAFE Western

Aboriginal language teacher Diane McNaboe is hoping the community around the NSW city can help in her search for any material from the district relating to language and the sharing of knowledge.

She believes this would help her localise what she is teaching to the Lithgow and surrounding community.

Ms McNaboe is a member of the Riley family, and Lithgow is part of her great grandfather's country, so the project that she is undertaking has historical as well as cultural significance for her.

Although she teaches the Wiradjuri language, she is also looking for any evidence of a local dialect.

"I've found that my knowledge of the Wiradjuri language can bring the nuanced meaning of local place names, such as Marrangaroo, to life for people living in the community," she said.

"Marrangaroo in Wiradjuri means 'the



**'I've found that my knowledge of the Wiradjuri language can bring the nuanced meaning of local place names ... to life for people living in the community'**  
**– Teacher Diane McNaboe**

place where little ants came and did something memorable'.

"Material that helps build this knowledge and understanding includes old recordings of local Indigenous people speaking in their language in any context, as well as spoken manuscripts, glossaries, and either Dreamtime stories or 'connection-to-country' stories, Aboriginal place names or lists of Indigenous words commonly or ever used in the Lithgow district over the past 200 years.

"Any photos, images, even letters or

diary entries would be helpful as well."

Ms McNaboe believes there could be many hidden treasures still to be discovered that will help her with her research.

"Some families have lived on properties in this district for a very long time and may have had Indigenous people living on their property, working there, or just passing through," she said.

"If people had Aboriginal people living on their land, they may have documented or written down stories, maps and the

words the people spoke, and the words they used to speak to them.

"These might have been stored and forgotten in attics, libraries, desks, garages or storerooms.

"Any records of any language or cultural sharing would be helpful."

Ms McNaboe has completed her Masters in Indigenous Language Education from the University of Sydney, and has been teaching Indigenous languages for 13 years in Dubbo, Wellington, Orange, Bathurst and Lithgow.

She works together with the Mingaan Corporation of 60-70 Aboriginal people, because of her connection with this country through her family – her grandfather, uncles and aunties.

Anyone with material should contact Diane McNaboe on 0411 171 240, or send any written material to her at the Yarradamarra Centre, TAFE Western, Dubbo College, Myall Street, Dubbo, NSW 2830.

Alternatively, material could be handed in to Gwenda Vayro, the library manager at Lithgow College Library, for forwarding to Ms McNaboe.

## Kids the target of patrols



NIGHT patrols will be expanded in Kununurra in a bid to deter children from roaming the

streets late at night.

West Australian Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said the State Government had provided \$97,000 to the East Kimberley arm of Save the Children, which would operate the patrols.

The patrols will take children to a safe place, their parents, carers or family members and offer guidance to young people.

"Children on the streets at night is an ongoing issue in Kununurra where young people are exposing themselves to risk and in some cases getting involved in criminal behaviour," Mrs McSweeney said.

"The aim of the youth patrol is to prevent harm to children, reach them before they get into trouble, provide youth intervention and maintain community peace and safety."

The Minister said young people roamed the streets at night because of an unsafe home life, alcohol abuse by parents, family violence, neglect, lack of parental care and boredom.

She said the patrols would have links to the Miriwoong Gajirabeng Youth Worker Project (MGYWP) in Kununurra, which included the Waringarri Chilling Space, overseen by Save the Children.

MGYWP offers a range of programs and diversionary activities to help reduce juvenile crime and promote social and cultural development among young people.



Elizabeth Liddle, the senior Indigenous arts officer at Arts Victoria, is helping to organise the forum.

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# Forum focus is on photography



A FORUM in Melbourne next month will bring together photographers and media artists from

across the country.

The National Indigenous Photo-Media Forum will be presented by the Centre for Contemporary Photography

(CCP) and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI).

It is being supported by Arts Victoria, the Copyright Agency Ltd Cultural Fund and the City of Melbourne, and is a part of the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival. The *Koori Mail* is media partner.

The forum is being held from 8-10 February at the ACMI centre

in Federation Square.

It will feature a range of industry experts sharing their knowledge of how to make a career in photography and media.

The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Marcia Langton, the foundation chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne, and there will be various

lectures and panel discussions.

Workshop sessions will cover such topics as copyright and self-promotion, along with marketing information and how to establish a successful business.

Bookings for the forum can be made through the ACMI ticket and information desk on (03) 8663 2200.



# Shake-up looms for troubled Katungul

By LAURELLE PACEY



PUTTING Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services

on a sound footing will take six months, special administrator Alan Eldridge says.

"We'll then have a new board in and I'll be keen to have some new blood with wider community representation of suitably qualified people," Mr Eldridge, of Australian Indigenous Business Services, said.

Katungul, based in Narooma on the NSW south coast, delivers health services to people from 44 Aboriginal communities between Ulladulla and the Victorian border.

It was placed in special administration on 12 December by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) Anthony Beven after reviews by his office and the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health highlighted concerns with Katungul's finances as well as its board.

"What's interesting here is that when these issues were brought to the board's attention, the board asked that Katungul be put under special administration," Mr Eldridge said.

"Once I was appointed, the board effectively was dissolved." The appointment of a special administrator has been welcomed by many in the community.

Mr Eldridge said the Indigenous and wider communities across the country wanted any community organisation funded by government to be fully accountable, open and transparent.

"They want value for money, equity in all transactions including employment that does not favour any particular group or family, and they want true community representation," he said. "That's what these organisations are set up for."

Mr Eldridge said he and his



Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services special administrator Alan Eldridge.

team had a significant amount of work ahead of them at Katungul, but these were early days. Two senior staff have been stood down.

"Our first step is to secure Katungul's assets," he said.

accurate picture of Katungul's current finances was proving difficult, adding he would examine financial transactions and documentation for the past few years.

"If we find people have

Mr Eldridge finds alarming and contrary to how it should be.

He said Katungul staff numbers seemed to have contracted in recent years, which was of great concern and would have affected service delivery.

better; I have to get a handle on that, what is deliverable and how.

"The more people who utilise Katungul's services, the easier it is to demonstrate its viability. It's interesting in Aboriginal communities in general, when things aren't right in an organisation, people stay away.

"I don't believe the numbers here in any way represent what Katungul can achieve, and remember you don't have to be a member of Katungul or an Aboriginal person to receive services."

Mr Eldridge believes that despite a better understanding of Aboriginal needs across general medical services these days, an Aboriginal medical service still has an important role because its field workers go into the community. He wants to hear from the far south coast community and plans to call a public meeting.

"We had community meetings in Narooma and Bega before Christmas but notices were slowed down with the Christmas mail," Mr Eldridge said.

"We'll call for expressions of interest from locals and others for a community advisory committee to advise me. Some people have already been in contact."

So far no former board member has contacted him, but Mr Eldridge said he 'wouldn't mind sitting around with some of them to find out how they got to where they did'.

Mr Eldridge brings several skills to his job as special administrator.

He is Aboriginal (from Narrandera of Wiradjuri and Yorta Yorta people), with qualifications and experience in health and business

administration and postgraduate qualifications in commercial and taxation law. He runs his own company based at Wagga Wagga.

Mr Eldridge said a family member was a member of Katungul and used its services, but legal advice was there was no conflict of interest.

**'If we find people have purposely done the wrong thing, they will be dealt with to the full extent of the law'**

"We will then look at the organisation's financial position and its viability. At this point we believe Katungul is viable. Federal and state funding agencies have been very helpful and have given a commitment not to withdraw funds at this stage."

Mr Eldridge said getting an

purposely done the wrong thing, they will be dealt with to the full extent of the law," he said.

Katungul was described in an earlier study by UNSW Global as 'inward-looking' with some services with a reluctance to develop strong partnerships with other stakeholders, descriptions

Fourteen people are currently employed at Narooma and Bega.

"The Moruya office closed in the past 12 months and Bega seems to be functioning well," he said.

"A number of programs and projects at Katungul are fundamentally good but need to do



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# Bound for Tamworth



Warren H Williams ... "I've been travelling to Tamworth for decades." Photo by John Elliott



ON the back of the launch of his latest album *Urna Marra*, Warren H Williams is performing 17 gigs in eight days during the 40th Tamworth Country Music Festival which ends this Sunday, 29 January. He and his father, guitar player and country musician Gus Williams, are one of the only father and son duos to have been inducted into the Hands of Fame tribute in Tamworth for their service to country music in Australia.

"I've been travelling to Tamworth for decades and the festival is one of my favourite parts of the year," the Central Australian songman said.

"I remember coming as a young fella with my dad and now I'm bringing my kids, sharing family stories and introducing the kids to the experience of the Tamworth Country Music Festival."

Williams' sixth studio album, *Urna Marra*, which means 'Good Country' in Western Aranda language, shot on to the country music scene, entering the ARIA Country Music charts at number 15 after its release in November.

"This album is really exciting for me, it is a tribute to all those who have been influential to my music career," Williams said.

## Inspiration

"From the early guys like Charlie Pride to great musicians who are playing today, I also get inspiration from the landscape, my family and friends.

"I'm really proud of the album, it has a lot of me in it and I can't wait to share it with everyone."

Meanwhile, Australian country music national treasure Chad Morgan has urged people to get along to the 2012 Tamworth

Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, calling it one of the 'must-do' events.

Walk-ups continue today, Wednesday 25 January, tomorrow and Friday at the Tamworth Community Centre, culminating with the Showcase Finale at Tamworth's Capital Theatre this Saturday, 28 January.

"I know how hard it is to break into the music business and this Showcase is a truly deadly opportunity for our young and emerging country music talent to perform, be seen and heard and learn from some of the veterans," Morgan said.

## Talented

"All you young Aboriginal fellas grab your guitars, get yourself to Tamworth and let the public know just how talented our youngsters are.

"I just wish there'd been an event like this when I was struggling to get into the business. I would've been on the road from Scrubby Creek to Tamworth like a rat up a drain pipe."

Morgan will be performing at various Tamworth venues over the festive, but says he always finds the time to get along and see the Showcase.

Buddy Knox, Dale Huddleston, Johnny Huckle, didge player Mark Atkins and the Gomeroi Dance Company are all part of the program, along with a host of talented emerging country artists, poets and even line dancers from across the country.

Showcase organiser Stephen Blanch, from Tamworth Regional Council's Youth Centre, said the showcase is expected to attract even more walk-ups than the 50 who performed last year.

For more information go to the website [www.culturalshowcase.info](http://www.culturalshowcase.info)

For details of Warren H Williams' gigs, go to [www.warrenhwilliams.com](http://www.warrenhwilliams.com) or check out his Facebook page.



## Chief Executive Officer National Australia Day Council

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) is the coordinating body for Australia Day celebrations across the nation and for the Australian of the Year Awards.

The NADC works in partnership with governments, communities and civic minded individuals and organisations to inspire national pride and spirit to enrich the life of the nation. The Australia Day National Network is an affiliate group of eight State and Territory Australia Day official organisations and 780 local Australia Day committees who work together with the NADC to facilitate the celebration of Australia Day and being Australian. NADC is a company of the Australian Government within the Prime Minister's portfolio of responsibilities.

The current CEO's move to a new role in multicultural affairs has created the opportunity for a talented individual with a demonstrated track record of managing a national or other significant organisation to lead the NADC into its next phase.

The position is based in Canberra and requires strong strategic, organisational and interpersonal skills, including the ability to lead and motivate a committed team of staff and outsourced providers and the network of State/Territory and local Australia Day organisations. The CEO will communicate and manage relationships with Governments, business and communities across all levels of Australian society.

Reporting to a Board, the CEO will provide effective leadership of this organisation and will demonstrate prior experience in communications, marketing, sponsorship and events management on a national or international scale. They will have a genuine commitment to and understanding of Australian values and to strengthening the civic culture of the community, supported by a sound knowledge of the private sector, government and communities.

If you possess these skills and a commitment to celebrate what is great in Australian life this is a unique opportunity.

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To obtain documentation or apply please email [ewkaustralia@ewki.com](mailto:ewkaustralia@ewki.com). If further information is required please contact Mark Lelliott, EWK International on 03 8626 0600. Applications close Monday February 13, 2012.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are encouraged to apply.

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The 10 week program starts in April 2012 with a final preparation phase before the Ausgrid selection tests conducted end of July, at TAFE NSW Petersham College in Sydney. Work experience will be held at Ausgrid's Learning Centre in Silverwater.

For more information, contact Lyn Wilson, Head Teacher Foundation Studies, at TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, on 0409 310 384 or 02 9335 2404 or visit the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs section at [www.ausgrid.com.au/careers](http://www.ausgrid.com.au/careers)



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# Elder vows to continue taking birds

By ALF WILSON



**TASMANIAN** Elder Alan Wolf intends taking mutton birds again when the season starts in March, despite a warning from National Parks and Wildlife officers that he will be charged if he does.

Mr Wolf lives at Stanley in northern Tasmania and has been involved in a dispute with authorities who raided his home in April 2011 after he took six mutton birds on the Nut State Reserve, a large rock landmark and tourist attraction in the town.

"There were cameras up on the Nut and that is how they saw. It is my right to hunt traditionally as I am a proven Aboriginal person," he said.

The 62-year-old was an ATSIC regional councillor for the final six years of that

organisation's existence and a former long-serving board member of the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation.

After last year's raid, Mr Wolf was told he could be charged for illegal hunting.

But he wrote to the authorities urging them to either charge him or allow him to take mutton birds.

## 'Right to hunt'

"I wanted the matter to go to court so I could prove that as an Aborigine I have the right to hunt and this matter would be a test case for people of my race around Australia," he said.

On September 20 last year, Mr Wolf received a letter from the Tasmanian state compliance officer for the Parks and Wildlife Service advising he would be let off with a caution.

"Upon perusing the file, I note that the illegal activities have occurred in a reserve

which would not permit the taking of mutton birds irrespective of a cultural permit. Irrespective of this, I intend to deal with this matter by formal caution in the form of this correspondence," part of the letter said.

Mr Wolf was further warned that his activity was illegal and any further hunting would result in court action.

The *Koori Mail* visited Mr Wolf at Stanley where he has lived for the past 20 years.

He said Aboriginal people should be allowed to take mutton birds without a permit.

"This is Crown land and we should be able to. I have proof on my Aboriginality from the High Court and this is harassment of me by Parks and Wildlife," Mr Wolf said.

He said he intends taking mutton birds when the season starts and if charged has been promised free legal defence in court by a prominent Tasmanian barrister.



Alan Wolf ... "I wanted the matter to go to court so I could prove that as an Aborigine I have the right to hunt and this matter would be a test case for people of my race around Australia."

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## ABORIGINAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PROGRAM NOTICE TO ORGANISATIONS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2012/13

The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO) Program is to assist Aboriginal people to access education and training pathways to facilitate the establishment and retention of viable Aboriginal business enterprises.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is calling for applications to deliver the Program from **Monday 12 December 2011**.

Applications will close **Friday 24 February 2012**.

The Department provides funding to community-based organisations to employ a suitably skilled Aboriginal person as an AEDO.

Funding assistance under the AEDO Program will be provided to organisations that have the demonstrated ability to assist Aboriginal people to establish and sustain small business enterprises.

Interested organisations will be responsible for managing, administering and coordinating the project.

Please note that this call for applications does not commit the Department in any way to the provision of funding or assistance to a prospective service provider.

**Important:** Projects approved for funding under the program will commence on 1 July 2012.

Program Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from:  
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## NEW CAREERS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE PROGRAM NOTICE TO ORGANISATIONS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2012/13

The New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) Program is to assist Aboriginal people to access education and training pathways that address their individual needs and enhance their prospects of permanent employment.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is calling for applications to deliver the Program from **Monday 12 December 2011**.

Applications will close **Friday 24 February 2012**.

The Department provides funding to community-based organisations to employ a suitably skilled Aboriginal person as an NCAP employment advisor.

Funding assistance under the NCAP Program will be provided to organisations that have the demonstrated ability to assist Aboriginal people into employment and training.

Interested organisations will be responsible for managing, administering and coordinating the project.

Please note that this call for applications does not commit the Department in any way to the provision of funding or assistance to a prospective service provider.

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# WA tasing victim faces prison time

By LIZ MURRAY



A PERTH man at the centre of a corruption inquiry over prisoner abuse faces more jail time.

Kevin Spratt, 42, has pleaded guilty in the Perth Magistrates Court to making a threat to harm, wilful damage, reckless driving, disorderly conduct and failing to stop.

The charges arose from a 25 August 2011 incident at a Thornlie petrol station involving an off-duty police officer.

Prosecutors said the officer was responding to a complaint of a disturbance when he approached Spratt who was refuelling his car.

Spratt was living in his car at the time, despite holding full-time employment.

Spratt held the hose up and took a cigarette lighter out and threatened to set fuel alight, police said.

He pointed the hose at the officer, swung his belt and said he was going to 'stick him' with it.

When more police arrived, Spratt tried to drive off, knocking over a petrol bowser and running into a police car.

Sentencing will be this month, once psychiatric reports are provided.

Spratt was held in Graylands Psychiatric Hospital until two weeks before the trial.

In mid-September, media speculated about Spratt's mental health when he was dancing, laughing and asking

for legal advice at a bail hearing and saying he 'felt a bit crook'.

Spratt is the main witness at a Corruption and Crime Commission inquiry into the misuse of tasers by police and WA Corrective Services' Emergency Support Group.

In August 2008, Spratt was tasered up to 41 times in a single week by police and prison officers.

The ESG took him to prison, and then he was sent to hospital where he was found to have a punctured lung and other injuries.

Two watchhouse officers were fined for misusing tasers, and another admitted

he supplied a false statement of facts in court over a charge of obstructing watchhouse officers.

Although in 2008 Spratt pleaded guilty, his conviction was over-turned last February when CCTV evidence at the inquiry proved Spratt had not

obstructed officers.

The CCC inquiry was called after Spratt's injuries in custody were publicly revealed, in late 2010.

Other prison abuse witnesses also appeared, but the inquiry stalled waiting for a replacement commissioner.

In mid-September 2011, Spratt was moved to hospital, restrained and wearing a face mask, apparently to prevent him from biting prison transfer staff.

Last week he pleaded guilty to assaulting a prison officer.

Later this month Spratt will face new robbery and burglary charges from 2004.



KEVIN SPRATT



Queensland Reds rugby union twins Saia and Anthony Faingaa with Yalari student James, checking out one of the laptops donated by Mission Australia and Queensland Rugby to the Yalari Scholarship program.

# Yalari students score laptops



THIRTY Indigenous students will receive free laptops thanks to a joint donation by Mission Australia and Queensland Rugby.

The students all hold scholarships with the Yalari Foundation, which provides Indigenous children from regional and rural communities full boarding scholarships to some of Australia's highest achieving schools.

Yalari founding director Waverley Stanley accepted the computers on behalf of the students.

The computers will be distributed among the students, some of who were taking part in

the recent Yalari Orientation Camp on the Gold Coast.

Mission Australia Employment Solutions Queensland general manager Phil Schultz said the joint donation aimed to provide an additional boost to the Yalari Foundation and the children it assisted.

## Joint donation

"This joint donation of 30 laptops is a small gesture of our commitment to seeing Yalari continue in the great work they are doing," Mr Schultz said.

"Seeing the smiling faces of the students here shows that it is working."

Queensland Rugby general manager of community rugby David Hanham said the

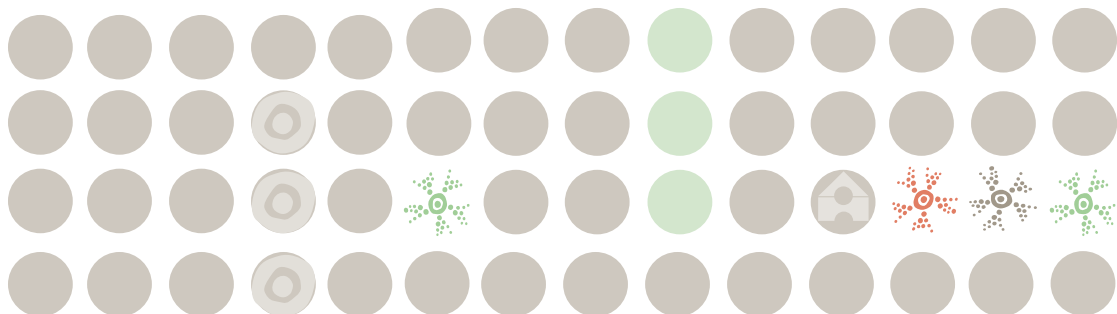
partnership between Yalari, Mission Australia and Queensland Rugby was 'vitally important'.

"The relationship ... is a critical component in the long-term future for Queensland Rugby's Indigenous program," he said.

"Queensland Rugby's support of this great initiative forms part of our long-term strategy around Indigenous development."

"We are committed to creating opportunity for young Indigenous Queenslanders."

"Mission Australia and Queensland Rugby representatives hope that there will be more opportunities in the future to continue the relationship with Yalari and further the common goal of closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage."



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## REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR ABORIGINAL CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

**Project:** Maitland / North Rothbury Stage 4 Water Supply System Upgrade Works - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

**Location:** Between Branxton and Windella (including proposed water main options between Branxton and Windella, the Harpers Hill reservoir site and access options and the proposed Lochinvar Water Pumping Station site options)

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist Hunter Water Corporation (HWC) with the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and possible Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit application (if required) and to assist the Director General of the Environment Protection Authority in their consideration of any such application.

HWC invites Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the area of the proposed project to register an interest in community consultation with the proponent regarding the proposed activity.

**Proponent:** John Simpson, Environmental Planner Hunter Water Corporation. Ph: 02 4979 9437 Email: john.simpson@hunterwater.com.au

**Registration:** To register an interest in the project, please respond in writing to: Laura Farquharson, Archaeologist Hunter Water Corporation PO Box 5171 HRMC NSW 2310 Ph: 02 4906 4646, Fax: 02 49252078 Email: laura.farquharson@hunterwater.com.au Registrations of interest must be received by no later than **5pm, 8 February 2012**



# Garma scaled back

## Usual format in 2013, says foundation



A SCALED-BACK version of the Garma Festival will be run this year, due to the urgent need to upgrade infrastructure at the

Garkula site in far north-east Arnhem Land.

But organisers say the festival will return to its usual format in 2013.

The chairman of the Yothu Yindi Foundation which runs Garma, Galarrwuy Yunupingu, said in a statement that changing the format would enable the foundation to consolidate its important day to day work, while at the same time improving facilities on-site in readiness for the 14th Garma Festival in 2013.

The nightly bunggul (dance), the musical performances and other cultural activities will not run in 2012, however the Key Forum, which has been the core of Garma programming, will still go ahead.

A Yothu Yindi Foundation spokeswoman said the revised Garma Festival would run a month later than usual, on 1-2 September, and the topic for the Key Forum would focus on Australia's resources and mining boom.

She said this was viewed as a particularly pertinent topic given the mining agreement signed last



Bunggul (dancing) at last year's Garma Festival and, inset, Yothu Yindi Foundation chairman Galarrwuy Yunupingu.

year between Yolngu traditional owners and Rio Tinto Alcan, and the 'massive mining boom' across Australia in general.

"We just wanted to get the message out that the Key Forum will still be held, and details will be made available on our website [www.yyf.com.au](http://www.yyf.com.au) by the end of February," she said.

Because Garma was a popular festival and attendance numbers

were constantly increasing she said there was a need to take a long-term strategic approach.

The site will be getting a 'massive makeover' and expanding along the escarpment. A number of new venues will be built, along with a permanent ablution block and upgrades to on-site sewerage and water.

"We had two bushfires spread through the site last year just prior

to the 2011 festival, there's white ant damage through the kitchen and shelters and we've got to treat and control the weeds," the spokeswoman said.

"We're in our 14th year of the festival and we're experiencing more interstate private schools attending our Youth Forum. We had 150 kids come to our youth forum in 2011, so we've really got to improve the infrastructure from

an occupational health and safety point of view."

Yothu Yindi Foundation general manager Denise Bowden said the board had made an important decision to develop better business practice.

"The Yothu Yindi Foundation is excited to be improving the Garkula site for a healthy resumption to normal scheduling in 2013," she said.

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## ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM Call for Applications for 2012/13

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program is an initiative of the NSW Government to encourage job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private or community sectors for funding proposals under the following program elements:

The **Permanent Employment** element aims to get Aboriginal people into permanent careers in the NSW public and local government sectors.

The **Temporary Secondment** element aims to improve career development for Aboriginal employees in the NSW public and local government sectors.

The **Career Development** element offers funds to make it easier for NSW public service departments and local councils to give Aboriginal employees training or other career development experiences.

The **Partnership Project** element funds special projects to create jobs for Aboriginal people within any sector.

The **Graduate Work Experience** element encourages employers to give new Aboriginal graduates a start in the workforce by subsidising a work experience placement (maximum 12 weeks) in the person's field of training. Any employer is eligible to apply, subject to the conditions in the Guidelines.

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Applications close 24th February 2012.

Program Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from:  
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**NSW GOVERNMENT**  
Ministerial Taskforce on  
Aboriginal Affairs

## Have your say on Aboriginal policy

The Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs is seeking your views on the development of a new Aboriginal affairs strategy for NSW.

The focus of the strategy is on service delivery and accountability, education and employment. Public meetings to hear your views are being held at:

<b>LIVERPOOL</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 January 2012</b> Liverpool Catholic Club Corner Joadja and Hoxton Park Roads, Liverpool West 2:00pm – 5:00pm
<b>DUBBO</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 February 2012</b> Dubbo RSL, Jacaranda Room Corner Brisbane and Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo 2:00pm – 5:00pm
<b>TAMWORTH</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 February 2012</b> Tamworth Community Centre, Heritage Room Corner of Peel and Darling Streets, Tamworth 1:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>MT DRUITT</b>	<b>Wednesday 8 February 2012</b> Rooty Hill RSL Club 55 Sherbrooke Street, Rooty Hill 2:00pm – 5:00pm

The community meetings will be catered.

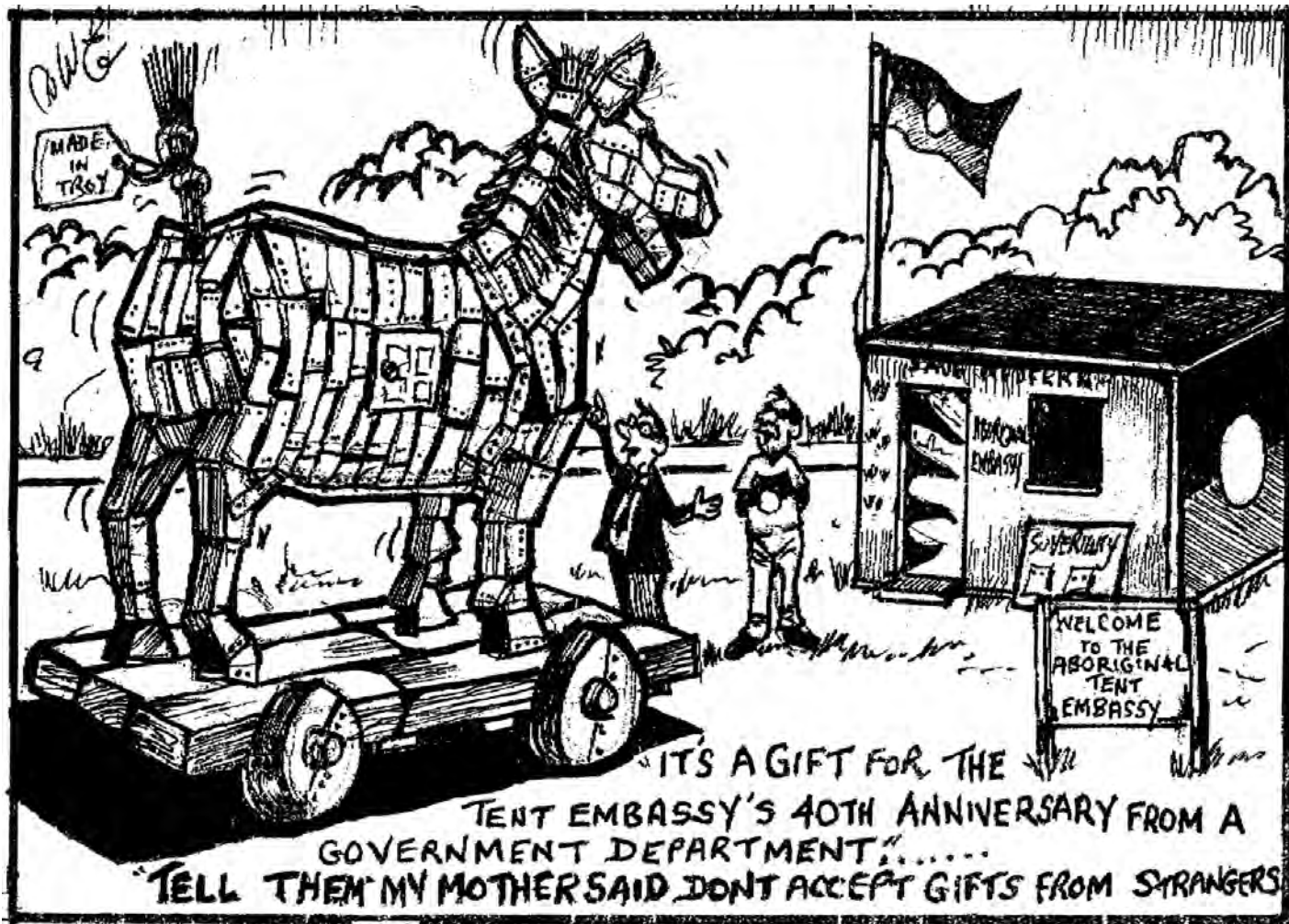
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



## Kathy Williams-Brown

Senior ranger,  
Larrakia Nation  
in Darwin

Favourite bush tucker?  
Magpie Goose.

Favourite drink?  
Water.

Favourite movie  
*The Rose* with Bette Midler.

What are you reading?  
A Di Morrissey book, along with two others.

What do you like in life?  
Reading and spending time with my family.

What don't you like in life?  
Horrible people.

What is your favourite sport?  
I'm really not a sporting person.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?

My mother Yula, my daughter Kiarra and my eldest sister Lillian.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people.

I would give them the houses they are living in and the land.

## Quote



**'It lacks any sense of purpose or vision, promotes assimilation'**

Tasmania's Michael Mansell  
on the Constitutional  
Recognition Panel report

● See Page 6

**Unquote**

## Take the time to examine report

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people should make the time to have a really good look at the final report from the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

After all, it's all about us, and our place in this country.

For those wanting the full story, the entire report is available at the website [www.youmeunity.org.au](http://www.youmeunity.org.au) and runs to more than 300 pages.

For those who might be a little daunted with wading through the entire document, however, there are also plain English and interactive versions available, along with fact sheets, frequently asked questions, and background on the process so far.

The website is easy to navigate and well worth a look. After all, indications are that a referendum will be held sometime next year, so now is the time to get the conversation going to ensure the final result will be one we can all happily live with.

Of course there will be those who oppose the proposed changes, arguing that Aboriginal sovereignty is a much more important issue for Indigenous people to address, but we should be realistic. For now the focus is on changing the Constitution, and whether you agree that would be a good thing or a bad thing, becoming acquainted with the details of the report, now publicly available, should be a priority for those wanting to take part in an intelligent debate.

It is also imperative that this apparent move towards recognition is not



## OUR SAY

hijacked for political purposes.

Both the Government and Opposition, as well as the Greens, have so far welcomed the report, and while Opposition Leader Tony Abbott expressed some concerns about some proposals, it seems the Coalition remains genuine in its support for Indigenous recognition.

Let's hope it stays that way as an election looms, because there is no better way to kill off a referendum than to begin a scare campaign that could take hold if people fail to work out the real details themselves.

Since federation, only eight out of 44 proposals to amend the Constitution have been approved, so a 'yes' vote will be achieved only if people are convinced the proposed changes will actually be of benefit.

After travelling the country and hearing the thoughts of thousands of people and organisations, the expert panel co-chairs Pat Dodson and Mark Leibler are confident a referendum would succeed.

Whether they have read the mood of Australians accurately is yet to be seen. Next year will provide that answer, but until then, get reading.

**Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned**



By GREG BURCHALL

WHEN Stan Yarramunua saw the recently-vacated shopfront at the base of the shiny office block at 500 Collins Street he had only one thought: "I belong there!"

So he made himself an appointment with the property's board members and pitched them his plans for an art gallery that would be 100 per cent Aboriginal owned and managed.

Yarramunua even showed the gob-smacked suits a copy of a sketch of an infant Melbourne – a view of Collins Street with its first ramshackle structures and a Koorie family sitting right about where they were now meeting, albeit 20 storeys below.

A year later and Stan Yarramunua stands, hands on hips, in the centre of his gallery – Art Yarramunua – triumphant but with no sense of mission yet accomplished.

"What could they say?" he laughs. "Not only did I get them to drop the rent, but I even got six months rent free while we got ourselves established."

"This is good for us being at this end of town and it's good for them to have us here. What did they want, another bloody \$2 shop?"

Yarramunua's own art hangs on the walls, along with works by the Central Desert artists he exclusively handles – Tommy Watson, Jean Burke, Roma Butler, Damien and Yilpi Marks among them.

Dozens of canvases are stacked against the walls, a large mallee limb sculpture is being bubble-wrapped on the floor.

"That one's off to Florida," he says. "We're selling a lot of work across Australia and internationally. Some are only in here a week or two before they're gone. And that's because the prices are reasonable and that's because there are no dealers."

"I know what we need for rent and staff and things – the rest goes straight to the artists."

Clad in black, ponytail pulled back tight, Yarramunua waves a hand that has LOVE tattooed across the back of its fingers.

"We're having a go and we're doing it ourselves, no government grants, no investors, just a belief in culture and in moving forward," he says.

## Second gallery

This summer Yarramunua has also moved northward, opening a second gallery in arts-crazed Daylesford, in central Victoria.

And he has no plans to stop there. If all goes well and the two galleries 'start to run themselves', he'll look to Sydney and then to Queensland.

"Wherever we go, we'll look to involve artists from those areas and employ people from those areas," he says.

"We'll teach them how to do it, just like I taught myself – I never went to school, I still can't read or write."

Which hasn't been a handicap, not even in his recent stint on stage as Chief Bromden in the first professional production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, based on the Ken Kesey novel.

But if Stan Yarramunua came late to the arts – he says he didn't pick up a paintbrush until he was 25 – he also came late to life, not picking himself up until he was 28.

"I was literally down on my knees, stumbling drunk, on Hoddle Street," he says.



Stan Yarramunua in his studio ... "We're having a go and we're doing it ourselves, no government grants, no investors, just a belief in culture and in moving forward." Photo: Rachael Smith

# The art of the matter

"I said, 'I just don't want this life any more' and put down the bottle. I haven't had a drink in 18 years. Drinking, drugs, gambling – that's not our culture. Our culture is art, song, dance, story-telling."

Yarramunua began by collecting art and artefacts from the bush and set up a stall at St Kilda's Sunday market. From there, he moved to the Victoria market – and one trestle table grew to six.

He got into music and performance, appeared in films,

TV and theatre (*Stolen* toured the world for five years) and played the didge with the likes of Bono, Stevie Wonder and Snoop Dog.

"I don't point the finger because I know what I've been through, what I put my family through," he says "Now I want to be an example, not a guinea pig."

## Life lesson

The life lesson was enough to pass on to his own son when he started getting into trouble three years ago.

"I told him 'Stay, and I want nothing to do with you, or you can go and sort yourself out.' He went to Tasmania and he's doing well – he's a great artist, has a stall at Salamanca Place, plays great didge, he's boxing."

"That's one of his over there" – he nods at a stunning canvas – "and over here, one of my daughter's."

"Things have turned out well. The ancestors are pulling the strings from somewhere, I reckon. The ancestors are illustrious."

For many years Yarramunua thought he was Yorta Yorta, but five years ago discovered he was Wathaurong.

It clicked. He'd bought some property at Anakie, near Geelong, and always felt he 'belonged' there. He had the same feeling in the You Yangs – and now in Daylesford.

"I was born in Swan Hill and the family there didn't know much about this stuff, they'd just been put there," he says.

"Now I know that my great, great grandfather was John Charles – from Daylesford! – who'd walked off Coranderrk Station with William Barak."

"They walked all the way to Melbourne to make their protest. He was a very strong man, always speaking his mind about culture and tradition, but he died at 42."

That's on his mother, Charlotte's, side. Yarramunua was one of her four children, but at age seven he hit the road with his dad.

"We just wandered around the country," he says.

"He was an alcoholic and I saw every park from Redfern to Fitzroy to Adelaide to Brisbane. I remember those pubs in Fitzroy, watching my uncles fighting sailors."

"One day Lionel Rose came in, gave me a \$2 note, signed it. He was my idol."

"Even when I was hungry I never spent that \$2. I've still got it."

## Love, support

At 14 Yarramunua went back to his mother in Shepparton and for the first time experienced the love and support of a close extended family.

He later married and had his own two children, but things started to unravel. He fell in with a bad mob, drifted to Melbourne where things only got worse.

Until that day he found himself hobbled on Hoddle.

"You stop living that way, you look to your culture and the options just open up," he says.

"I can't stand self-pity: 'Poor, poor me – pour, pour me another one'. You've got to get off your arse and make it happen."

Yarramunua mentors a lot of lost youth through the welfare agencies, teaching them the didge, encouraging them to paint, and was delighted recently when one troubled teen sold a canvas to the Supreme Court.

"He comes to me, 'Look! \$1500!' – a 15-year-old kid," Yarramunua laughs.

"That's powerful stuff. When you get a taste of that, why would you ever go back to the negative stuff?"

Yarramunua also performs a lot of welcome to country ceremonies, where he encourages everyone to try the didge.

"I say, 'You call yourself Australian? You might be white but this is an Australian instrument, why would you want to deny yourself thousands of years of Australian culture?'"

Back in Art Yarramunua, he explains the symbols of a piece to a customer: "See this colour, round here? That's a cave – you're in a cave, looking out. And you're looking at the Milky Way."

Later, he drags out an unfinished canvas of his own: "I never know what I'll do until I start and I can't see it until it's finished. Then I think, 'Where did that come from?'"

Stan Yarramunua knows where he's come from – and seems to know exactly where he's going.





NSW Aboriginal Education  
Consultative Group Inc.

On behalf of the Association Management Committee Notice  
is hereby given for the

## 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the  
NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated.  
It will take place on;

**THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH 2012**  
**At Rydges Hotel, Parramatta**  
**116 James Ruse Drive**  
**Rosehill NSW 2142**

**Commencing at 1:00pm Sharp**

The AGM & Annual Conference will take place from Thursday  
8th until Sunday 11th March 2012.

For Further information please contact the NSW AECG Inc.  
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Department of  
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### Grants for Community Sport and Recreation Groups

If your organisation delivers sport and recreation  
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and Victalent.

Up to \$5000 per project is available from the Country  
Action Grant Scheme to:

- Improve your organisation or club;
- Enhance the skills of coaches, officials  
or administrators; or,
- Help provide better access for all members  
of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two  
\$500 Victalent grants to assist with travel related to  
competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes  
and teams.

Applications for both programs are open until 1 March  
2012 for projects scheduled to start after 1 July 2012.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application  
with a DPCD regional representative before lodging  
a submission.

To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms  
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### Aboriginal Heritage

MR108 Nelson Bay Road Upgrade

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and  
Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to  
determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places  
for the upgrade of Nelson Bay Road Bobs Farm to Anna Bay  
Stage 3 to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

Penny McCardle  
Principal Archaeologist  
McCardle Cultural Heritage  
P O Box 166  
Adamstown NSW 2289

Registrations must be received in writing by **Thursday 16  
February 2012**.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to upgrade Nelson  
Bay Road to 2 lanes in each direction separated by a  
landscaped median between Cromarty Lane and Port  
Stephens Drive, Bobs Farm.

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP)  
under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/  
or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of  
practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the  
*Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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Torres Strait Islander Jesse Williams before the final of the US college football competition.

# Giant Jesse on a high after football glory

IT'S one of the biggest events on the US  
sporting calendar – and a giant Torres  
Strait Islander was part of it.

Jesse Williams, a 21-year-old 200cm  
143kg giant was part of the University of  
Alabama side which thumped number-  
one-ranked Louisiana State University for  
US college football's top prize.

While Williams did not have a major  
part to play in the game, he looks to have  
a great future in the sport.

And, as part of the winning  
team, he's set to realise a  
dream – to meet US President  
Barack Obama.

The game was expected to be  
a defensive arm wrestle and it did  
not disappoint, with Alabama's  
first 15 points coming from five  
field goals.

Williams, born on Thursday  
Island in the Torres Strait and  
raised in Brisbane, is heavily  
tattooed and said before the  
game that he would book himself in for  
more body art.

He vowed to have a copy of the  
winner's trophy tattooed on his body if  
Alabama, known as the Crimson Tide,  
were victorious.

For Williams, one of the fringe benefits  
of winning was the promise of meeting  
US President Barack Obama.

His proud dad Arthur said his son  
would get to shake hands with the US  
President.

"Every national championship team  
gets to go to the White House and meet  
the President," Arthur Williams said.

"It's quite mind-blowing, this is the  
ultimate. There isn't anything bigger in the  
sport."

Arthur Williams said his son had  
dreamed of becoming a champion  
American footballer from his early teens.

Williams, 21, grew up in Brisbane. His  
mother Sonia is from Thursday Island and

well in his role as a defensive linesman.

"He didn't stand out, but that's Jesse,  
he knew what he needed to do to help the  
team win."

More than 40 family and friends joined  
Arthur Williams at his Cannon Hill  
(Brisbane) home as Jesse ran out before  
110,000 fans.

With talent scouts glued to the game,  
Jesse could potentially earn millions if he  
is picked up by an NFL team.

Just three years ago, Williams  
was in the red and green of  
Brisbane's Bayside Ravens  
Gridiron Club.

Ravens coach Steve Box said:  
"It is an amazing story of success."

"Jesse is a pioneer for our  
sport as a player who came  
through the club's development  
program, the State program and  
national team to reach this  
collegiate pinnacle.

"Imagine how incredible it will  
be when he becomes the first in the NFL  
to be a product of our local system."

And there could be more to come from  
the Williams clan, with Jesse's 'baby'  
brother Ethan already weighing in at  
107kg at the age of 16.

Ethan starts Year 11 at Cavendish  
Road State High School this month, but  
he wants to follow in his brother's  
footsteps and continue his education in  
America. Ethan wants to be like big  
brother, 'only better'. – *Various sources*

**'It's quite mind-blowing,  
this is the ultimate.  
There isn't anything  
bigger in the sport'.**

his father was born in India, but is of  
Burmese and Portuguese descent.

He started playing gridiron at 14, and  
was at the Bayside Ravens when spotted  
by talent scouts, who lured him to the US  
to play as a defensive linesman.

The result was predicted by Jesse,  
who told his father that 'they won't score'.

Arthur Williams admitted crying after  
his son's victory.

"I'm still trying to absorb it," he said.  
Williams Snr believed his son played





# Many shades of our music

## Offensive date that must be changed

THE Andrew Bolt case of racial discrimination last year was an eye-opener for me as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman.

It was yet another example of the 'true blue' views of mainstream Australia entering the international spotlight, alongside episodes such as the Jackson 5 skit on *Hey Hey Its Saturday* in 2009, or the Cronulla riots.

I did not know who Andrew Bolt was, but I quickly learned that he and many of his readers shared the same views on the shades of Aboriginality.

Bolt was questioning how and why an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person could identify as Indigenous when the colour of their skin suggested otherwise.

And here is the answer put simply – being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is not only defined by the colour of your skin but by the connection to one's family, connection to the Indigenous community and, of course, by culture.

This brings me to subject of Aboriginality in the Australian music scene and how Indigenous music and its artists are perceived at home and abroad.

Just like the Andrew Bolt case, there exists an incongruous idea of what it is that constitutes 'real' Aboriginal music.

Does the music industry create an unrealistic stereotype for defining what Aboriginal music is?

Would Dan Sultan or Casey Donovan be considered just as Aboriginal as Gurrumul?

When we talk about investing in the Aboriginal music sector do we think about remote communities in the Central Desert or the Kooris living down the road?

The fact is, Indigenous people make Indigenous music irrelevant of the shade of colour in their skin or the style that they practice in.

Our stories, songs, emotions and creations are inspired by our environment just like any other artist, and our environments are filled with culture and connection to family and country, thus



DAN SULTAN

making it unique and of value to mainstream Australian society.

I am a musician and singer-songwriter of mixed ancestry. My mother is of European descent, but my music is Indigenous and does not need to take on traditional forms to be classified as such.

My music is Indigenous because I am Indigenous. My children, no matter how fair they may be, will be Indigenous and so will their music. They are because I am.



GURRUMUL YUNUPINGU

There is more to being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander than the colour of skin.

We come in all shades and are a crucial element of Australia's eclectic music scene.

JESSIE LLOYD  
CEO/Artistic Director  
Songlines Aboriginal Music  
Corporation  
Preston, Victoria

IT'S that time of the year again, when the shops line their aisles with cheap Australian flags, bikinis and toys, organisers are busily preparing events and there are ads all over the television encouraging us all to celebrate Australia Day.

But why not, this year, think about what it is that you are really celebrating?

Ask yourself why January 26 is the chosen date for celebrations and why Aborigines find the celebrations of that date so offensive.

We all know that the 26th of January 1788 marks the day the British first landed on Australian soil and began invading Aboriginal lands.

We know January 26 marks the beginning of invasion, murder, rape and theft.

But most Australians say they just take the day off so that they can enjoy a barbecue and beer with their mates. So why not change the date to one that is not so divisive?

On January 26 Aborigines from across the country will mourn, just as we do every Anzac Day.

We will mourn the deaths of the 50 Aboriginal men, women and children who were massacred at Risdon Cove while hunting kangaroo; we will mourn the deaths of those shot in cold blood while bathing in the waters of the Jordan River lagoon; we will mourn the loss of our land, the stolen children, the remains of our ancestors held in overseas institutions and everything else that our people have had to endure since the arrival of the white man on January 26, 1788.

We will also call for the race-based celebrations of January 26 to come to a close and for a new date to be chosen, so that we can all proudly wave our flags and celebrate the wonderful country that we now share.

NALA MANSELL-McKENNA  
State Secretary  
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre  
Launceston, Tasmania

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# TJ Hickey will not be forgotten

THE anniversary is fast approaching of the death of 17-year-old TJ Hickey as a result of a Redfern police chase on St Valentine's Day 2004 when he was hit by a police vehicle that catapulted him on to a spiked fence.

On this eighth anniversary we are attempting to build our numbers to show the Redfern police and the NSW

Government of Barry O'Farrell that we are not going to forget our true obligation to the memory of TJ Hickey, his mother Gail Hickey and his sisters.

As they will never forget the injustice that was done to TJ on that infamous day, nor should we.

All of us, whether Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal,

owe a duty of care to TJ to find the real peace that only full justice will allow.

We ask all who can possibly make the rally on Tuesday 14 February to join us and support us to have a new and open coronial inquest put in place.

We have no funding to assist with travel or accommodation, but still

plead with you that if you are able to attend and join in the call for justice, then please do so.

The mightier our numbers, the louder is our voice that we no longer ask for justice, we demand it as our right.

The genocide of our people must stop and it is up to you and me, speaking as one, that will stop it.

Should you not be able to attend on the day, then I ask that you write your support for our stand and email it to me at [isja01@internode.on.net](mailto:isja01@internode.on.net) before 14 February.

**RAY JACKSON**  
President  
Indigenous Social Justice  
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Sydney, NSW

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# Time to take a stand!

I AM a Narrunga (South Australia) man and I have had enough of the deaths, despair, poverty and abuse that our community experience.

I remember growing up in a household that was very political. There would be meetings at my mum's house in Mount Gambier (South Australia), where cakes and tea and coffee were being made by us young ones and my mum and mainly aunties would sit around the kitchen table talking and writing things down.

As I grew older I began to realise that they were organising our community – organising events, services and eventually organising a community organisation called SENCO. This was in the late 1970s and 80s, however, since the late 1990s the country undertook a big change that has seen the gap widen to the point that things are getting worse for our people.

I have had enough of the lack of 'real' commitment that governments both Liberal and Labor have given to closing the gap. It seems as if there are boxes to tick within a four-term timeframe which undermines real change.

I have seen the waste in programs that are meant to help us.

And just recently there have been many government reports calling for government to listen to Indigenous peoples which have largely fallen on deaf ears.

But we cannot simply sit back and expect government to change everything for us. We have to make changes ourselves and take the responsibility for our own destiny. Just like our people were doing in the 70s and 80s, determining our future, something that we have been doing for thousands of years.

We are not the oldest continuing culture for nothing.

I, as a Narrunga man, am ready to make the changes that we need to make.

I am prepared to stand up to do the following:

- Call on our people to make a commitment to change their families, communities and society

- Call on all governments and opposition to begin to listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and implement 'self-determination'

- Call on our fellow Australian people to support us by demanding the government stop wasting millions of our taxpayer dollars on programs that are managed and determined by non-Indigenous people.

I am ready to stand with our communities and nation, to build a better future for our people.

**CHRIS BONNEY**  
Sydney, NSW



# Supporting our youth

I WOULD like to support Phil Dotti's comments in the last edition of the *Koori Mail* (11 January).

Phil, whose son Keifer is a very talented football (soccer) player, made the statement that despite Football Federation Australia having an Indigenous Pathway Program in place (this was launched in 2009) his son has not been identified or contacted despite playing in the highest youth league in NSW and winning various awards. (Keifer has just been drafted into the Sydney youth squad).

Like Keifer, there are some very talented young Aboriginal male and female footballers throughout the country, and I cannot understand why FFA has not been more active in identifying and developing these players since the launch of the Indigenous Pathways Program.

When the Pathways program was launched back in 2009, FFA chief executive officer Ben Buckley stated: "The aim of the Indigenous Football Development Program is to have at least 5

per cent (NRL has around 12.5 per cent and AFL has around 11.25 per cent) of players in all national teams and major competitions of Indigenous background within 10 years."

Well, we're four years into the program and I wonder just how many Aboriginal player have been identified.

That year, FFA hosted a week-long carnival in Townsville which had a focus on talent identification, and the carnival was a rousing success. Teams who participated were selected through a series of coaching clinics in identified regional towns and metropolitan areas throughout the country.

This was in line with the aims of the Pathways program and it generated a lot of interest and praise from budding Aboriginal kids who are regular players of the sport.

The following year the carnival did not run, for what reason only FFA knows. Last year the carnival was on the calendar again and was hosted in Alice Springs, and again this was a successful



Keifer Dotti (yellow strip) in action.

event. But this time the carnival was not so much about talent identification as participation.

The FFA focus has

seemed to have changed from talent identification to participation based, and I have no issues with this. Being an Aboriginal sports

development officer and a big fan of football, I would like nothing more than to see more Aboriginal boys and girls playing this world game.

But FFA has to continue to support our very talented kids who have been playing this great game for many years and aspire to play at the highest possible level they can achieve.

Yes, football is well behind AFL, rugby league and netball when it comes to Indigenous participation and, yes, the game needs to be developed within the Aboriginal people's communities throughout Australia and I can understand why FFA is taking this approach.

But I believe it would be a whole lot easier to promote and develop this game if our young kids could relate to Indigenous people playing at the highest level within Australia.

How good would it be for our kids to say 'hey, did you see Keifer Dotti playing for Sydney FC last night, he just carved up' – or any other talented Aboriginal player who has been striving to

play the game at the highest level.

When our kids and communities see more Indigenous football players at the highest level, that's when we will see more of our kids wanting to play this great game.

Come on FFA, you are doing some good things throughout the country in promoting this great game, but let's not forget our talented kids/youth who have been playing this game for many years.

I applaud FFA for the appointment of national Indigenous football co-ordinator Maydina Penrith. I hope this position plays a vital role in assisting our talented kids/youth achieve their dream of one day playing at the highest possible level.

Let's not squash their dreams and have them walk away from this great game because there was no support.

**JASON FRENCH**  
Aboriginal Sports  
Development Officer  
Sport and Recreation  
Orange, NSW

## Executive Officer

### Business & Workforce Development Manager

### Natural Resource Business Manager

### Receptionist & Admin Officer

### Based in Bairnsdale, Gippsland, Victoria

### Gunaikurnai Land & Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC)

A number of exciting and rewarding opportunities exist to work with the Gunaikurnai Land & Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) and the Gunaikurnai people of Gippsland to strengthen their community and guide the establishment and ongoing operation of their Corporation and business enterprises.

GLaWAC are seeking a range of self motivated people for recruitment to the following Bairnsdale based positions:

#### Executive Officer

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Officer will have strong financial, HR and business management skills and will excel at building relationships with the community and stakeholders. The Executive Officer will lead the establishment of the Corporation's presence in Gippsland and implementation of the Gunaikurnai Native Title Settlement Agreements. Knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues is essential, and experience in a similar organisation would be an advantage.

#### Business & Workforce Development Manager

This position will assist the EO set the strategic corporate and business direction of the Corporation, including the development of strategic plans, partnerships and culturally appropriate, workforce development, employment, business and investment opportunities that can produce sustainable economic and social benefits to the Gunaikurnai community.

#### Natural Resources Business Manager

Responsible for overseeing the establishment and ongoing operation of a Natural Resource Management business enterprise operation in Orbost and Bairnsdale. The position will work closely with the Indigenous community and a range of natural resource management agencies and training providers to enable Indigenous trainees to obtain nationally accredited certificates and sound skills in conservation and land management and develop ongoing commercial partnerships and contracts with key stakeholders.

#### Administration Officer / Receptionist

This position is responsible for ensuring the efficient running of the Corporation's office. As GLaWAC's main administrative support the position will undertake a wide variety of tasks under minimal supervision, including the provision of administrative support to staff. Gunaikurnai and other Indigenous People of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Full position descriptions including key selection criteria can be obtained for each of the above positions from [www.oric.gov.au](http://www.oric.gov.au) under Corporation Jobs or by emailing [admin@glawac.com.au](mailto:admin@glawac.com.au) or calling 03 5152 5100.

**Applications**, marked Confidential, including a resume and addressing the Key Selection Criteria must be emailed to [admin@glawac.com.au](mailto:admin@glawac.com.au), or posted to:

Gunaikurnai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation  
P.O. Box 1699  
Bairnsdale, VIC, 3875

**and should be received by close of business Friday 10th February 2012.**

For further information about any position please contact Mr. Barry Kenny on 0487 301 323.



## Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010

### Notice of Intention to Negotiate a Recognition and Settlement Agreement with the DJA DJA WURRUNG PEOPLE

The Department of Justice gives notice to the Victorian Traditional Owner community that the State of Victoria intends to negotiate a Recognition and Settlement Agreement (*Agreement*) under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic.) with the Dja Dja Wurrung People.

The Agreement will resolve four native title claims lodged in 1999 and 2000. It will include an Indigenous Land Use Agreement registered under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (NTA).

The Dja Dja Wurrung People describe themselves as the descendants of the following ancestors: Jamie Warbot ("Pretty Boy") and Katie and their son John Charles; Mary Jane and her son Henry Harmony Nelson; King Girribong, Lerrimburnee (King Billy Logan) and Logan's sons Robert Nicholls and Walpanumin (Jacky Logan); Gilpoon Mouning and her daughter Caroline Malcolm; Emma Curr; Leonard Kerr; Finemore Jackson; David Harrison and his son Captain Harrison; Nelson Trobullock and Nora Wan-nanee and their son John Terrick; Thomas Dunolly, Tommy Avoca/Deardjoo Warramin, Alfred Davies, Tommy Farmer/Birn Burman, Samuel Kinnear/Mapooungun, William Parker, Catherine (Kate/Kitty) Robinson, Martin Simpson; and Charlotte Williams.

The external boundary of the proposed Agreement area is shown on the map below. The shaded areas are currently under discussion between the Dja Dja Wurrung People and adjoining Traditional Owner Groups:



Members of the wider Traditional Owner community in Victoria are invited to comment on whether the State would be entering into an Agreement with the right Traditional Owner Group for the proposed area.

Submissions may be made to the Manager of the Native Title Unit, Department of Justice, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne, VIC 3001, or by email to: [nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au). Submissions must be received **by midnight Wednesday 7 March 2012**.

Note that submissions may be referred to the Dja Dja Wurrung People and/or Native Title Services Victoria Ltd (NTSV) for their comment.

For further information, visit [www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au) and follow the links to Your Rights/Indigenous Victorians/ Native Title or call the Native Title Unit on (03) 9947-1696.



# Poignant reminder of our different worlds

IT'S January 26 and a teenage white boy swathed in an Australian flag makes his way down to the waterfront to get drunk on beer, nationalism and patriotic backslapping.

His eyes turn skyward to watch fireworks as he revels in being a citizen of the lucky country. He sings along boisterously to songs of the past, some more than 40 years old.

Meanwhile, countless West Australians travel on boats like their ancestors across the ocean. Their destination is Rottnest Island where they will toast the good fortune that conquest has bestowed.

Meanwhile, across the other side of the country, another teenage boy has also made a pilgrimage. His flag is black, red and yellow, representing our people, our country and the sun that shines down upon our world's longest surviving civilisation, Aboriginal Australia. He chooses not to celebrate on the banks of

the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) where Governor Stirling planted a foreign flag, nor will he sail to the prison island that we Nyoongars call Wadjemup (Rottnest Island), where the graves of our ancestors are buried just metres beneath the picnic blankets of the Australia Day revellers.

His journey has been longer, more sober and more sombre. He has crossed the continent from Western Australia to Canberra and has also sang songs of the past, some as old as 40,000 years.

He will not be blinded by fireworks and deafened by raucous music. Instead, he will be looking to the ground that commemorates the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40 years ago.

As he breathes in the smoke of the campfire he knows he is not alone. Many Indigenous peoples have also made the journey from all corners of the country.



DENNIS EGGINGTON

In the weeks leading up to the commemoration, countless people representing the multitude of Indigenous nations across the country have been preparing to travel by bus, train, plane, car and even

foot to honour one of the most symbolic and important points in Australian human rights history.

I am just one of these people, who see the Tent Embassy commemoration as a poignant reminder of

the parallel worlds that mainstream and Indigenous Australians live in.

We may all live in one country but we still live in significantly different worlds.

In 2012, with such disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, I find it difficult to celebrate the 26th of January which commemorates the start of a process which decimated so many of our people.

Such triumphalism beneath a flag which still bears the symbol of the Union Jack I still find very uncomfortable.

Instead, I will reflect upon a day 40 years ago when Indigenous Civil Rights campaigners, so frustrated with the lack of social equity, occupied this nation's capital by erecting a Tent Embassy.

I cannot escape the irony of my First Nations Peoples having to pitch a tent on traditional country in the shadow of opulent and palatial international embassies. Traditional

owners who have become displaced, oppressed peoples, refugees in our homelands.

We have thousands of home-grown Indigenous refugees in this country who due to ongoing injustices are unable to flee poverty, oppression and lack of opportunity. For many of our people who are still homeless in our own land, a tent seems to be a highly appropriate form of symbolism.

I hope that the teenage white boy swathed in his own symbolism of the coloniser may reflect as he enjoys the fireworks, that many of his fellow compatriots are singing songs of strength, solidarity and survival.

Maybe then he can embrace his Indigenous brother in unity and together both can look forward to living in a lucky country.

Adjunct Professor  
Dennis Eggington  
Perth, WA



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## Sea Country Partnerships

### Grants Program

**NOW OPEN**

During 2011-2012, a total of \$500,000 will be available to Traditional Owner groups of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park catchment area who are seeking support for sea country management projects.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 will be provided to successful applicants. Grants could be awarded to develop sea country plans, enhance management and technical skills, undertake research of traditional knowledge, map sea country or establish and maintain decision-making processes that are critical to the development and implementation of sea country management arrangements. Projects must be able to be completed by 30 June 2013 to be eligible for funding.

You will need to complete an application form to apply for a grant. Funding will be determined through a competitive process and successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding deed with the GBRMPA.

The Sea Country Partnerships Grants Program is part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's implementation of the *Caring for our Country Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program* funded by the Australian Government

**Applications will close 17 February 2012**

For further information please visit [www.gbrmpa.gov.au](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au) to get a copy of the sea country grants guidelines and application form or, you can call the Indigenous Partnerships Group toll free on 1800 990 177 to find out more.

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## Domestic and Family Violence Safety Upgrades Funding

Organisations are invited to apply for funding to establish four new safety upgrade services to undertake risk assessment and where appropriate, provide security upgrades to the homes of those experiencing domestic and family violence.

The four services will need to be established in Ipswich, Emerald, Mount Isa and the outer northern suburbs of Greater Brisbane.

The funding, \$613,100 per annum to be shared across the four locations, is aimed at supporting victims of domestic and family violence, and their children, to remain safely in their homes, rather than having to re-locate, thereby remaining close to family and other support networks.

Information packages are available from [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au) or by phoning the Principal Program Officer on (07) 3224 4477.

**Applications must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 27 February 2012.**

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# Much more than a game

With next week's National Rugby League All Stars clash set for the Gold Coast, *Koori Mail* columnist PRESTON CAMPBELL, the man behind the concept, tells of his pride and passion...

THE dream to have all Indigenous NRL players made available to play in the same football side was not my dream. It has been a shared dream of every generation of players including the likes of Uncle Lionel Morgan and the great Arthur Beetson, whose memory will be honoured in next week's All Stars clash.

The All Stars match was built on the momentum of the 'Welcome to Country' game won by the Dreamtime Team against the New Zealand Maori in 2008 and the commitment of sport's first Indigenous Player Advisory Group where I had the support of Dean Widders, Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Matt Bowen, Sam Thaiday and Nathan Merritt.

It was also supported by key non-Indigenous players such as Darren Lockyer, Cameron Smith and Benji Marshall as well as the most influential coach in the game – Wayne Bennett.

The emotion of the crowd on the anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology to the Stolen Generations, the true sense of reconciliation and celebration that marked the whole week, and the sense of elation when we won are indelible memories that will live with me.



Opinion author Preston Campbell, left, with fellow Indigenous All Star Scott Prince ready for the first NRL All Stars clash in 2010.

Yet any sense of pride I may have does not rest in the game itself. It rests in the continuing impact that the programs born from the game are

having on our youth.

In my privileged position as a Learn Earn Legend! ambassador for the Federal Government I have the opportunity to

witness the work of players and clubs as they work with communities to create a better future for our kids.

The Titans have also given me the opportunity to work on other initiatives aimed at Closing the Gap of disadvantage including the Titans Achievement Program operating in Cherbourg, Mornington Island and Doomadgee.

All of these programs aim to get our youth to aspire to be their best and to build a foundation for a happy life.

They do not set out to perform miracles but more to allow our kids to believe that they are capable of miracles themselves.

It was always the players' aim that through the game we could use our profile to make a real difference.

Like the youth who we work with, we do not proclaim to be perfect, but we are giving it our best shot.

When I join the crowd to watch the kick-off to the game next week I will still pinch myself to ensure I am not dreaming.

But the truth is that I will never stop dreaming. It is a shared dream for a better future for all kids.

All Stars commemorates our past, celebrates our successes and dares to challenge us all to aspire for a better future.

Like last year, I will miss the opportunity to play with my brothers.

But I will be happy sitting in the crowd as one of the big mob celebrating what the game has already achieved in its short history.

# Report is thorough

IF I were looking from the outside, as an Aboriginal person, I would already be growing tired of the talk of a referendum.

Everyone is probably aware that the Prime Minister has recently taken possession of the official report of the 'Expert Panel' on how the Australian Constitution should recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It is now the Government's job to decide if a public referendum to change the Constitution should be held, and more importantly what the change might be and how to gain public support.

Emerging from a blissful state of ignorance my first thoughts would be ones of confusion, as I try to glean the factual information from the many different commentaries.

It seems there is no shortage of people, from all sides of the political spectrum, who want to present a 'clever' opinion about the Constitution. But opinions do not necessarily build good public understanding about the recommended changes.

Of course, I would think it is a good thing to recognise the First Peoples in the Constitution, that would be nice and a decent thing to do, wouldn't it?

Not according to a number of commentators, including the Opposition spokespersons who see threats to Australia in the proposal.

Some political conservatives are saying the removal of racist clauses is a sneaky way of

creating a bill of rights.

Others say that racist sections should not be removed from the Constitution, being satisfied that such sections are no longer in contemporary usage.

One political editor finds malevolence in the suggestion that government should inform the public of the Constitution itself and how it works, that it is 'disquieting' that public opinion might be manipulated by an awareness-raising campaign.

Even Aboriginal commentators are wary of the report and its exorbitant message.

Warren Mundine has declared the proposed new clauses will lead to a lawyer's picnic over the interpretation of the new sections of the Constitution and the final proposition will be different from what has been recommended.

Sue Gordon says the new proposals are too complex for the voters and will lead to confusion and rejection.

Michael Mansell has said that the Expert Panel has missed an opportunity and that the proposed changes promote assimilation.

The flurry of comments on the first day of the launch of the official report must cause great confusion to the many people who have difficulty in obtaining the report and reading it for themselves.

They are no doubt already deeply impressed of the complexity and controversy of the situation.

Whether they will make the time and effort to obtain the report and



LES MALEZER

read the actual recommendations must be uncertain and unlikely.

The continuation of misinformation, along with impressions of complexity and the confusion of what is real and what is imagined would ultimately make me keen to dismiss the topic and avoid getting into more argument.

To me this is a sad result on the first day out.

Serving for six months on the panel, I was wary at first about the obvious things, such as competence of the panel, commitment to the task and

attitude towards our communities' aspirations.

The panel was diverse including conservatives, liberals and academics with no doubt many worldviews that are hostile to my own.

But the fact is the final report is strongly and unanimously supported by all – including myself. It is thorough and should be read and understood.

The expert panel put great effort into examining the history of referendums in Australia, in obtaining various viewpoints on how recognition might be pursued, in gaining insight and understanding about the minds of the voting public and in pursuing real and substantive gains in the body of the Constitution.

The discussions in meetings, and in the informal out-of-hours conversations, were penetrating and challenging.

The individuals were robust, persuasive and open in their contributions and I was extremely comfortable in the preparedness of any and all members to listen to each other, regardless of their own views.

The panel and the report did not shy away from controversial issues such as sovereignty or calls for a treaty.

Despite targeted research showing beyond doubt that Australians would not support a referendum to address these matters, the panel included clear

commentary on these issues in the final report.

The panel took the view that all Australian governments should be encouraged to address those issues in the parliaments.

The opinions now being expressed in the media are shallow and show contempt towards the work carried out by the expert panel and the competence of that work.

The expert panel did not fail to consider alternatives, nor did it fail to examine and understand the simplicity or complexity – see it how you will – of the proposed changes.

The media and public commentators should take the time to read the report in full and to understand the case made by the expert panel for the recommendations in the report.

It is my own personal goal to encourage people to go beyond the one page of recommended changes and to read the report in full.

For our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities it is the challenge for Congress to bring the message to the people and to ensure that people are well informed.

We will be asking our people for their decision when the Government decides on the next steps to be taken towards changing the Constitution.

*\*Les Malezer is co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.*



# Council campaign for Cairns woman



Adeline Chong ... "I'm standing for our rights."



AS a seven-year-old, Wakamin woman Adeline Chong remembers walking the streets of Cairns with Uncle Joe

McGinniss, Mick Miller, Pat O'Shane, Evelyn Scott and others at the forefront of the Aboriginal rights movement.

Now, years later, she has been moved to put her hand up for the Cairns Regional Council at the Queensland local government election in March.

"I'm standing for division five where a lot of Indigenous people live," she said.

"I'm trying to fight, I'm standing for our rights, we should be talking to council and council should be more aware what our needs are in that community."

## Rights

"Joe McGinniss, we called him Uncle Joe, and a group of people, including my father, formed the Aboriginal Advancement League here in the 1940s and 50s, and they fought for Aboriginal rights to get off the Queensland Government Protection Acts.

"They fought for Aboriginal rights here in Cairns."

Ms Chong said the fight was ongoing.

"I'm trying to get community involvement, trying to get Elders involved with what's happening in our area," she said.

"And through the churches – there's a church that has a youth program, trying to get them into the youth program."

Ms Chong is also interested in addressing crime and homelessness.

She said she was working to raise the money for her run.

"There's been quite a few people who have shown their support when I've spoken to them," she said.



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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

### THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION IMPLEMENTATION TASKFORCE

As part of a range of measures to reform Australia's not for profit (NFP) sector the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) is being established and will commence operation from 1 July 2012.

The ACNC will regulate the NFP sector; establish and maintain a publicly searchable database of charities; provide a one-stop-shop for NFPs in their interactions across all levels of government; and oversee their financial and governance practices.

An implementation taskforce has been established to take responsibility for setting up the regulator including, managing the transition of functions from existing regulatory arrangements, and setting-up organisational capability.

A discussion paper has been released and consultation is now underway with the NFP sector, peak bodies, state and territory governments and the general community to ensure:

- questions relating to the role of the ACNC are addressed
- there is a high level of community involvement in the development of the ACNC, and
- key stakeholders are involved in the design and delivery of a modern and effective regulator

As part of this consultation process, face to face meetings will commence in capital cities from 30 January 2012 as follows:

Monday 30 January 2012 10.00am to 12.00pm	The Marque Brisbane 103 George Street, Brisbane
Tuesday 31 January 2012 9.30am to 11.30am	The Rydges Townsville 23 Palmer Street, Townsville
Tuesday 31 January 2012 1.30pm to 3.30pm (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	The Rydges Townsville 23 Palmer Street, Townsville
Wednesday 1 February 2012 10.00am to 12.00pm	Vibe Hotel Darwin 7 Kitchen Drive, Darwin City Waterfront
Friday 3 February 2012 10.00am to 12.00pm	Seasons of Perth Hotel 37 Pier Street, Perth
Monday 6 February 2012 9.30am to 11.30am	Grand Chifley 208 South Terrace, Adelaide
Tuesday 7 February 2012 1.30pm to 3.30pm	Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne
Wednesday 8 February 2012 10.00am to 12.00pm	Mantra on Northbourne 84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra
Friday 10 February 2012 10.00am to 12.00pm	Mercure 156 Bathurst Street, Hobart
Monday 13 February 2012 9.30am to 11.30am	Vibe Hotel Sydney 111 Goulburn Street, Sydney
Monday 13 February 2012 2.00pm to 4.00pm (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	National Centre of Indigenous Excellence 180 George Street, Redfern

Confirm your free seat online <http://acnctaskforce.treasury.gov.au> or email [consultation@acnc.treasury.gov.au](mailto:consultation@acnc.treasury.gov.au)

The discussion paper is available from the website <http://acnctaskforce.treasury.gov.au>

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Wonnarua Elders Thomas and Nerelle Miller at the dedication of 'The Uncle Tom and Auntie Nell's Meeting Room' at the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council in Metford, NSW.

# Room honours couple's work



THE Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) has paid tribute to

Wonnarua Elders Thomas and Nerelle Miller by naming a council community meeting room in their honour.

"The Uncle Tom and Auntie Nell's Meeting Room" was officially unveiled during a special ceremony in recognition of the couple's service to MLALC and the community which spans more than 20 years.

"Tom and Nell have been wonderful members of the MLALC for 22 years," MLALC chief executive officer Ken Riddiford said.

"Their contribution and

dedication to the council and the community whom we support has been remarkable.

"It was fitting to recognise their contribution in some way and create a lasting tribute to them."

"The meeting room is the hub of the council's centre here in Metford so it was a natural choice to name the room after two people who have played an equally central role in the life of this organisation."

Mr and Mrs Miller have performed various roles during their 22 years with MLALC.

Mr Miller joined the council in 1989 and served as chair for more than 15 years between 1990 and 2007. He remains a council board member.

Mrs Miller worked as a cook

and bus driver before taking a role as a family support worker. She continues to be involved with the council through volunteer roles in the scrapbooking club and Christmas events.

The couple remain enthusiastic members of the council and continue to be dedicated to improving the lives and opportunities of Aboriginal people in the Maitland region.

"While this tribute only goes a small way to thanking Tom and Nell for their invaluable contribution, we hope it shows them how appreciative everyone is and that dedicated service deserves to be recognised and celebrated," Mr Riddiford said.



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12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Documentary Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 The Intervention PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
1:00 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Home NC (Current Affairs)  
2:00 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Island of Lies PG (Documentary)  
8:30 Embedded With PG (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Mabo: Life of an Island Man PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
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2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
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10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Mabo: Life of an Island Man PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 BabaKiueria PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)  
8:30 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Buried Country PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Lyndon's Story PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Buried Country PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Samoana PG (Documentary)  
9:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Fish - An Unborn Soul PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Letter Box G (Kids)  
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
10:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
1:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)  
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3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
4:00 Boomalli - Five Koori Artists PG (Documentary)  
4:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)  
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Mabo: Life of an Island Man PG (Documentary)  
7:30 Portrait of a Distant Land PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Blood Brothers PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
10:30 The Last Wave PG (Drama)

### SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Kids)  
10:30 Yaarnz G (Kids)  
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:30 Murri Cup NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Kulka PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Strong Men of Nguui PG (Documentary)  
7:30 Bush Bands Bash PG (Entertainment)  
8:30 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Desert Healing PG (Documentary)  
10:00 From Sand to Celluloid M (Drama)

### MONDAY 30TH JANUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Kulka PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Strong Men of Nguui PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Bush Bands Bash PG (Entertainment)  
1:30 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Papu Mau PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Papu Mau PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming PG (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
9:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Forum NC (Current Affairs)  
10:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
1:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Kulka PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Buried Country PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)

### THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

12:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Buried Country PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming PG (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Barefoot Summer Series NC (Sport)  
8:00 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Mer Rikwer-akert PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Land Bilong Islanders PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Barefoot Summer Series NC (Sport)  
1:00 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Grounded G (Series)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Letter Box G (Kids)  
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Kids)  
10:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
1:30 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary Series)  
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
4:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
5:00 Yalukit William Ngargee PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
9:30 Island Music PG (Entertainment)  
9:45 Snake Dreaming PG (Drama)  
10:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
10:30 The Land has Eyes PG (Drama)

### SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 The Golden Cord PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
10:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 Queensland Murri Carnival 2011 NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Land Bilong Islanders PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)  
8:30 The Golden Cord PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Aeroplanes Dance PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)

### MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
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9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
11:00 Aeroplanes Dance PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move it Mobstyle G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Samoana PG (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

### TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz G (Series)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Samoana PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move it Mobstyle G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Nganampa Anwerkenhe PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
9:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Home NC (Current Affairs)  
10:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

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# Putalina comes alive with



Auntie Colleen Mundy, from Hobart, Sharon Hughes, from Cape Barren Island, and Auntie Pat Green, from Launceston, caught up at the festival.



Lewan Lehman, Danny McDonald, MJ Scotney, Shane Mansell and Sara Maynard directed traffic and welcomed people.



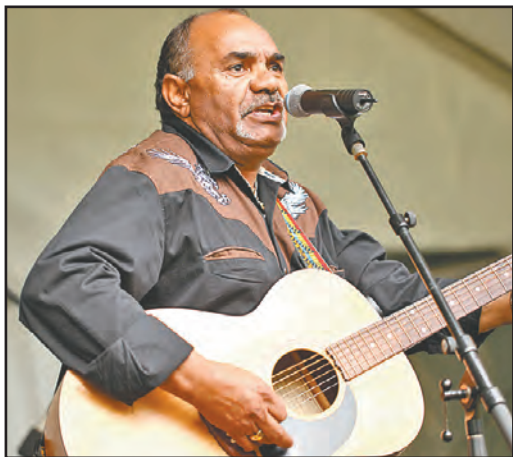
Reg Burgess and Ali Chenery, from Hobart.



Former locals, duo Jodi Haines and Jude Reid flew in to perform at the festival.



Beryl Green, Maree Maynard with Dwyatt Maynard, Jason Maynard, Cheryl Armstrong, Alyssia Maynard, Trudy Maluga, Luke Maynard and Venessa Cowen with Heidi Maynard enjoyed the day.



Barkindji man Bob Wilson, from Launceston, sang some of his original country songs.



Kylie Briggs, who says she has been looking forward to her family on the mainland seeing her in the *Koori Mail*, is pictured here with Olive Ralph and Louise Adams.



Birthday boy Nathan Brown with Chantelle Burgess.



Rosemary and Helen Ransom enjoyed the laid back day.



Family together, from left, Liam Slater, Serena Hubert, Luke Oldham, Pauline Wally with Kane Oldham, Cameron Slater, Ashley Slater, Linda Slater and Tara Slater.



Kaninna Langford, from Bruny Island, wowed the crowd with her cover of Paramore's *The Only Exception*.



# music, festivities and more



Like the rest of the crowd, Anita Mabb, Jodie Dowker, Jenny McDonald, Lou Gipton and Yvette Henry-Standal were appreciative of singer Kartanya Maynard's performance.

## Community's pride on show

By JILLIAN MUNDY



PRIDE was on show at this year's putalina (aka Oyster Cove) festival in Tasmania, where local Aboriginal performers shone.

Not to say that interstate acts rapper Caper (aka Colin Darcy), duo Microwave Jenny and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, who were full of praise for the local talent, were not brilliant and appreciated.

But it was 16-year-old Kartanya Maynard who had the largest part of the crowd up and dancing to her powerhouse performance of *Sisters Doing It For Themselves*.

She has been performing at putalina since she was a toddler.

"I think the upcoming young ones, they are really making a name for us now," veteran putalina performer, Tasmanian Aboriginal country singer Dougie Mansell told the *Koori Mail*.

And like the younger performers, who have cut their teeth on the stage at putalina and watched by their proud community, Mansell just keeps on getting better each year too.

"People say the older I get, the better I get," he said reluctantly, not wanting to sound boastful.

"I've done 15 festivals, my first one in 1996.

"I haven't missed a year, I've been doing the NAIDOC Ball ever since too, they are the biggest things on my calendar, I look forward to them each year.

"The festival is something I love doing, to perform for the Elders, the ones that love the country and western music I sing."

The 2012 putalina festival, in its 28th



Kartanya Maynard brought the crowd to their feet.

year, was a feast of music, healthy food, activities for children and catching up for Tasmania's Aboriginal community, friends and supporters.

Putalina is returned Aboriginal land steeped with history. It was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on 16th January 1984. Then after years of protest, negotiations and hard work, the land was returned to the Aboriginal



Tasmanian Aboriginal country music singer Dougie Mansell on stage.

community through legislation in 1995. Most of the year it is a peaceful site, where visitors reflect on the sad history of a place where Tasmanian Aborigines were subjected to attempted genocide and grave robbing.

'The Festival', as the Aboriginal community in Tasmania refers to it, is the one day of the year that the site comes alive with music, dance and festivities.



Aunty Marie Mansell, a veteran of the putalina festival, sang a country number.



Sarah Everett performing.



Hip hop artist Caper (aka Colin Darcy), from South Australia.



Singer Adele Purton-Wigg, from Burnie.



# Closing the gap at Deadly



Edi Bowie, 9, and Estre Bowie, 12, from Victoria Point.



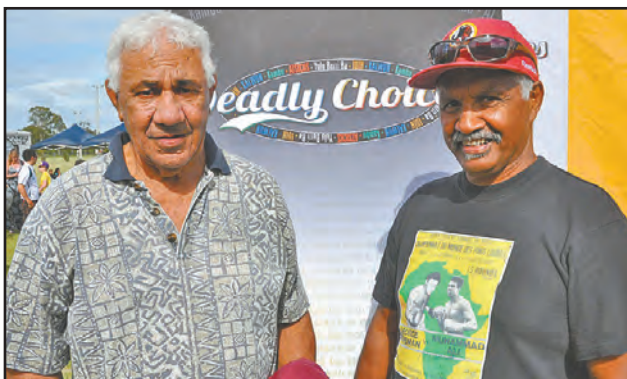
Gold Coast Titans representative Preston Campbell with young fans, from left, Aliethea Cutmore, Joseph Cutmore, Tiarna Cutmore, Shay Quinlan and Rose Daley. Photos by Naomi Moran



Christina Dias, from Slacks Creek, on the 'sticky wall'.



●Above: Lisa Cook, Tracy Smith and Eileen Marsters, all from Armidale.



●Left: Lionel Morgan and Neil Appo enjoyed the day.



Cecileigh Patten (left) and Olivia Patten (right) from Robina, with Melissa Merritt, from Sydney.



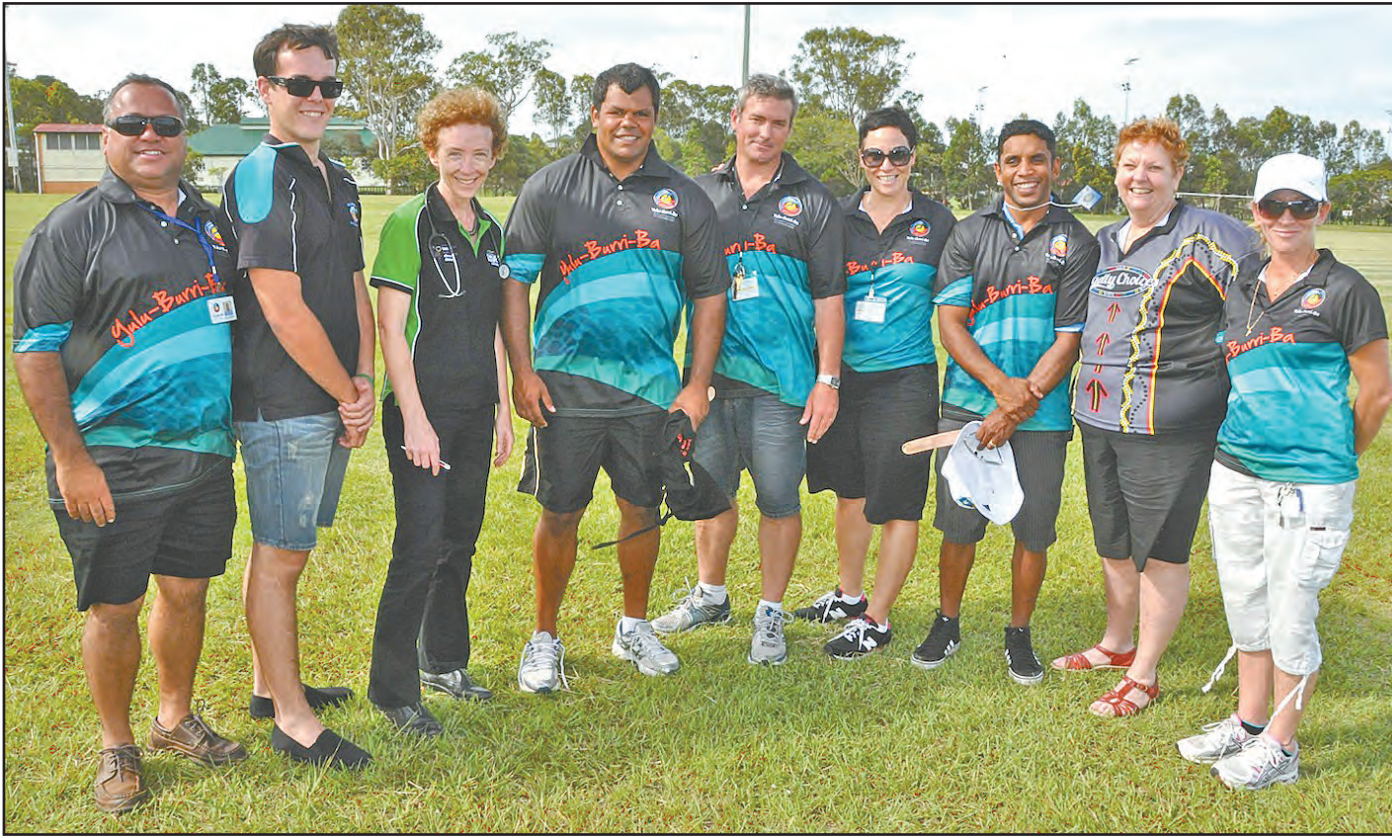
Karen Drakakis and her son Ben, from suburban Wynnum, try their hand at some boomerang painting.



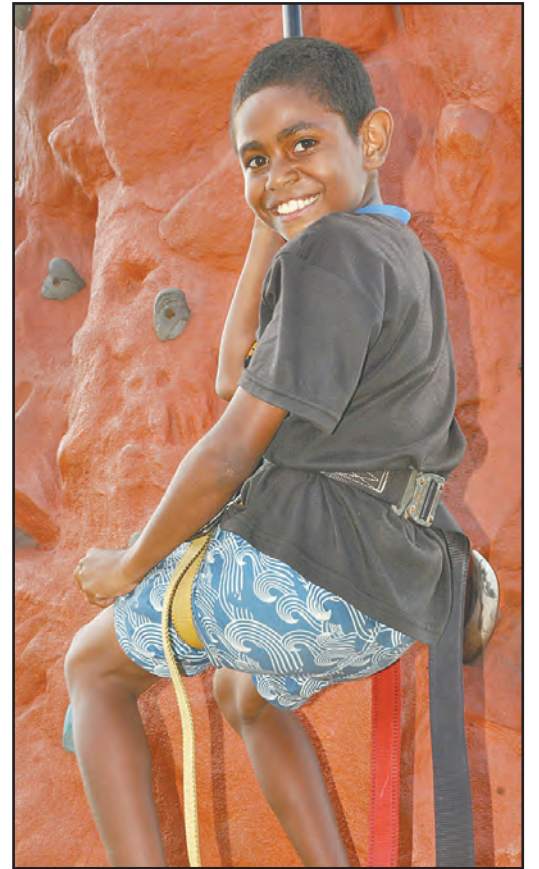
The mob from the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health at the community day, from left, Nathan Appo, Kim Gussey, Keiron Lander, Ian Lacey and Emma Herd.



# Choices Community Day



With former NRL stars Dean Widders and Preston Campbell are staff from the Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, from left, Anthony Thompson, Tom Horsley, Carmel Nelson, Scott Jayden, Kazandra Worling, Jan Lember and Toni Fisher. All photos by Naomi Moran



Jordan Bowie, 10, from Holland Park tries his hand at climbing.

## Healthy mob at Brisbane event



ORGANISERS welcomed a good turnout at this year's Deadly Choices Community Day, held on Saturday in the Brisbane suburb of Capalaba.

The community events – this was the fifth such one held – are designed to give local Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people good health information and to 'close the gap'.

They are organised by the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

The institute's Ian Lacey told the *Koori Mail* that overall he was pleased with the event.

"We had plenty of interest and there were lots of activities for people old and

young who attended," he said.

"Some important health messages were shared with the community.

"It was also great to have Preston Campbell and Dean Widders from the Gold Coast Titans on hand."

The event featured a kup murri lunch, health and information stalls, games and a range of entertainment.



Credence Graham, from Stradbroke Island, tests his strength and fitness.



Sharing a healthy laugh at the Capalaba community day, from left, Kalinia Swan, Rose Daley and Tiarna Cutmore.



Dean Widders addresses the crowd on the importance of making deadly choices with healthy eating and exercise.



# Broadcasting the future for trainees



**TWELVE** Indigenous Queenslanders are on their way to careers in the broadcasting industry.

They will receive training in radio at the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association (BIMA) and will also be placed in radio stations throughout Queensland.

The program received \$116,500 from the Federal Government.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins said BIMA was giving participants accredited training, support and practical experience.

"This project gives Indigenous Australians the skills and experience to break into the broadcast industry," she said.

"Participants will complete a Certificate III in Screen and Media, or Broadcast Technology and they

will also do vocational placements at radio stations throughout Queensland.

"When they complete their accredited training, participants will be placed into suitable employment within the broadcast sector, such as trainee radio announcers, program producers and broadcast technicians."

BIMA won praise from the Government for its role in the project, particularly in ensuring that the training and mentoring aspects meet industry requirements.

Ms Collins said it was critical that Indigenous Australians had the support and training they needed to take up employment opportunities.

For more information about the Indigenous Employment Program go to the website [www.deewr.gov.au/iep](http://www.deewr.gov.au/iep)

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### CLOSING MY GAP

#### LOOKING FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MEN TO BE PART OF A UNIQUE DOCUMENTARY SERIES FOR ABC TV

We are looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men of all ages to be part of a documentary series for ABC TV. We are the same team who made *Boxing for Palm Island* and we need men who are looking to make changes in their lives to stop them becoming part of the ongoing statistics. You might be facing health issues, struggling with addiction, dealing with unemployment, housing, family issues, whatever it is that you want to change in your life and that will make your life better, we want to hear from you.

This series will look at the amazing journey and struggles these men go on in an intimate and respectful way. It will be revealing and moving, but it will also highlight the enormous obstacles that can exist for some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in this country today.

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To apply send an email to [closingmygap@gmail.com](mailto:closingmygap@gmail.com) telling us your story - what it is you need to change and why and all emails are private and confidential.

For more information call (0407) 700 827.



Australian Government

### Indigenous Program Funding Submissions 2012-2013 Financial Year

The Australian Government is calling for funding submissions from organisations to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the 2012-2013 financial year to deliver outcomes under the following programs:

- Indigenous Heritage Program\*
- Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program\*
- Public Awareness Program\*\*
- Indigenous Capability and Development Program - Indigenous Leadership Activity\*\*\*
- Indigenous Capability and Development Program - Indigenous Women's Grants

Organisations that are committed to working in partnership with government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and want to make a difference in the community, should apply. Applications can be submitted from Saturday 21 January 2012.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply online. To access Electronic Submission Online (eSub) visit: [apps.indigenous.gov.au/esub](http://apps.indigenous.gov.au/esub), where you will find links to the Program Guidelines and contact information.

#### Submission deadline

Funding submissions for all Programs must be lodged online or at your nearest Agency Office or Indigenous Coordination Centre by **5 pm, Friday 9 March 2012**.

\*Organisations have the opportunity to apply for multi-year funding under the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program and the Indigenous Heritage Program. Guidelines for the 2011-12 Indigenous Heritage Program are not yet available. Please refer to the SEWPac website for further details at [www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp)

\*\*Applications for funding for NAIDOC activities under the Public Awareness Program may be submitted throughout the year either online or at your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre.

\*\*\*For additional details of Indigenous Leadership activities included in this funding round please refer to the FaHCSIA website: [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

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# Initiative to seek more accountants



INDIGENOUS people have been urged to consider accounting and auditing as

careers in a joint national initiative being run by Deakin University and CPA Australia.

The initiative, through the university's Institute of Koorie Education (IKE) and the School of Accounting Economics and Finance, aims to increase the participation and employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the accounting profession.

It follows a round table which brought together key stakeholders from around Australia to address the issue.

Currently there are many thousands of professional accountants in Australia, yet only 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander accountants have been located.

IKE director Wendy Brabham said ensuring Aboriginal people continued into and completed higher education was critical to the success of the plan.

"This initiative goes beyond increasing the number of accountants; it's about creating people whose work will make a lasting impact on the position of their communities," she said.

Mark Rose, from IKE, said the involvement of Aboriginal people in business schools – particularly the accounting and auditing fields – was the next new frontier for Aboriginal communities seeking self-determination.

"Blackfellas have only been able to go to university since the 1970s," he said

"In four decades in higher education, we have really punched above our weight in areas like nursing, teaching and in some ways law, and the institute, with its off-campus community-based delivery approach, has played a critical role in this.

"However, we are only just warming to areas like commerce and accounting; it's not an area we have made headway into yet.

"As First Nations peoples we do not have a good economic base and the wealth of this country is not shared with us."

Prof Rose said auditors and accountants played an important role in community affairs.

Adrian Williams, who attended the roundtable, initiated the website [IndigenousAccountantsRock.com.au](http://IndigenousAccountantsRock.com.au) as part of his own efforts to attract more Indigenous people into the profession.



WENDY BRABHAM



CHRISTIAN LUGNAN



MARK ROSE

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He became interested in the issue when he realised he had worked overseas and had colleagues at a senior level from many nationalities and cultures, except an Indigenous Australian.

"This issue is important, because in every organisation the chief financial officer (CFO) sits at the table when decisions are made," he said. "I don't think that this is often articulated to Aboriginal people.

"The CEO will consult the CFO around every decision. If you are interested in strengthening your community and your family, you don't just have to be a lawyer, doctor or teacher."

Christian Lugnan, who now works as a field officer with the Commonwealth statutory body the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, knows only too well the challenges Indigenous accountants face. He currently works with Indigenous corporations in relation to governance and viability but has previously worked as a senior internal auditor at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and as senior finance officer at Aboriginal Hostels Ltd.

Mr Lugnan decided to become an accountant at age 12 after falling in love with a BMW at the tyre business where his mother worked. The car was owned by an accountant.

Mr Lugnan's aptitude for figures and maths and the encouragement of his family to focus on his schooling saw him head to the University of Technology, Sydney to complete a business degree.

Mr Lugnan echoed Prof Rose's call for more Aboriginal people to consider accounting and finance as a career.

"We are business people," he said.

"I don't see why we cannot be in these key decision-making roles; there are multi-million-dollar organisations and since day one they have been controlled by white decision-makers.

"It is time for us to make decisions for ourselves."

Carlie Sargent, of CPA Australia, said the issue was of such importance to the profession that CPA Australia, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants had agreed to work with their various stakeholders to address it.

"This is something we as a profession are working together on, and as part of this process we are also employing an Indigenous relationship development officer to develop a strategy and also to help our organisations understand the issues," she said.





Making up a human pyramid were, on the bottom, Josh Bond, Mike Finch, Kevin Kropinyeri, Jillibalu Barnes-Riley, Ghenoa Gela and Bec Cooen. In the second row are Mark Sheppard, Matty Shields, Sean Choolburra, Dale Woodbridge and Tyrel Dulvarie. The third row includes Mia Stanford, Shane Witt, Ursula Yovich and Maurial Spearim, while Antonella Casella is on top.



Maurial Spearim and Ursula Yovich practice their hula-hoop routine.

# Circus skills are mastered

By DARREN COYNE



A GROUP of talented Indigenous performers are hoping they will soon have the skills 'to run away with the circus'.

They were taking part in a week-long masterclass in Melbourne last week under the tutelage of expert trainers from Circus Oz.

From the masterclass, two performers will be chosen to take part in an ongoing internship with Circus Oz, with the training expected to result in a role in the company's Big Top season in Melbourne this July.

When the *Koori Mail* visited the masterclass last week, the performers were practising such things as juggling, human pyramids, tumbling and various other circus routines.

Comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, a Ngarrindjeri man from South Australia, was drawing on his time as a basketballer as he attempted to balance a spinning ball on a stick held in his mouth.

"I got a tap on the shoulder about this and decided it was something I wanted to do," he said.

"It's a new experience and we get to learn new skills.

"I reckon I'll be okay because clowning is what I'm good at."

Practising the hula-hoops, Kamilaroi woman Maurial Spearim and Ursula Yovich, from the Anburra clan of north-west Arnhem Land, said they were enjoying the



Kevin Kropinyeri shows his skills with the basketball.

challenges being set by the trainers.

Circus Oz Koori program manager Josh Bond, a circus performer himself as well as artistic director of the Chooky Dancers, told the *Koori Mail* the circus company was keen to have Indigenous people involved in its 'Blakrobatics' program.

"The community's involvement and support, combined with the commitment that Circus Oz is bringing to this project, will bring two great mobs together," he said.

"I'm confident this will lead to a fantastic collaboration,

owned by everyone involved. Imagine the future."

Circus Oz marketing manager Nic Dorward said the company was excited about the program.

"Circus Oz strongly believes integrating the full Australian experience into our circus is crucial," he said.

## Skilled

"This means truly representing Australia's rich and diverse cultures and ensuring our national and international audiences are able to see the work of our highly skilled Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander performers, who form part of this country's creative map."

To ensure the Blakrobatics program is culturally sound, an advisory group is supporting Mr Bond made up of local Elders, performers and traditional owners. They include Rachael Maza, Jane Harrison, Naretha Williams, Jacob Boehme and Jason Tamiru. Ms Maza, Ms Harrison and Mr Tamiru visited the masterclass last week, along with traditional owner Caroline Martin who gave a heartfelt welcome to country to the budding circus performers.



Matty Shields and Tyrel Dulvarie show their style on the pole.



Sean Choolburra and Mark Sheppard support Maurial Spearim's efforts to reach for the stars.



# 'Steps to Success' on the job



'Steps to Success' program co-ordinator Kevin Fogarty with SQIT Certificate II Horticulture student Wayne Long.



THE Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT) has launched its new

'Steps to Success' Program, which aims to increase the number of Indigenous graduates in employment.

Indigenous students across SQIT's nine regional campuses are involved in the six-month program, and receive support and mentoring in resume writing and job applications, interview skills, and support with transitioning into the workplace.

Indigenous project co-ordinator Kevin Fogarty said the program tied in with skill shortages in the

region, and offered solutions through an untapped labour force while benefiting the local economy

"In 2011, SQIT had 245 Indigenous graduates, and this program aims to provide a high number of them with an employment outcome," he said.

## Skilled

"The program presents qualified and skilled students to employers interested in employing Indigenous graduates."

Horticulture student Wayne Long completed his Certificate II in Horticulture last year, and is now involved in the 'Steps to Success' program.

"Mr Long is extremely motivated to find work in the Toowoomba region,

and was a very successful SQIT graduate. Through this program we hope to find him employment," Mr Fogarty said.

The program supports employers for a period of six months. Graduates receive support as they transition into the workforce through mentoring and ongoing workplace training.

SQIT is currently looking to partner with industry to place graduates in primary health care, engineering, hospitality, nursing, automotive, retail, agriculture, and horticulture.

For information on 'Steps to Success', contact Kevin Fogarty on (07) 4694 4323, or at [Kevin.Fogarty@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:Kevin.Fogarty@deta.qld.gov.au)

# Youth take a stand

By ALF WILSON



AN Indigenous youth and culture forum and concert held at Townsville Riverway has been hailed as a success.

It was organised by the Indigenous Corporation for Townsville Youth (ICTY), Helping Our People Everyday and was attended by young people from Townsville, Cairns and Charters Towers who provided entertainment on stage.

More than 700 were in the audience at the community concert and they came out to support the young Indigenous performers.

Forum spokesman Frank Willis said it was aimed at empowering Indigenous youth to overcome their problems.

## Share

"We had people from our community share their story about overcoming the statistics to better their circumstances and make good decisions and to steer away from alcohol and drug use, as this is one of the things that hugely affect our people," he said.

Mr Willis said goal-setting and chasing dreams were also discussed.

"Also pushing themselves to be all they can be and not giving up," he said.

"We also discussed lateral violence and how this is affecting our people and preventing them from moving forward together and supporting one another."

Mr Willis said the performing acts from Cairns, Townsville and Charters Towers 'ripped up the stage, in a great day that was topped off by a magnificent concert, showcasing Indigenous talent in North Queensland'.



●Above and left: Participants at the Indigenous youth and culture forum and concert held at Townsville Riverway in north Queensland. Organisers hailed the event as a great success, where young people discussed ways to overcome some of the problems they face.



# Big names to play at Federation Square



Constantina Bush will present a new show at ACMI written exclusively for the festival.



The Melbourne public artwork *We are Sorry* presents excerpts of the 2008 apologies delivered by the Australian and Canadian prime ministers to Indigenous people, and is the subject of a film to be featured as part of Blak Nite Cinema.



Jason Tamiru is the producer of *Blak Cabaret*, which forms part of the festival.

## Melbourne to host festival



MELBOURNE is playing host to the country's newest Indigenous arts festival – and all events are free. The inaugural

Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival opens on 10 February with Troy Cassar-Daley taking to the Federation Square stage to kick off the three-day event. Deline Briscoe and Yung Warriors will also play from 6.30pm.

The following day, Saturday 11 February, the musical line-up runs from 2pm until 9.45pm at Federation Square and includes Dan Sultan, Casey Donovan, Skin, Bart Willoughby, Leah Flanagan and Meriki Hood.

Sunday 12 February features the likes of Archie Roach, Illana Atkinson, the Maza Sisters, Lee Morgan, Liz Cavanagh, Lady Lash and Patrick Mau (aka Maupower) playing from noon-7pm.

City of Melbourne Indigenous arts program manager Janina Harding said the festival also incorporated theatre, writing, film, cabaret and dance.

Blak Cabaret will feature a cocktail of performance and runs all three nights of the festival at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI).

"It's basically our festival club," Harding said.

"All the people performing there are very much part of our community. They all get to do five-minute slots. There's

comedy, poetry, singing, gum-leaf playing... it's like the old time cabarets."

Blak Cabaret features the likes of Kutcha Edwards, Dave Arden, Bart Willoughby, Peter Rotumah, Robbie Bundle, Uncle Herb, Bear, Black Elvis, Johnny Harding, Jida Gulpilil Murray, Kevin Kropinyeri, Shiralee Hood, Mia Stanford, Denise McGuinness, Rieo Ellis, Josh Bond, Jimmy Peters and DJ Crystal McKinnon spinning her favourite

about his life," she said. The 'In Conversation' session is at ACMI on Sunday at 4.40pm.

Other festival events include the Koorioboree at Birrarung Marr which will bring together several different groups for 'a mass traditional dance off'.

"The last time there was such a large group of blackfellas performing like this along the Yarra was back in about 1862," Harding said.

There's also a writers' session and a full visual arts program, which includes a projection work on to the Yarra River by a young Gunditjmara and Gunnaai artist Arika Waulu.

Harding said one of the special things about the festival was the fact that it featured young people from Melbourne alongside the big names.

She said dance, which was really coming into its own in Victoria, was also a big part of the program.

"It's important to have all the art forms," she said. "We wanted to show Melbourne what we're really capable of as Aboriginal people. It's a real celebration."

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the festival would be the first of its kind in Melbourne. "Our city has a rich history, yet the custodians of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture have not always been heard. The festival will celebrate this history with a diverse program... and best of all, it's completely free," he said. For more info go to [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/iaf](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/iaf)



Radical Son will feature in Federation Square as part of the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival.

vinyl. All weekend there will be free screenings at ACMI, with an assortment of contemporary and classic Indigenous films as part of Blak Nite Cinema.

Harding said they would be showing two Tom E Lewis films – the 1978 *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* and his latest film *Red Hill* (2010).

"A highlight is having Tom E Lewis come down, and having Aaron Pederson do an interview with him



King Kadu (visual artist Ricardo Idagi) will be taking to the Federation Square stage along with the Sunshine Sisters.



Kutcha Edwards will be part of the Blak Cabaret line-up and also playing at Federation Square on Sunday 12 February. Photo by Damian Vincenzi



# A passion for fashion

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



LONG before Aboriginal super-model Samantha Harris graced the cover of *Australian Vogue*, Sharon Carpenter, Natalie Mcleod and Danielle Gorogo were captured on film by renowned Aboriginal photographer Michael Riley, modelling clothes by Bundjalung designer Bronwyn Bancroft.

It was the late 1980s, and Bancroft said at that time there were no Aboriginal models being used, so she sent the photos out to a few places hoping to engage people in the idea of using Aboriginal models.

She said her efforts didn't result in any noticeable change, but the photographic proofs were also a way of documenting her work, and they now form part of the first in-depth survey of 30 years in Bancroft's career as an artist.

The exhibition, called *Passion, Power, Politics*, opens at Carriageworks in Sydney on 2 February and showcases not only Bancroft's fashion and textile

designs, but also her work in painting and literature.

Bancroft said the photos of the fashion shoot made her realise how far she had deviated from that initial career path in fashion.

"Some people stick with one thing all their life," she said.

"I've done lots of different things. The exhibition has been exciting for me."

After establishing the fashion outlet Designer Aboriginals in 1985 where she sold fabrics made by Indigenous artists, including her own, Bancroft was in 1987 amongst a pioneer group of Aboriginal models and designers who went to Paris to showcase their work.

Best-known as a fashion designer and artist, Bancroft's works are held by the National Gallery of Australia, Art Gallery of NSW and Art Gallery of WA. She has provided art work for more than 20 children's books. She also has a long history of involvement in community activism and arts administration and was a founding member of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, which this year marks its 25th anniversary.

Bancroft said Boomalli was born out of the feelings of frustration shared by urban Aboriginal artists in Sydney who were struggling to have their work recognised.

As the mainstream art world embraced the dot paintings of the Western Desert and bark paintings of Arnhem Land, increasing numbers of urban-based artists found their work labelled 'too hard', 'too political' or 'too Western' to garner art industry support.

Bancroft played a key role as a founding member of Boomalli, and worked to keep Boomalli alive when it faced closure in 2009.

For more information about her life go to [www.bronwynbancroft.com/biography/](http://www.bronwynbancroft.com/biography/)

● **Passion, Power, Politics** opens at Carriageworks, in Sydney, on Thursday 2 February at 6pm and runs from 3 February until 17 March, 10am-6pm daily.

● **Right: Photos of Designer Aboriginals collection by Bronwyn Bancroft, circa 1988, featuring Aboriginal models Sharon Carpenter, Natalie Mcleod and Danielle Gorogo.**

Photos by Michael Riley



## Join the arts

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Division of the Australia Council for the Arts has vacancies for the following two roles:

### Indigenous Projects Manager for 3 months

### Assistant Program Officer for 12 months

In these roles, you will communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts organisations and communities to assist them to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance through a diverse range of arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, cultural development and international activity.

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#### Assistant Program Officer

is responsible for providing information to people applying for grants, maintaining accurate and confidential records, and using computer and office systems. Commences May 2012.

Both roles require good verbal and written communication skills, project management abilities, experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities, excellent time management skills and the ability to manage many competing deadlines. You will be working in an enjoyable team environment.

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Visit <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment> for selection criteria and an employment application form.

#### Any questions can be directed to:

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Applications close: Monday 13 Feb. 2012 by 5.00pm AEST

## KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



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# Blak Nite goes on



THE long-running biennial showcase of South Australia's emerging and established

Indigenous youth artists Blak Nite will continue for a further four years, with Kurruru Youth Performing Arts taking over delivery of the event.

The event has been an initiative of Carclew Youth Arts since the mid-1990s.

Carclew chief executive Tricia Walton said that as SA's largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth festival, Blak Nite provided an opportunity for young artists to salute their heritage through cultural practice.

"The 2011 Blak Nite event marked the end of special initiative funding jointly provided by the Australia Council for the Arts and Arts SA," she said.

"As a presenting partner of Blak Nite, Kurruru was identified as the ideal



Kurruru's Binnanendi Boys performing on the sand stage at the 2011 Blak Nite youth and arts festival at Carclew Youth Arts in Adelaide. Photo by Lele Sanderson

organisation to successfully take on the delivery of this popular event."

Kurruru will produce Blak Nite, with the next event scheduled for early 2013.

Kurruru artistic director Deon Hastie said they were thrilled at the opportunity, and

he gratefully acknowledged financial support which had been provided especially for the event.

"Kurruru is very excited and thrilled at the opportunity to bring our strengths as a community organisation to the future of Blak Nite – to

bring the state's young people together – and to work culturally and artistically on such an important project for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth expression," he said.

More details available soon at [www.kurruru.org.au](http://www.kurruru.org.au)



HAVING produced the ARIA Awards for the past decade, Mark Pope has now thrown his support behind the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA), meeting with MusicNT and awards organisers Agentur in Darwin earlier this month.

MusicNT manager Mark Smith said the organisers were pleased that Pope was advising them, with their aim of the NIMAs becoming a key national

Indigenous music event.

"We've got some exciting things up our sleeve," he said.

"The awards have achieved significant outcomes and recognition for Indigenous musicians, and opportunities like this will only further the development of Indigenous music and musicians across the country."

Pope said he had wanted to visit Darwin to get a sense of what was happening on the ground, so he had the best opportunity to provide relevant

input and strategic options to the NIMA organisers.

"From an outside perspective, what I do know is that the vibe and positive energy from last year's awards resonated in Sydney and beyond," he said.

"And that's a great sign... an NT-staged and focused event, gaining exposure on the national stage. Proof positive that there is tremendous growth and exciting times ahead, not only for the awards, but for Indigenous music."



# I am Eora shines

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



LILY SHEARER said that when she saw the Sydney Festival show *I am Eora*, part of the Black Capital umbrella of art and events at Carriageworks near Redfern, it exceeded her expectations.

Shearer, a Muruwaroi/Gamilaroi Yularoi woman, had been part of the Black Capital steering committee and had watched the show's evolution.

"It met my expectations, plus more," she said.

"People have been saying that it was really powerful and it's about time the truth was told.

"It was great that these inspirational ancestors were finally acknowledged, and it really resonated with the community about our responsibilities now, not just for Aboriginal people, but also for non-Aboriginal people who live, work and study on this land – Gadigal land."

*I am Eora* is one of the biggest collaborations commissioned by the Sydney Festival. Inspired by the stories of gifted interpreter Bennelong, his wife Barangaroo and the warrior Pemulwuy, it featured 50 Aboriginal musicians, performers and creative artists and technicians from across the country.

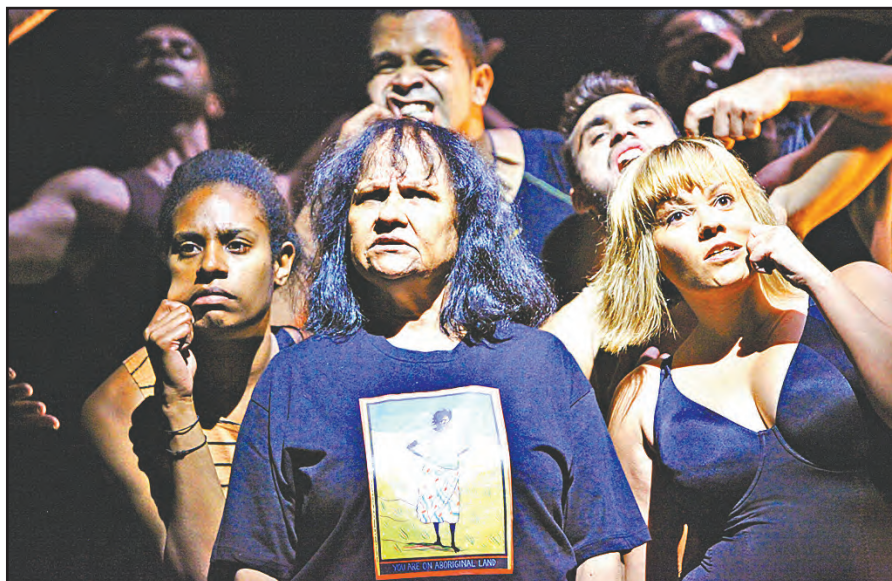
Sydney Festival artistic director Lindy Hume said they were thrilled with the feedback they'd received on the show.

"You don't really know (how it will be received) until you put it in front of people," she said.

"It wasn't looking sold out at the beginning of the week, but by the end, it was...I would say it definitely built through word of mouth.

"There's a sense of a moment that we seized, and a sense of Sydney's stories needing to be embraced."

Hume said it was hard to know whether the show would tour or have a future outside the Sydney Festival.



Marlene Cummins playing Mum Shirl – a Barangaroo archetype.



The spirit of Barangaroo, embodied on stage by Miranda Tapsell (left) and Wilma Reading.

"It was such an expensive project, and so Sydney-based," she said.

"But Studio Channel are doing a documentary so we'll have that record of how it was created.

"I think we've got to let it sit now. The set has had to be dismantled, but we're keeping all the props, so we have the ability to revive it."

Hume said the whole suite of events under the Black Capital umbrella and hosted at Carriageworks throughout January had been well received, calling it 'an idea whose time had come'.

She said the Barefoot Divas and their show *Walk a Mile in My Shoes* had several sell-out performances, a symposium on the 181 Regent Street: Addressing Black Theatre exhibition was full to capacity with people in the spill-over room, and attendance numbers at the Black Capital Family Day had tripled expectations.

Shearer said for her the Black Capital experience had been 'grassroots reconciliation in the arts'.

"At the family day I thought to myself 'this is the 21st Century spirit of the 1967 referendum'... the feeling was so multicultural, so embracing, so warm, so yearning for knowledge of our culture," she said.



Miranda Tapsell playing the spirit of Barangaroo (the Nurturer archetype).



Elaine Crombie conveying a different aspect of the Barangaroo archetype.

All photos by Prudence Upton



●ABOVE: At the Black Capital Family Day at Carriageworks in Sydney earlier this month were from left, Auntie Millie Ingram, NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Lily Shearer, Uncle Max Eulo and Sydney Festival artistic director Lindy Hume.

●LEFT: David LeHa (aka Radical Son) playing the essence of the warrior Pemulwuy in *I am Eora*, here on stage with Jarad Simon.



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# 'Talking Earth' concept for artwork



Spiritual artist John Paiwan with some of his work.

By ALF WILSON



MABUIAG Island artist John Paiwan uses natural colours which come from ochres, clay and mud for a concept called

'Talking Earth' in his work.

Mr Paiwan described himself as a spiritual Indigenous artist when the *Koori Mail* spoke to him. "My work includes affirmative poetry with words that build the heart, and in my art I try to depict open spaces," he said.

"My totem is the dugongs which swim freely, with free will, without controls, fences and any authority."

Townsville-based Mr Paiwan is available to visit schools and such to share poetry and traditional stories.

"I suppose the main subject of my art is that I can work with things that others call dirt, and get several pieces together to make an item that educates, looks good, and once you have worked with the earth there is a kind of magic that stays with you," he said.

Mr Paiwan said being an Indigenous artist from an old Torres Strait Islander family was extremely spiritual and emotional to him.

"The philosophy that I follow is one that is very old and almost forgotten, however, I have found that there are like-minded thinkers all over the world," he said.

"I have been an Indigenous artist for many years and also used to perform poetry and traditional dance at various Townsville events."

# Muckaty fight in focus

By MARGARET SMITH



MORE than 100 people were at the Pine Street Gallery in Sydney's Chippendale last week for the launch of the

*Manuwangu – Under the Nuclear Cloud* photographic exhibition.

The exhibition is part of the ongoing campaign of Muckaty people to oppose a radioactive nuclear waste dump planned for their land north of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Muckaty traditional owners Penny Phillips and 81-year-old Bunny Nabarula travelled from the NT for the launch.

The large photographs by Jagath Dheerasekara depict the Aboriginal community at rest, at play, at community meetings, at work and with their families.

Award-winning Indigenous photographer Merv Bishop told the *Koori Mail*: "They are wonderful, just wonderful .... he's taken the time to be with the people, otherwise he wouldn't have gained so much of their trust."

Arts curator Djon Mundine added:

Muckaty traditional owners Bunny Nabarula, Penny Wilson and Doris Kelly in an image from the exhibition.



"They're composed with a purpose. They show there's nowhere in Australia that Aboriginal people don't live and care about the land."

Visiting author and film-maker John Pilger also told the *Koori Mail*: "The photographs are really excellent. They're a moving portrayal of Aboriginal Australia,

that all Australians ought to know about, on an issue that won't go away."

At the launch, Millie Ingram gave the welcome to country and said the large crowd had shown that people still care about Aboriginal people and nuclear waste.

Bunny Nabarula told the crowd that despite being an Elder 'the government still won't listen to me'. Penny Phillips thanked the crowd 'from the bottom of my heart for coming today'.

"The northern desert is like an oasis, but they want to destroy it. We are a guinea pig for the government and politicians."

Exhibition curator Sandy Edwards praised the photographer. "The community accepted his presence and Jagath has created a lasting document."

Academic Larissa Behrendt agreed, and added 'there's a strength in the land and in the people ... what happens in the Northern Territory happens to all of us'.

The exhibition is at 64 Pine Street Chippendale until 28 January. A booklet with colour photos and DVD *Muckaty Voices* can be bought for \$15 from Beyond Nuclear Initiative, PO Box 2796 Alice Springs, NT, 0871.

# Performance to mark apology anniversary



TO mark the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen

Generations on 13 February, a company of 10 dancers will be performing a new contemporary dance piece called *The Hidden Sorrows* at The Street Theatre in Canberra at 7pm.

Choreographed by contemporary/hip hop Canberra dancer and founding artistic director of Dance Beyond Barriers Casey Keed and recent NAISDA graduate Amy Minchin, the work takes

the audience on a journey into the thoughts, feelings and stories of the Stolen Generations.

The performance will also feature singers from Canberra region.

Keed said the work's first piece gave insight into how government officials entered the Aboriginal camps and homes 'like predators, tearing families apart and breaking down communities'.

Piece two portrays the feelings of those taken, and those left behind.

"It walks the audience through a mother and

daughter's bond and the fragile connection between families that should never be broken," she said.

"Piece three creates an atmosphere of freedom and acceptance. It is almost a proclamation for all to embrace each other's cultural identity."

*The Hidden Sorrows* is a community project supported by The Street Theatre, Canberra Dance Theatre, YWCA, Tuggeranong Youth Centre and Dare2Dance.

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11:00 <sub>am</sub>	Corroboree
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12:10 <sub>pm</sub>	Evie J Willie
12:40 <sub>pm</sub>	Dukebox
1:05 <sub>pm</sub>	Jess Beck
1:35 <sub>pm</sub>	Collie Kids
2:00 <sub>pm</sub>	Christine Anu
2:50 <sub>pm</sub>	Archie Roach
3:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Marcus Corowa
3:55 <sub>pm</sub>	Dan Sultan
4:50 <sub>pm</sub>	Jessica Mauboy
5:45 <sub>pm</sub>	Yung Nooki
6:10 <sub>pm</sub>	Whitehouse
6:40 <sub>pm</sub>	Emma Donovan
6:55 <sub>pm</sub>	Nadeena Dixon

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## JARJUM'S ZONE

10am – 4pm  
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Make your own Boomerangs and Sand Art - Brian Freeman

12 - 1pm  
Bop till you  
Drop Kids  
Karaoke/Disco

1 – 1:30am  
Aunty Cindy's  
Story telling

2 – 3pm  
Indig Dance  
Beatty Clan

3:30 – 4pm  
Aunty Cindy's  
Song & Dance  
Workshop

## ON THE GREEN

All Day Activities  
Rock Climbing Wall, YBD Circus

## YBD STAGE

12pm  
Sean Choolburra  
12:10am  
Ada Mitchinal  
Interpretation of  
"Spirit" dance  
12:40am  
YBD Circus  
Project feat.  
Nadeena Dixon

12:50pm  
Loren Ryan  
Soul & RnB  
1:10pm  
IndigDance  
Torres Strait  
Islander  
Dance  
1:30pm  
United Black  
Sisters Hip Hop  
Dance

1:47pm  
Sean Choolburra  
2:07pm  
YBD Singers,  
Hip Hop &  
Dance  
2:47pm  
Burdekin Crew  
Aysr North QLD  
Hip Hop & Dance

3:07pm  
Colli Kids &  
Yung Nooki  
3:27pm  
The Bandit  
3:47pm  
Koori Kinnections  
Break Dance Battle  
4:02pm  
Rip it Up Open  
Stage Freestylin

## SPEAK OUT

10-11am  
Kevin Cook  
Lecture  
Presented by  
Prof Bob Morgan  
Aboriginality  
& Identity:  
Defining Voices,  
Visions & Values.

12 - 1pm  
NSW Land council  
Update on SACRED  
CEO & Councillor  
Hampton

2 – 3pm  
"Speaking out against the  
Intervention - from the NT  
to Bankstown"  
Aunty Margaret Goneis -  
Bankstown Aboriginal Elder  
Aunty Carol Carter -  
Bankstown Aboriginal Elder,  
Jean Parker - Stop the  
Intervention Collective

3 – 4pm  
Youth Panel  
Our Future –  
Do you Care?  
Binowee Bayles  
Merrinda Donnelly  
Angeline Penrith  
Ricky Macourt

## ARTS & CRAFTS

Hosted by Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative Bularng Nangamai / Esme Timberly  
Artists in residence presenting workshops and selling art work

## LITERATURE

12 – 1pm  
Meet the Author  
Ali Cobby Eckermann  
'little bit long time'  
'Ruby Moonlight'

1 – 2pm  
Meet the Author  
Gayle Kennedy  
'Yarning Strong'

2 – 3pm  
Meet the Author  
Ricky Macourt  
'Jali'

3 – 4pm  
Meet the Author  
Lionel Fogarty  
'Connection Requittal'  
'Minyung Woolah'  
'Binnung'  
'Yerrabilela Jimbelung'

## KULTURE

12 – 1pm  
Aboriginal Arts in Sydney  
Monica Stevens, Lester Bostock,  
Bronwyn Bancroft,  
Lillian Crombie  
Facilitated by:  
Lily Shearer

1:30 - 2:30pm  
Law and Politics  
Iris White – Chair, ALS  
Lionel Fogarty  
Ali Cobby Eckermann  
In conversation with:  
Cathy Craigie.

3 – 4pm  
Leadership and Maintaining  
our Connection  
Shane Phillips – Chair/CEO Triba  
Warrior Association  
Paul Morris – CEO, Metro LALC  
Interview with: Lola Forrester

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7:00	<b>BREKKY</b> Music, News and Interviews Brooke Boney	<b>BREKKY</b> Music, News and Interviews Brooke Boney	<b>BREKKY</b> Music, News and Interviews Brooke Boney	<b>BREKKY</b> Music, News and Interviews Brooke Boney	<b>BREKKY</b> Music, News and Interviews Brooke Boney	<b>KOORI COUNTRY KONNECTION</b> Country Music Show George Kookaburra & Crew	<b>SAMOAN DREAMING</b> Samoan Music & News Hosana & Leo				
8:00											
9:00	<b>BLACKCHAT</b> News and Current Affairs Lola Forrester	<b>BLACKCHAT</b> News and Current Affairs Lola Forrester	<b>BLACKCHAT</b> News and Current Affairs Lola Forrester	<b>BLACKCHAT</b> News and Current Affairs Lola Forrester	<b>BLACKCHAT</b> News and Current Affairs Lola Forrester						
10:00						<b>WEEKLY NEWS REVIEW &amp; YABUN 2011 REWIND</b>	<b>MARLOO'S BLUES</b> Blues Music Marlene Cummins				
11:00											
12:00	<b>SPORTS TALK</b> Alec Doomadgee	<b>AWAYE</b> Daniel Browning	<b>SBS ABORIGINAL PROGRAM</b> Michelle Lovegrove	<b>FUNKY LUNCH</b> Munkimuk	<b>SPORTS TALK</b> Alec Doomadgee	<b>BLACK ROOTS</b> Reggae Music Ibo Jah	<b>POETRY, POLITICS &amp; PETITIONS</b> Jenny & Lorna Munro				
1:00	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>DEADLY SOUNDS</b> Rhoda Roberts						
2:00					<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>OUR YURA</b> Aboriginal & TSI Music Marlene Cummins	<b>TANGATA WHENUA</b> News, Views, Music Tangata Whenua Crew	<b>INA MERIBA WAKAI</b> Torres Strait Islander Show Helen Anu	
3:00											
4:00	<b>YOUNG BLACK &amp; DEADLY</b>	<b>YOUNG BLACK &amp; DEADLY</b>	<b>YOUNG BLACK &amp; DEADLY</b>	<b>YOUNG BLACK &amp; DEADLY</b>	<b>YOUNG BLACK &amp; DEADLY</b>	<b>CARAVAN OF SHEBA</b> World Music Trish Daniels	<b>WEEKLY NEWS REVIEW &amp; YABUN 2011 REWIND</b>				
5:00	Youth Program & Requests Deadly Double	Youth Program & Requests Caine Wallace	Youth Program & Requests	Youth Program & Requests	Youth Program & Requests						
6:00	<b>BLACK GOLD</b> National Sports Show Brad, Claude & Jake	<b>INDIJ HIP HOP SHOW</b> Munkimuk & Odessa	<b>RUBY'S ROUNDUP</b> Pop & Soul Music Gayle Caldwell	<b>HELAVA SOUNDZ</b> RnB Music Helen Talipeau	<b>THE SOUL TRAIN</b> Soul & Funk Music MC Mass	<b>THE RHYTHM DIVINE</b> Disco, Soul & interviews Warren & Kevin	<b>TALKING AFRICA</b> African Music & News Benny Boat				
7:00		<b>FIJI AUSTRALIAN VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY</b> Fijian Music & News Susana Lolohea									
8:00	<b>TAKIN IT BACK</b>		<b>THE RHYTHM DIVINE ENCORE</b>	<b>BLACK N'OIR</b>	<b>BLACK RHYTHMS</b>	<b>MIXED MUSIC</b>					
9:00	Hip Hop Blaque		Disco, Soul & interviews Warren & Kevin	RnB & Hip Hop Candice	African & Reggae Music Princess						
10:00	<b>MIXED MUSIC</b>	<b>MIXED MUSIC</b>	<b>TAKIN IT BACK</b>	<b>THE PEOPLE'S RADIO</b>	<b>MIXED MUSIC</b>	<b>WORLD WIDE SHOW</b>	<b>BLACK PRESIDENT SHOW</b>				
11:00								Hip Hop Blaque	Hip Hop Native Sun	RnB Hip Hop Music & News Stan Bravo & Mirrah	RnB Hip Hop Show DJ Black President DJ LuvLace
12:00											

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# Jawoyn woman off to university



**SA** RACHAEL WILLIKA, from the Aboriginal community of Manyallaluk in the Northern Territory, is set to attend Flinders University after completing a foundation course.

The university says Ms Willika will become the first Jawoyn community person to attend university when she starts this year.

Flinders University's Foundation Course enables people to begin studies – there are no prerequisites and students who pass the program are guaranteed entry to a range of undergraduate degrees.

Ms Willika, who came to Adelaide last year to get better schooling for her two children and two grandchildren, decided to enrol in the foundation course



Rachael Willika with Flinders University vice-chancellor Professor Michael Barber, left, and chancellor Stephen Gerlach.

after being encouraged by Flinders University staff.

She plans to undertake a Bachelor of Education program.

"Even though it was difficult at times, I never gave up," she said.

"I don't want to give up. I want to achieve like any other people that are living today in Australia. I want to help my people to achieve what I have achieved here in Adelaide."

Professor Claire Smith, of the Department of Archaeology, has been running field schools in Jawoyn country since 1998, and has worked with Ms Willika since 1990.

"Rachael had many obstacles to overcome," Prof Smith said.

"Her first language is Kriol, so she was learning in English as a second language. She had to learn to type. She had four children to look after.

"The fact that she has succeeded is testament to her determination to create a better life for herself and her children."

Wes Miller, of Nitmiluk Tours which is owned by the Jawoyn Association, said: "Rachael Willika is a role model for other Jawoyn people to follow their aspirations, far beyond the confines of their own communities."

## Ear health podcasts on airwaves



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The project was developing in conjunction with the Federal Department of Health.

Listeners can tune into 98.9FM for daily information about otitis media, the risk factors and prevention or listen to the podcasts at [www.bimaprojects.org.au](http://www.bimaprojects.org.au)

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## 'Sounds Like Me' looks to youth



Members of the Level 6 Indigenous Dance Crew have been taking part in the 'Sounds Like Me' songwriting and recording workshops, and will be at the hip hop workshops in March. They are, from left, Hayley Grant, Vanessa Coolwell, Jamie Woulfe, Dana Coolwell, Kahli Coolwell and Johnny Woulfe.



**YOUNG** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the Sunshine Coast and Gympie areas in south-east Queensland have been invited to attend a series of free workshops to learn art and hip-hop dancing based on the theme of cultural identity.

The 'Sounds Like Me' workshops are being run by

not-for-profit organisation United Synergies in partnership with local Indigenous artists, and will culminate in performances at the annual Booin Gari Festival on 3 April at the United Synergies premises in Tewantin, near Noosa. The festival, now in its fourth year, is a celebration of the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Sunshine and Cooloolo Coast region.

The 'Sounds Like Me' songwriting and recording workshops were run earlier in January, with CDs of the resulting songs set to be available at Booin Gari.

An art workshop with Indigenous artist Peter 'Murray Djeripi' Mulcahy will be at United Synergies in Tewantin on 2 February, while hip hop dance workshops facilitated by professional dance company Contact Inc will

be at the Nambour PCYC on 2 and 3 March.

'Sounds Like Me' program co-ordinator Leanne Milmlow said participants could elect to attend one or both workshops and she could assist with transport.

United Synergies communications officer Tonya Stock said the Booin Gari Festival had been going from strength to strength, and was held during the school holidays in an attempt to allow

as many people as possible to attend.

"It's become a really important Indigenous celebration," she said.

To confirm a place in either of the workshops or to organise assistance with transport, phone Leanne on (07) 5442 4277 or 0458 301 989.

The 'Sounds Like Me' project is funded by Festivals Australia and the Sunshine Coast Council.

## Outstanding WA pair take prize



THE two most outstanding Indigenous students in West Australian public schools last year have been awarded the Rob Riley Memorial Prize. Rossmoyne Senior High School

graduate Shelley Cable and WA College of Agriculture Morawa graduate Latoya Speight were awarded the WA Certificate of Education (WACE) and Vocational Education and Training honours.

Shelley, the grand-daughter of WA football champion Barry Cable, also won the Curriculum Council's Exhibition Prize, awarded to the top Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student who studied five courses with at least two humanities and two mathematics or science subjects.

WA Education Minister Liz Constable said both students had shown dedication and were worthy recipients of the Rob Riley prize, named in honour of the late Indigenous human rights advocate.

"The Cable name is synonymous with success and Shelley's outstanding achievement is a deserved reward for her continued hard work and refusal to settle for second best," she said.

"Shelley is a self-confessed perfectionist and her studies in French, economics, mathematics, accounting, German and English resulted in an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 99.5, the second highest of any recipient of the Rob Riley Memorial Prize since it was launched.

"She plans to study commerce at

Curtin University and her dream is to become the chief financial officer of a major company overseas, using her language skills to good effect."

The Minister also presented Latoya Speight with her prize.

"Having achieved straight A grades in her six WACE subjects in year 11, Latoya rose to the challenge of the tougher stage two courses, achieving four B grades as well as completing a Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations; Certificate II in Agriculture; Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical; and a Certificate II in Engineering, she said.

"Remarkably, Latoya's family was so determined to give her the best possible support in her education that they moved from Kalbarri to be with her in Morawa."



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# 16 on course to become nurses



SIXTEEN Indigenous people on the Gold Coast in Queensland are on their way to becoming nurses.

They will be taking part in the Community Support Agency Nursing Education and Training Program, which has received \$300,000 in funding from the Federal Government.

The program will provide accredited

training and job opportunities in the health care sector.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins said the students would undertake a Diploma in Nursing qualification with King's International College School of Nursing, which includes a vocational clinical placement.

"Students will then become nationally registered as a nurse and given assistance

to find jobs in the industry," Ms Collins said.

"This initiative will create long-term jobs for Indigenous Australians, and the health care sector is in an area of great need.

"The local health care industry will benefit from dedicated, skilled workers who can provide culturally appropriate health services for Indigenous people in Queensland. I congratulate these participants for their commitment to the project and look forward to seeing them

working in our health services."

Ms Collins said Indigenous employment was an issue the Government was addressing in the long term.

"It is critical that Indigenous Australians have the support and training they needed to take up employment opportunities," the minister said.

For more information about the Indigenous Employment Program, visit [www.deewr.gov.au/iep](http://www.deewr.gov.au/iep)

# Action call over FASD



THE Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) has called for a

Commonwealth-led national action plan to tackle Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) – the most common preventable cause of birth defects in Australia.

FARE says that Australia does not have national prevention strategies to inform people of the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy, there is no formal diagnosis structure and services for people with FASD are minimal or non-existent.

FARE chief executive Michael Thorn said a national strategy for the prevention and management of FASD – which disproportionately affects Indigenous people\* – was long overdue and vitally important.

"For too long FASD has been the 'invisible disability'; at worst ignored, at best addressed in an ad-hoc manner which has resulted in critical gaps in the prevention, intervention and management of FASD," he said.

FARE last week released its joint submission (together with the Public Health Association of Australia) to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

Late last year, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Health Minister Nicola Roxon asked the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs to inquire into and report on the incidence and prevention of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

The joint submission calls for funding of the first ongoing national public education campaign to promote the National Health and Medical Research Council's guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol, as well as for mandatory health warning labels for alcohol products sold



**FARE warns that drinking alcohol while pregnant can pose a serious risk of birth defects.**

in Australia.

"Australia risks lagging behind similar countries, such as Canada, in preventing and managing FASD. This is disappointing as FASD is preventable, and people born with FASD have it for life," Mr Thorn said.

## Screening

FARE has also recommended funding of a full-scale FASD prevalence study in Australia, improved screening for FASD, and the adoption of a national standardised diagnostic tool for FASD.

FARE also said far more needed to be done to support people with FASD and their families and carers, including recognising FASD as a disability and ensuring people

diagnosed were provided with a treatment and management plan tailored to their needs.

Mr Thorn urged the inquiry to recommend a national plan as a matter of priority.

"This year, we have a historic opportunity for the Commonwealth Government to take the lead in the efforts to significantly reduce alcohol-related harms and make a substantial difference in the lives of people with FASD," he said.

\*Prevalence rates for FAS, which is one of the conditions within the spectrum, are between 0.06 and 0.68 per 1000 live births in the general population. Among Indigenous Australians, FAS is estimated to be between 2.76 and 4.7 per 1000 births.

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"This year's Mental Health fun day in Broome was a huge success with more community members attending than in previous years. This indicates to me that the issue of stigma and barriers attached to mental health is being addressed.

"As an Aboriginal person, my tertiary education combined with my cultural understanding is a great asset due to the high number of Aboriginal clients accessing mental health.



Mary Ozies, Rehabilitation Officer.

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# Dentist is set for work



CHANTEL THORN has graduated from The University of Western Australia as the first Noongar dentist and the State's second

Aboriginal dentist.

Dr Thorn will start work at the Alice Springs Oral Health Clinic next month.

The former Hamilton Hill Senior High School student said her interest in dentistry was sparked when she was in Year 11 and attended a health carers' camp at UWA.

"I remember the moment at the camp when I told myself 'I could be a dentist'," she said.

"At that time there weren't any Indigenous dentists and I thought it would be great to do it. It's a stable and admired profession and offers the chance for me to be a role model for others.

"At school I was interested in art and my work was shown in the Year 12 Perspectives exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.

"When someone at the camp said dentistry involved creativity and good hand-eye co-ordination, I thought it would be something I'd really like to do. It is very creative,



New dentist and UWA graduate Chantel Thorn with her parents Leonard and Gail.

especially when you have to make detailed, precise drawings and aesthetically pleasing reproductions and moulds."

Dr Thorn said the years of studying dentistry had been challenging but that at no time had she thought of giving up, no

matter how great the distractions, which included family loss.

"I don't like to fail," she said.

"I also had a lot of support from

my parents, Gail and Leonard Thorn, and my older sister Latricia.

"The School of Indigenous Studies at UWA was also very encouraging. During my years of studying, I lived at St Catherine's College on campus. They were very supportive too. And I made a lot of friends among the cohort of dentistry students."

While studying, Dr Thorn was a St Catherine's tutor. She played sport for the college, was a member of the senior common room committee and was a tutor in the Aboriginal Pre-Medicine Course. She also supervised the health carers' camp that got her started.

"It's an honour to give back," she said.

"It's good to see a young person decide that they'll try this scary new thing, even if it means leaving their family and friends who might be from remote parts of the State.

"In Alice Springs, I'll be able to visit some of the small Aboriginal communities, as well as schools.

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## National

**Until 31 January:** Australian Medical Association is calling for applications for the Indigenous Peoples Medical Scholarship 2012. Aimed at assisting and encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are interested in studying a medical degree. All applicants must be enrolled full-time at the Australian Medical School, or studying their first year of medicine. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (02) 6270 5452 or email shabib@ama.com.au or visit [www.ama.com.au](http://www.ama.com.au)

**Until 31 January:** Black and Write Indigenous Writing and Editing Project is calling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to submit a story for the 2012 Kuril Dahagun Indigenous Writing Fellowships. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9484 or email [indigenous.writing@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:indigenous.writing@slq.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.slq.qld.gov.au/comps](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/comps)

**Until 24 February:** Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School offers a scholarship program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. It is open to students entering the secondary school as day students in Year 7 or later years, covering all fees. It will be awarded on academic work, commitment to study, school and community work and more. Free and all female students are welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9332 1133 or visit [www.scegggs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.scegggs.nsw.edu.au)

## NSW-ACT

**Until 29 January:** 'Black Capital', a series of performances, seminars and exhibitions reflecting contemporary Aboriginal life at the heart of one of the best known gathering places for Aboriginal people. Free and all welcome. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh. Details: (02) 8571 9099 or email [info@carriageworks.com.au](mailto:info@carriageworks.com.au) or visit [www.carriageworks.com.au](http://www.carriageworks.com.au)

**Until 31 January:** Family Planning NSW is calling for applications for the McCarthy Green Scholarship, providing funding for a nurse/midwife to complete the Family Planning NSW Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health. Applications must be a registered nurse/midwife with one-year post-basic experience and be working in an Aboriginal community in NSW. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1300) 658 886 or visit [www.fpnsw.org.au](http://www.fpnsw.org.au)

**Until 1 February:** IN to Business Workshops. A three-day series of self-paced workshop programs for Indigenous people starting a business, buying a business, or thinking about it. Aimed at assessing whether that idea can be developed into a commercially viable business. Free and all welcome. Held at Coffs Harbour, Narrabri, Inverell. Details: (02) 6643 2422 or email [narelle.webb@iba.gov.au](mailto:narelle.webb@iba.gov.au)

**Until 27 February:** Calling for entries for the 'Smile, You're in Redfern Photo Competition'. Aimed at promoting Redfern and the surrounding areas, also \$1600 of prizes to be won. Entries should capture the welcoming spirit of Redfern and demonstrate the thriving community that exists. Also include a caption of 25 words or less. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9202 9100 or email [communications@smda.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communications@smda.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 10 June:** Off the Walls, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing

## Learn Earn Legend! Youth Summit

SIXTY Indigenous students from across New South Wales and Queensland will get the special opportunity to meet some of the biggest names in rugby league when they travel to the Gold Coast next month to take part in the second Learn Earn Legend! Indigenous All Stars Youth Summit.

The students have been specially selected to take part in the four-day summit (1-4 February), which coincides with the week-long celebrations of the third annual Harvey Norman



Participants and Indigenous All Stars players at last year's Youth Summit.

Rugby League All Stars match to be played at Skilled Park on 4 February.

The summit will focus on inspiring the students to embrace educational and employment opportunities while still maintaining their Indigenous

identity and culture. Participants will arrive on Tuesday 31 January and will take part in workshops from Wednesday until Saturday before attending the match that night and participating in the pre-game entertainment.

The Learn Earn Legend! Indigenous All Stars Youth Summit was established to provide Indigenous students, aged between 16 and 18 years, the opportunity to improve their career prospects through a series of educational forums, training courses and workshops.

rich and diverse collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art gathered over almost 40 years by Australian Government agencies responsible for Aboriginal affairs. It includes bark paintings, watercolours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email [media@nma.gov.au](mailto:media@nma.gov.au) or visit [http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off\\_the\\_walls/](http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/)

**26 January:** Saltwater Freshwater Festival. Showcasing performances, workshops of local and regional NSW Aboriginal dance, chants and stomps, also weaving and didgeridoo workshops and an extensive line-up of talented Indigenous performers such as Casey Donovan, the Black Turtles, Stiff Gins and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Taree. Details: (02) 6658 5995 or visit [www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au](http://www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au)

**26 January:** Yabun Festival 2012. The day will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and will include art and craft stalls, dance workshops, politics, literature, information stalls, activities for kids, live entertainment and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Victoria Park, Broadway, Sydney. Details: (02) 9384 4000 or email [yabun@gadigal.org.au](mailto:yabun@gadigal.org.au) or visit [www.gadigal.org.au](http://www.gadigal.org.au)

**26-29 January:** Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th anniversary. All invited to a corroboree to commemorate the 40th anniversary for our people's sovereign rights. Featuring smoking ceremony and flag raising on Tent Embassy grounds, a march and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, 18 King George Tce, Canberra. Details: (0401) 663 913 or email [aboriginaltentembassy@hotmail.com](mailto:aboriginaltentembassy@hotmail.com)

**7 February-10 April:** Women Exploring New Directions 'Breaking Free'. A women's group aiming to provide a supportive environment for women who have experienced violent or abusive relationships. Free and all welcome. Held at the Men and Family Centre Inc, 1 Club Lane, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 6116 or email [luke@menandfamily.org.au](mailto:luke@menandfamily.org.au)

**8 February:** Traineeship information session, aimed at helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people pursue a career within the community services sector. This workshop will provide an

overview of positions and all the information you need to apply. Free and all welcome to register. Held at Ballina RLS Club, 240 River St, Ballina. Details: (1300) 872 281 or email [brett.ashby@bdcsa.org](mailto:brett.ashby@bdcsa.org)

**8 April:** *Our Generation* film screening. The film will be showing the ground-breaking documentary on Aboriginal rights. Featuring guest speaker Jeff McMullen, including light refreshments. Free and all welcome. Held at Amnesty International Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale. Details: (0420) 354 096 or email [nswdignity@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswdignity@amnesty.org.au) or visit [www.ourgeneration.org.au](http://www.ourgeneration.org.au)

## Victoria

**Until 5 February:** Our Children Our Future, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing traditional and contemporary expressions of culture through paintings that reflects Indigenous culture. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum. Details: 13 11 02 or visit <http://museumvictoria.com.au>

**Until 31 January:** Melbourne Museum for the summer school holidays. Featuring many programs including live performances, face mask, Aboriginal art exhibition, arts and craft and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St, Carlton. Details: 13 11 02 or visit [www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbourne-museum](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbourne-museum)

**26 January:** Share the Spirit Festival, celebrating survival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history, featuring children activities, hip-hop workshops, Indigenous dance performances, music, including acts from Last Kinection, Benny Walker and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Treasury Gardens, 2-18 Spring St, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9471 2939 or visit [www.sharethespiritfestival.com](http://www.sharethespiritfestival.com)

**4 February-9 March:** Good Strong Powerful Aboriginal Art Exhibition, showcasing Indigenous artworks from many Aboriginal artists from the Northern Territory. Free and all welcome. Held at The Gallery, 24 High St, Northcote, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9482 4484 or visit [www.artsproject.org.au](http://www.artsproject.org.au)

**8-10 February:** National Indigenous Photo-Media Forum for photographers and media artists. Featuring many programs and guest

speakers. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the ACMI at Federation Square, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9417 1549 or visit [www.ccp.org.au/indigenous\\_forum.php](http://www.ccp.org.au/indigenous_forum.php)

**12 February:** Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group family day, aimed at supporting the White Ribbon. The event will participate in the 'My Oath' campaign for White Ribbon, by 'swearing' to stop violence against women, also featuring music and traditional dancers, face painting for the kids, free food and much more. Free and all welcome. Held Lilydale Lake, Swansea Rd. Lilydale. Details: (0467) 786 676 or email [admin@whiteribbon.org.au](mailto:admin@whiteribbon.org.au) or visit [www.whiteribbon.org.au/myoath](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/myoath)

## Queensland

**Until 25 February:** The Flash Women Art Exhibition, focussing on the fashions worn by Indigenous women, includes pictures and the actual clothes, also a program of workshops. Free and all welcome. Held State Library of Queensland, Kurildhagun, Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Level 1, Cultural Centre, Stanley Pl. South Bank. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or email [kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on)

**Until 16 March:** Building Supportive Communities Grants 2012. Community organisations are invited to apply for funding to host an event or project promoting a more inclusive community for Queenslanders with disability. Events may coincide with Disability Action Week 2012 and International Day of People with Disability 2012. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1800) 177 120 or visit [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au)

**4 February:** The third annual Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars Game. NRL All Stars v Indigenous All Stars. Kicking off the NRL season featuring some of the game's best Indigenous and non-Indigenous players under the All Stars umbrella in a celebration of the diversity of rugby league, also aimed at raising money to re-invest into community projects. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Skilled Park, Stadium Drive, Robina, Gold Coast. Details: 132 849 or visit [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

## Western Australia

Until 31 January: Yarns of the Heart, an Aboriginal exhibition

showcasing Noongar dolls, exquisitely-crafted, hand-made dolls, which tell the traditional Dreamtime and contemporary stories for the women who made them from the Southern Wheatbelt. Featuring a documentary film screening, and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the West Australian Museum, Perth Cultural Centre, James St Mall, Perth. Details: (08) 9226 2422 or email [emma@canwa.com.au](mailto:emma@canwa.com.au)

## South Australia

**Until 19 February:** Long Way Home, an Aboriginal art exhibition in celebration of the Yunggoorendi First Nations Centre at Flinders University, showcasing Indigenous artwork from across the country. Free and all welcome. Held at Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8207 7056 or email [City.Gallery@flinders.edu.au](mailto:City.Gallery@flinders.edu.au) or visit [www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum](http://www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum)

**Until 19 February:** Tayenebe, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works of Tasmanian Aboriginal women's fibre work. Free and all welcome. Held at Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8207 7056 or email [City.Gallery@flinders.edu.au](mailto:City.Gallery@flinders.edu.au) or visit [www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum](http://www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum)

**2-18 March:** 2012 Adelaide Festival, a festival of arts and entertainment held for artists and audiences, with a feast of theatre, film, dance and opera, also showcasing two Aboriginal plays, *Bloodland*, which features an Indigenous cast of 12 consisting of urban actors and traditional Yolngu storytellers, and *Deadly*, by Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8216 8600 or email [contact@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au](mailto:contact@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au)

**9-12 March:** Womadelaide's 20th anniversary music festival, featuring some of Australia's best Indigenous performers, also visual arts, dance, street theatre and food. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8271 1488 or email [apadmin@artsprojects.com.au](mailto:apadmin@artsprojects.com.au) or visit [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

## Northern Territory

**Until 15 July:** Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land. Including the first paintings produced at Yirrkala in the 1930s, unique crayon drawings from the 1950s, and monumental narrative bark paintings, along with contemporary sculptures and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, 19 Conacher St, Fannie Bay. Details: (08) 8999 8264 or email [museum.magnt@nt.gov.au](mailto:museum.magnt@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.magnt.nt.gov.au](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au)

**21-23 March:** Indigenous Forces at Work Employment and Training Conference. The three-day conference will start with a day of field trips to innovative local Indigenous enterprises conducted by Anangu Tours. Feature stories and storytelling by Indigenous people and more. Free and all welcome to register. Held Crowne Plaza, 82 Barrett Dr, Alice Springs. Details: (1800) 331 915 or email [dbatty@ja.com.au](mailto:dbatty@ja.com.au) or visit [www.jaitn.com.au](http://www.jaitn.com.au)



# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



With Royal Australian Navy officer Lt Steve Cottam are Indigenous recruits, front from left, Leroy Ghee, Hodrick Newman-Mudu, Esha Nona and Lawrence Sabadi and, back from left, Arthur Bagie, Thomas Fujii, Barnabas Dewis, Gibson Pearson and Jordy Lenoy.

# Ship-shape futures

By ALF WILSON

**N**INE young Indigenous people were last month recruited into the Royal Australian Navy as part of the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP).

Those sworn in were Torres Strait Islanders Thomas Fujii and Barnabas Dewis (both Thursday Island), Leroy Ghee (Murray), Esha Nona and Lawrence Sabadi (Badu), Hodrick Newman-Mudu (Bamaga), Arthur Bagie (Injinoo), Gibson Pearson (Hammond Island) and Aboriginal man Jordy Lenoy (Cairns). Also at the ceremony were petty officers Clinton Tipo and Julius Taduala, who are confident the recruits have exciting futures.

The ceremony took place at the Defence Forces Recruitment Centre in Townsville.

After being sworn in, the recruits left for HMAS Cerberus near Melbourne for their training.

The DIDP is an initiative to assist Indigenous people aged 18 to 30 who are of good character, are physically and medically fit, and who have a pass in Year Nine or above to enlist in the Australian Defence Force Reserves.

This program is supported by the navy, army, air force and other Government departments and is designed to provide enlistees with the education, training, life skills and confidence to get and keep full time employment and be role models in their



Petty Officer Clinton Tipo, left, and Petty Officer Julius Taduala with recruit Gibson Pearson.

communities. Included is basic military training, TAFE certificate II level courses, workplace English language and literacy, personal and professional development, and preparation for a wide

range of jobs in the defence force or the wider community.

Many parents and family members were at the ceremony including Gibson's mum Therese

Cowley, dad Matthew Pearson, brothers Samuel Pearson, 15, Matthew Pearson jnr, 14, and sister Olive-Rose Pearson (6).

"We are all from Hammond Island and live in Townsville," Therese said.

"Gibson attended Marian Catholic Primary School in Townsville and was school captain at Abergowrie High. His grandmothers Josey Cowley from Hammond Island and Thelma Pearson from Coconut Island will be very proud of him, as we are."

Aboriginal Elder Lionel Lenoy was there to congratulate his nephew Jordy Lenoy.

The nine recruits are now undertaking eight months of navy training while receiving accommodation, meals and pay.

Senior military recruiting officer for central and northern Queensland Lieutenant Steve Cottam said that of 115,000 people who applied to join the Australian Defence Force, just 6300 had been accepted.

"This is a very significant achievement and is part of the One and All Campaign," he said. "ADF wants all Indigenous people to have the same chances of employment and career opportunities as other Australians."

Programs will also be conducted at Katherine in the Northern Territory and Cairns and applications must be received by 17 February for interviews by the end of that month.

More information at [www.didp.com.au](http://www.didp.com.au)

## It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email [advertising@koorimail.com](mailto:advertising@koorimail.com) or see our website – [www.koorimail.com](http://www.koorimail.com)

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## Aboriginal Health Worker - Maternity Midwifery Group Practice Midwives

Melbourne's west is one of the fastest growing areas in Australia and Western Health is investing now to meet the demands of this growing population and improve the quality of care and access to services for people in the west.

An exciting new position within our Midwifery Group Practice model of maternity care is available, offering Aboriginal women support throughout their pregnancy and childbirth experience regardless of complexity. The **Aboriginal Health Worker** (ref.10180) will provide a liaison service to each Aboriginal woman, her family and carers in partnership with the Aboriginal Midwifery Group Practice (MGP) Midwives. The position also contributes to strategies that aim to improve Aboriginal health at Western Health through cultural awareness education programs and strategies to improve access including an Aboriginal Employment Strategy. To succeed in this, the successful candidate must hold an understanding of Aboriginal culture and health, systems and policies at a state and national level.

Opportunities for **midwives** (ref.10181) to work with Aboriginal pregnant women under the Midwifery Group Practice caseload model are also available.

For more information about these roles please contact Patrice Hickey on (03)8345 1500 and other employment opportunities at Western Health, visit [www.westernhealth.org.au](http://www.westernhealth.org.au).



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Western Health



## Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service

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### Overview of the role:

Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service is located in Forster, Mid North Coast NSW. The role will be required to provide and promote optimal midwifery health care within an Aboriginal community setting. You will develop service partnerships with GP's, Obstetricians, Antenatal Clinics and to work in partnership with AMHS (Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy) program staff to implement a range of strategies to effectively manage routine and high risk pregnancies and to assist in delivering a co-ordinated holistic, antenatal and postnatal program.

### Duties will include:

- Co-ordinating the care of the multidisciplinary team, communicate effectively between the patient, their family and Tobwabba clinical staff
- Observing and reporting on the condition of patients
- Advise and support Aboriginal families through their pregnancy and in the care of their babies
- Implementing health promotion strategies
- Case Managing, monitoring, evaluating and reporting
- Any other associated duties

### To be successful in this role you must have:

- Ability to work independently and also within a team
- Excellent communication skills
- Bachelor Degree in Nursing/Midwifery
- At least 2-5 years experience as a Registered Nurse/Midwife
- Current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Female designated under section 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act
- Current Working with Children Check or ability to obtain
- Current Police Check or ability to obtain

### Forward applications to:

Jackie Trotter  
Practice Manager,  
PO Box 48, Forster, NSW 242  
Email: [jackie.trotter@tobwabba.org.au](mailto:jackie.trotter@tobwabba.org.au)

### Applications close:

**Friday 10 February, 2012**



## National Indigenous Policy Manager

- **Leadership role**
- **CBD location**
- **High profile brand**
- **Opportunity to make a difference**

The Smith Family (TSF) is a national, independent children's charity committed to helping young Australians in need by unlocking opportunities through education and learning.

We require an experienced Indigenous Policy Manager to ensure the integrity of TSF's approach to supporting Indigenous children and young people to get the most from their education. This role has primary accountability for supporting the development of TSF's Indigenous policy approach and program responses.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and the issues affecting these cultures in Australia
- A demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Experience in policy and program design
- Demonstrated capacity to manage complex relationships sensitively
- Networking, consultation and relationship management skills
- Conceptual and analytical capability
- Presentation and facilitation skills
- Broker of innovative solutions

Consistent with TSF's commitment to Child Protection, the successful candidate must be prepared to undertake a National Police Check.

More information on the position is in the job description and all applications must address the essential criteria. To obtain a job description, please go to [www.thesmithfamily.com.au](http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au) and click on 'Careers' then 'Current Vacancies'.

For further information, please contact **Wendy Field**, Executive Director of Participation on ph **02 9085 7192** or by email at [wendy.field@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:wendy.field@thesmithfamily.com.au)

**Closing Date: Wednesday, 8 February 2012**

*The Smith Family is an EEO employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.*

[thesmithfamily.com.au](http://thesmithfamily.com.au)



Queensland South Native Title Services

## PRINCIPAL LEGAL OFFICER

QSNTS is a native title service provider with the vision of realising Traditional Owners' aspirations to land and waters through the provision of professional statutory services.

The successful applicant will lead a conscientious Legal Team and be responsible for the legal operations of the organisation. We would like to hear from you if you:

- Have at least 5 years post admission experience;
- Possess a solid knowledge of native title;
- Are an excellent communicator (especially with Indigenous individuals and groups);
- Have demonstrated leadership and operational management skills;
- Enjoy challenging and rewarding work;
- Are willing and able to travel regularly to destinations intra and interstate; and
- Possess a C class driver's licence.

QSNTS employees enjoy generous employment conditions including learning and development opportunities, salary sacrifice and flexible working arrangements.

A detailed position description and details on how to apply are available on the careers page of our website ([www.qsnts.com.au](http://www.qsnts.com.au)).

Applicants seeking further information are encouraged to contact Human Resources on (07) 3224 1200.

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 3 February 2012**.



## Administration and Customer Services Assistant (Aboriginal)

Parks and Wildlife Group

Buronga

Clerk Grade 1 / 2

Temporary Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: OEH 022-12

**Total remuneration package to \$64,069 p.a. including salary \$53,407 p.a. - \$58,060 p.a.**

**Complete administrative activities for the Willandra Lakes World Heritage unit and stakeholder committee, provide customer service and a point of contact for public enquiries.**

**Selection Criteria:** To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

**Notes:** Re-advertised position, previous applicants will need to re-apply. This is a temporary position for the period up to 30 June 2013. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. This position is externally funded through a Caring for Country grant administered by the Commonwealth's Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Inquiries:** Richard Minter (03) 5021 8908 or 0417 204 237

**Information Packages contact:** (03) 5021 8908 or [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Applications are to be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). If you experience difficulties applying online please contact 02 9585 6018 during business hours for assistance.

**Closing Date: Sunday, 5 February 2012**

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## LEAD / MANAGE / REPRESENT CONNECT: SENIOR MANAGER

- Woolyungah Indigenous Centre
- Permanent Continuing Role

The Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) is the University Centre of Learning and Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (ATSI). WIC engages with the University, Aboriginal communities and the wider community to promote the University as a key site for Indigenous Higher Education. WIC is responsible for the provision and continuous improvement of student support services to ATSI Students. WIC provides advice and support in all areas relating to students progress and success, ensuring improved outcomes by providing high quality academic support and advice.

The Senior Manager is the Head of the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre and a leading Indigenous representative within the University. The primary purposes of the position are to ensure that the University and Woolyungah achieve their strategic goals in promoting access, recruitment and support for Indigenous students at UOW.

We are seeking to recruit a dynamic and experienced administrator to take a leadership role in these areas. The successful candidate will be highly motivated with strong evidence of independent problem solving and decision making abilities to manage the Centre in all aspects of administration, student support, student

recruitment and community relations. You will also be responsible for statutory reporting to Government and represent the University in appropriate Indigenous Higher Education forums.

This will include providing professional, effective and timely service to staff, students and visitors, improving and monitoring effective Indigenous student recruitment and support mechanisms, leading and managing the administrative and operational requirements of the Centre, including financial management and coordination and management of all staff and initiating and implementing programs to develop and improve the Centre's profile and performance within the University and in the wider community. Aboriginality is essential for this position. Pursuant to Section (14)d of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, Aboriginality is considered to be an essential requirement for the performance of duties for this position.

Visit [employment.uow.edu.au](http://employment.uow.edu.au) for a full position description with Selection Criteria. You must address the Selection Criteria as part of your application. You can contact Professor John Bern on (02) 4221 4245 for further information about this position

**Applications Close:** 4 March 2012  
**Reference No:** 24148



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## Administration Officer (Identified)

Clerk Grade 3/4  
Temporary Full-Time  
Department of Family & Community Services  
Ageing, Disability and Home Care  
Job Reference: 0000000V

- Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery Branch
- Newcastle, Hunter Region
- Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,376 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Manage administrative, customer and office services to support the efficient and effective functioning of the Aboriginal Service Development and Delivery business unit.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Aboriginality and an understanding of the contemporary issues effecting Aboriginal people and communities.
2. Excellent general administration skills and experience in all aspects of office management in a government environment.
3. Good communication and interpersonal skills including an ability to build and maintain effective relationships with stakeholders.
4. Ability to take meaningful and accurate minutes, prepare agendas and background papers and follow up outcomes.
5. A high level of computer and keyboard skills including knowledge of and experience with relevant word processing, spreadsheet and database software.
6. Planning and organising prioritising and decision-making skills including the ability to handle competing priorities and a high volume of work.
7. Demonstrated ability to exercise judgement, discretion and maintain strict confidentiality.
8. Knowledge of record management principles and the ability to effectively track the flow of correspondence.

**Job Notes:** This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to ten (10) months, with possible extension under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Closing Date:** Friday, 10 February 2012

**For enquiries:** Brenda Jump on (02) 4978 6201

**Thank you for your interest in this position.**

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## Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Parks and Wildlife Group  
Urbenville  
Field Officer Grade 1 / 4  
Permanent Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: OEH 002-12

**Total remuneration package to \$69,950 p.a. including salary \$41,113 p.a. - \$54,850 p.a.**

Undertakes maintenance and improvements to park buildings, roads and fire trails. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement. Contribute to the enhancement and protection of natural and cultural heritage and the provisions of safe, high quality public recreational facilities.

**Selection Criteria:** To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Inquiries:** Wayne Piepenborn (02) 6632 0001 or 0429 657 667

**Information Packages contact:** Donna Doolan (02) 6632 0001 or [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Applications are to be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

*If you experience difficulties applying online please contact 02 9585 6018 during business hours for assistance.*

**Closing Date:** Sunday, 5 February 2012

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## Temporary Vacancies

### Regional Operations Centre - Dubbo

Project Officer - APS Level 5 \$65,194 - \$67,690pa

Senior Project Officer - APS Level 6 \$70,185 - \$78,043pa

FaHCSIA is looking for enthusiastic and motivated people for Senior Project Officer and Project Officer roles in the Regional Operations Centre in Dubbo to support the implementation of the Council of Australian Government's Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement (RSD NPA). The Agreement is one of a number of COAG agreements signed in November 2008 to Close the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

The positions will be part of a team responsible for working with other agencies for the delivery of priority projects identified in the Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) for Walgett and Wilcannia.

The Project Officers will support the ROC and cross agency initiatives. The roles require the ability to manage projects, build strong partnerships with key stakeholders, analyse data and prepare reports and correspondence.

The successful applicants must be proactive, enthusiastic and professional with an understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They will have strong project management and organisational skills, high-level written and oral communication and negotiation skills, and proven analytical and sound judgement skills.

These are 12 month temporary vacancies, with a possibility of extension.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

For further information on the position, contact:

**Robyn Legge-Wilkinson on (02) 9942 5628**

**How to apply:**

Apply on-line at [www.fahcsia.gov.au/careers/vacancies](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/careers/vacancies)

Applications close 5 February 2012

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Thousands of Opportunities*

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## Horticultural Apprentice (Aboriginal)

The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust  
Mount Tomah  
Horticultural Apprentice  
Temporary Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: OEH 015-12

**Total remuneration package to \$49,710 p.a. including salary \$23,849 p.a. - \$45,048 p.a.**

The Horticultural Apprentice will assist with and be trained in the hands on horticultural development and maintenance of horticultural collections and displays within controlled environments and in ground. This includes pest and disease control, weeding, mowing, edging, record keeping, curation of collections, tree management and the use and maintenance of plant and equipment.

**Selection Criteria:** To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must have their own means of transport as Mount Tomah is not accessible by public transport. The Apprenticeship in Horticulture is a four year indentured apprenticeship in terms of the *Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001*. Horticultural apprentices are expected to complete the full four-year term of their apprenticeship with the Botanic Gardens Trust, unless otherwise directed by the Commissioner for Vocational Training. All Horticultural Apprentices enter into an Apprenticeship Contract, as defined in the Act.

The role of an Apprentice Horticulturalist is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Apprenticeships must meet the requirements of a specific medical in order to undertake this position. It is essential that Horticultural Apprentices complete options within the Parks and Gardens Trade Certificate agreed by the Trust. The Apprenticeship Program Supervisor will advise apprentices on appropriate study options. These options will generally focus on the skills needed for a career in horticulture, including nursery, propagation, landscape, arboriculture and Turfcare. Hours of work are 38 hours per week, which may be rostered Monday to Sunday (inclusive), and worked as a nine day fortnight. Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Inquiries:** Ross Ingram (02) 4567 3021 or Alexia Hill (02) 4567 3018

**Information Packages contact:** Sandra Richards (02) 4567 3012 or [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Applications are to be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

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**Closing Date:** Sunday, 5 February 2012

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The Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland (ADFQ) is a non government, not for profit organisation.

## Indigenous Alcohol & Other Drugs Clinical Worker

**Based in Charters Towers**  
**Full-time role**  
**Not For Profit Organisation**  
**Salary packaging options**

An exceptional opportunity now exists to join the Alcohol & Drug Foundation Queensland's (ADFQ) Community Services team in our Charters Towers Office as a Indigenous Alcohol & Other Drugs Clinical Worker.

This position will work within a multidisciplinary team service environment to provide a comprehensive range of clinical and psycho-social assessments and interventions with people requiring Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) services in the Charters Towers area.

For more details on this position go to <http://www.adfq.org> or contact the Human Resources Coordinator, Roxenne Nand on (07) 3834 0206.

**Applications close COB 3rd of February, 2012.**



## Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Phone: (08) 8954 8111  
Web: [www.anangu.com.au/employment](http://www.anangu.com.au/employment)

### General Manager

Opportunity to play a guiding role in the future of the APY Lands.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) is the corporation that represents its 3,000 members on the APY Lands; an area covering over 100,000 km<sup>2</sup> in the far north west of South Australia. APY administers the APY Land Rights Act which provided Anangu (Aboriginal people of the APY Lands) with inalienable, freehold title of their Lands.

Reporting to the APY Executive Board, the General Manager is responsible for the strategic direction, effective management, the planning and the coordination relating to Land Administration, Finance and Accounting, Corporate Services, Legal Services, Economic and Enterprise Development, and Anthropology administration.

Knowledge of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981 (SA) and an understanding of the historical, cultural and political background of APY will be highly regarded.

An attractive salary package is complemented with fully maintained motor vehicle and housing.

Applicants should request an information package including a full job description from the Administration Officer on 08 8954 8101 or [amapy@anangu.com.au](mailto:amapy@anangu.com.au). Written applications, addressing the responsibilities, skills and experience, and including referees, **close on Friday 3 February 2012** and should be marked 'confidential' and be forwarded to;

Director of Administration  
Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara  
PMB 227 Umuwa via Alice Springs NT 0872  
Email: [amapy@anangu.com.au](mailto:amapy@anangu.com.au)



## Upper Hunter Drug & Alcohol Service Inc.

### ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG COUNSELLOR

32 HOURS PER WEEK  
PERMANENT PART-TIME

1. **AWARD:** NSW SOCIAL, COMMUNITY, HOME CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES INDUSTRY AWARD 2010 – GRADE 5, DEPENDENT ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

2. **Purpose of position:** The AOD counsellor position aims to provide one to one assessment, counselling, referral and advocacy skills to clients and group facilitation to communities of the Upper Hunter within a multi-disciplinary team.

3. **Selection Criteria:**  
**Essential:**

- Relevant qualifications and experience in the field of alcohol and other drugs (eg: Cert IV AOD, mental health, psychology, social work, nursing, social sciences and related disciplines)
- Demonstrated case management skills and working within a multi-disciplinary team
- Demonstrated experience in providing comprehensive assessment, counselling, referral and advocacy skills to clients with AOD issues, including an understanding of harm minimization
- Demonstrated time management and report writing skills
- Proven ability to work and contribute to a multi-disciplinary team and wider inter agency networks
- Basic computer skills
- Current driver's licence
- Understanding of and commitment to equity, Workplace Health and Safety and Quality Improvement

**Desirable:**

- Experience in facilitating groups
- Willingness to work across services/projects within the organisation

**Applications close Friday 9th February 2012.**

Contact: Libby George 0429 845 888 or  
[servicemanager@uhdas.org.au](mailto:servicemanager@uhdas.org.au)

Forward applications addressing the above criteria to  
PO Box 370 Muswellbrook 2333 or email.



## RED CHIEF Local Aboriginal Land Council

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Designated Aboriginal Position (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council (RCLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the RCLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. Recruitment package are obtainable at Red Chief LALC administration building 26 Chandos Street or by contacting the Contact Officers Robert Horne or Patsy Blundell by email: [redchiefadmin@westnet.com.au](mailto:redchiefadmin@westnet.com.au), or on (02) 67423602.

**Applications to be marked "Confidential" and forwarded to:**

Greg Griffiths  
The Chairperson  
Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 745  
Gunnedah NSW 2380

**Applications close Friday 27th January 2012**



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. The AH&MRC are currently seeking applications for the following positions.

### Project Officer

(Sexual Health – HIV focus)  
**Fixed term, full time for 3 years**

The position is responsible for activities and programs that increase awareness and improve understanding about sexual health, STIs and HIV in NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. (CD: 17 February 2012)

### Administration Officer

**Permanent, full time**

This position is responsible for providing administrative and clerical support to the Secretariat which provides support to the Board of Directors and the AH&MRC Ethics Committee. (CD: 3 February 2012)

### Vocational Educator & Assessor

(Aboriginal Primary Health Care)  
**Fixed term, full time for 1 year**

The VEA is responsible for teaching, supporting and assessing students and for developing resources and materials in the areas of Aboriginal Primary Health Care (Community and Practice). This position is located at the Aboriginal Health College at Little Bay. (CD: 3 February 2012)

**\* Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.**

For further information on these positions or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit: [www.ahmrc.org.au](http://www.ahmrc.org.au)



**TheAlfred**

## Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO)

### Patient and Family Services

Full time, 6 months.

Alfred Health invites applications from Aboriginal people who are interested in making a difference within a large health organisation. This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position.

As part of a team of two workers supported by staff within Alfred Health, the community and an Alfred Health Aboriginal Advisory Committee, you will provide face to face secondary consultations with patients, families and health professionals, in order to improve access and care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

The role will also involve identifying opportunities for improving service delivery and contributing to building the capacity of Alfred Health staff to provide a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including staff training and support. Job ref: 790361. VCAT Exemption Number A225/2010

**Enquiries: John Ashfield on Tel 03 9076 3026**

Apply online:  
[www.alfred.org.au](http://www.alfred.org.au)

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## ABORIGINAL CASE MANAGERS PERTH WA

Outcare is Western Australia's only specialist non government provider of crime prevention services and programs. Established in the early 1960s we have grown into an award winning and well respected organisation, operating in a variety of areas to enhance community stability and safety. Outcare aims to make the community a safer place to live by providing rehabilitation and support services for offenders, ex-offenders and their families.

Due to continued growth we currently have several Aboriginal Case Manager positions available within our Re-Entry and Youth Services teams. These positions provide re-entry support services to Aboriginal adult and Youth offenders and their families prior to and after their release from prison.

**To be considered it is essential that you have relevant tertiary human service qualifications and/or at least 12 months demonstrated relevant experience and knowledge in case management.** Our aim is to meet the diverse range of needs of our clients while improving equal opportunity outcomes for employees. **Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.**

In return we offer with a competitive salary package, comprehensive induction, ongoing training and support. You will also enjoy the job satisfaction that arises from knowing that you are truly making a difference in the community and the lives of others.

Detailed position description can be obtained by emailing [louisewhittle@outcare.com.au](mailto:louisewhittle@outcare.com.au).

**Applications addressing the selection criteria are to be submitted to the above email address. Enquiries on 6263 8622.**

[www.outcare.com.au](http://www.outcare.com.au)

# Sheriff's Officer

## Sheriff's Officer Recruitment Ongoing positions available (Southern Metro Region)

- autonomous & active role
- varied & challenging career
- opportunity to serve the community
- professional development & training provided

If you are motivated and conscientious with excellent interpersonal skills, go online to find out more about becoming a Sheriff's Officer.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:  
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT 5PM.**

[www.hoban.com.au/sheriffs](http://www.hoban.com.au/sheriffs)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE







## Manager, Aboriginal Services Unit

WorkCover NSW, Compensation Authorities Staff Division

Give your career the direction that you have been looking for. Consider working for the NSW Government :- Challenging. Dynamic. Rewarding.

- Location: Gosford
- Package: Total Salary up to \$123K
- Agency: WorkCover NSW

This job is for you if...

... you have a wealth of experience in managing staff and leading projects/business units within a large organisational environment. Taking responsibility for a team of people to achieve established performance indicators within a strategic plan is second nature to you. By working for the NSW Government as Manager of Aboriginal Services for the Compensation Authorities Staff Division, you will balance the responsibilities of operational and strategic management, whilst facilitating internal and external stakeholder relationships. In order to succeed in this role, you will be a manager who is prepared to 'roll their sleeves up' at times, and be someone who can also take a step back and assess the 'big picture'.

### Selection Criteria:

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Thorough understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal communities in NSW and of cultural protocols.
- Capability to develop a strong understanding of workplace and road safety risks and injury compensation issues impacting on Aboriginal communities, businesses and individuals.
- High level leadership and strategic skills with extensive experience in leading teams and establishing and reporting on performance targets.
- Superior communication, negotiation, presentation and conflict resolution skills that can be applied across a wide range of circumstances with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

### About the position:

Develop, manage and lead strategy, policy and program of work to improve service provision to Aboriginal communities, businesses and individuals. Lead new initiatives, program development and advocacy for Aboriginal services at the state, and local levels, managing Aboriginal business and community issues relating to CASD services.

### Remuneration Package:

Total remuneration package valued up to \$122,128 (salary range \$103,026 - \$122,128) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**Vacancy Period:** This is a permanent position.

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 1st February 2012 (applications must be submitted online before 11:59pm).

**Learn more:** For more information, including what you should address when you apply, please go to [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for reference 00000ROE.

**Please note:** A criminal background check is a requirement of this position.

**Contact:** Carmel Donnelly (02) 4321 5468.

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## WERIN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CLINIC

### Experienced Child and Family Aboriginal Health Worker

32 hours per week

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

38 hours per week

*Werin is an Equal Opportunity Employer. These positions are Designated positions with an exemption under the Equal Opportunity Act (1995)*

Come and work with a dynamic and dedicated team in the Port Macquarie Hastings Area and help us to "Close the Gap in Aboriginal Health"

**To apply**, please contact us for the application criteria and position descriptions. All criteria must be addressed in writing and returned with resume to [mfreeman@werin.org.au](mailto:mfreeman@werin.org.au) or 54 Clifton Drive, Port Macquarie; 65894000.

**Applications close Friday 10th February 2012 at 5pm.**

Having a clear criminal history is a requirement of these positions and the successful applicants will undergo 'Working with Children Checks' and 'Federal criminal history checks' prior to commencement.

Werin Medical Clinic is Auspiced by Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre, Taree



## Indigenous Enterprise Development Officer

Science, Agriculture, Food and Regional Services

(Temporary until 30 June 2013)

**Employment, Economic Development and Innovation**

**Salary:** \$81 962 - \$87 691 p.a.

**Location:** Mackay

**REF:** QLD/EED131606/12

**Key Duties:** Develop an Indigenous enterprise development plan. Establish relationships with. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. Support business intenders to identify opportunities. Manage projects.

**Skills/Abilities:** Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Ability to provide advice on economic, trade, investment and business issues. Maintain responsive relationships.

**Enquiries:** Matt Armstrong (07) 3006 4160

**Closing Date:** Friday, 3 February 2012

## Remote Monitor

Justice Services, Queensland Courts Service

**Justice and Attorney-General**

**Salary:** \$52 131 - \$58 132 p.a.

**Location:** Mackay

**REF:** QLD/J4939/12

**Key Duties:** Records multiple, parallel proceedings across Courts, Tribunals and/or Commissions; assists the Coordinator in daily operational matters and transcript production.

**Skills/Abilities:** Familiarity and/or confidence with use of Microsoft applications; typing proficiency of 60 words per minute, 98% accuracy; well-developed English literacy skills.

**Enquiries:** Judy Cowin (07) 4967 0939

**Closing Date:** Monday, 6 February 2012

## Ranger (Indigenous Identified)

Operations and Environmental Regulator

(This role is declared an Indigenous identified position, only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants can apply for this position)

**Environment and Resource Management**

**Salary:** \$49 718 - \$54 586 p.a.

**Location:** Rockhampton

**REF:** QLD/ERM21756/12

**Key Duties:** This is a unique opportunity to manage, participate and contribute as a member of a team which undertakes protected area and forest estate development, maintenance and protection duties.

**Skills/Abilities:** Has the ability to safely operate and maintain plant and equipment; Has the ability to assist in leading a team and participate as part of a team; Has knowledge of fire and pest management.

**Enquiries:** Fiona Connolly (07) 4944 7826

**Closing Date:** Monday, 6 February 2012

## Administrative Officer (Reporting)

Justice Services, Queensland Courts Service

**Justice and Attorney-General**

**Salary:** \$41 278 - \$48 779 p.a.

**Location:** Mackay

**REF:** QLD/J4942/12

**Key Duties:** Your opportunity to join a dedicated team, responsible for monitoring/recording official Court proceedings: producing independent, accurate and complete transcriptions.

**Skills/Abilities:** Produces transcripts of Court, Tribunal or Commission proceedings using bureau technology, records proceedings from a single Court: administration duties, maintaining databases.

**Enquiries:** Judy Cowin (07) 4967 0939

**Closing Date:** Monday, 6 February 2012

[www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)



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## Traineeships

Telum are currently recruiting trainees in the following areas:

### General Labourers Administration Officers

All based in the Sydney Metro area. Good conditions

Must have OH & S whitecard, steel capped boots.

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Please call **02 9809 5699** to register between 8am-4pm  
Mon to Fri or register your interest online at  
[www.telum.com.au](http://www.telum.com.au)

## Media Trainer

Ngaanyatjarra Lands, WA

- \* Live & work in a remote Aboriginal community!
- \* Relocation assistance, accommodation + more!



Ngaanyatjarra Media has a unique opportunity for a **Media Trainer** to work with Indigenous people in a remote, dry community media centre. You'll provide support and training in the use of the **Community Resource Centre's** and **media centre's** operation, equipment and facilities and assist in online access and IT communication services. Enjoy an **attractive remuneration of \$50,087 + \$4,333 district allowance, salary sacrifice options, annual airfares, all accommodation & utilities provided, relocation assistance and generous leave provisions! Apply Now!**



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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

## Nyngan Community Hub Coordinator

- Nyngan location
- Part time (28 hours per week)

The Hub is designed to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, mainstream community members, and financially disadvantaged people to participate in community life and to increase access to services both locally and regionally.

As Hub Coordinator, you will be able to work with existing services to build on service strengths and to partner within the community to tackle the areas of unmet needs that matter most to participants.

Applications should include a resume and cover letter.

For more information, please visit our careers page at

**[redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)**

For enquiries, contact Jackie Wright on 1800 088 586/  
0419 639 007 or at [jwright@redcross.org.au](mailto:jwright@redcross.org.au)

Applications close 5pm Monday 13 February.



## Australian Red Cross

THE POWER OF HUMANITY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.



## Australian Government

### Indigenous Land Corporation

National Indigenous  
Pastoral Enterprises  
Pty Limited  
Wholly Owned Subsidiary of:  
Indigenous Land Corporation  
ACN: 108 266 548

## SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR

- Exciting opportunity based in Canberra
- Interesting, challenging and rewarding work with regional travel
- Salary Range \$89K to \$98K
- 3 year Fixed Term Employment Offer

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) assists Indigenous Australians to acquire and manage land to provide cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits for themselves and future generations.

We are looking for a highly energetic, highly focused strategic thinker to work in a challenging, and rewarding team environment. Reporting to the Manager Policy and Program and in collaboration with the Director, Business Operations, you will be required to:

- develop and implement procedures, practices and plans that ensure properties are managed in accordance with sound environmental practices and to protect cultural and heritage values
- assist in the assessment of and development of proposals to acquire and manage Indigenous-held land in collaboration with the *Caring for our Country* and other relevant programs
- develop effective collaborations with appropriate natural resource management agencies
- secure funding to assist in implementing sound environmental practices

Completion or progress towards an appropriate tertiary qualification will be highly regarded.

Your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

The successful applicant will be employed by the National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Ltd (NIPE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ILC, on a 3 year Fixed Term Employment Offer.

You must be an Australian resident, and have a current unrestricted driver's licence. Employment will be subject to medical and police clearance.

The commencing salary will be within the range above depending on your skills and experience.

For further information, please contact **Joanne Elliott, Manager Policy and Program on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC and NIPE are available on the website at [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au))

Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and the NIPE Cover Note (located on the ILC website).

Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 3 February 2012. Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au) or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001.

*Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.*





## Mobfest Manager Music Outback Foundation

Music Outback Foundation is a NFP that aims to provide Indigenous children in remote Australia equivalent outcomes to mainstream Australian children in education, cultural pride and self-esteem.

Mobfest is an annual festival in each of the three regions we service (Tanami, Western NSW and APY Lands) with workshops and performance concerts. Approximately 200 students attend each event.

We are looking for a flexible Mobfest Manager, with increasing work hours in the lead up to the 3 Mobfests that occur September/October. This position will suit someone with a strong production and programming background.

The position is funded at \$30ph

Please contact us for a position description and key selection criteria: admin@musicoutback.com.au, 03 9326 7518

**Closing date is Monday 6th Feb.**

*Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.*



Government of  
Western Australia  
Department for Child Protection

## Administrative Assistant

Country Services

Web Search No: 006274

Level/Salary: Level 2, \$50,557 - \$54,900 pa

Under the guidance and leadership of the Business Manager, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for:

- The provision of administrative support to District Director and Team Leaders in the District.
- Contributing to the effective management of the District and office.
- Maintenance of spreadsheets and local office systems.

**To Access Detailed Information:** Visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Natasha Bargeus on 9160 2400.

**Location:** South Hedland

**Closing Date:** Monday, 30 January 2012 at 5.00pm.



## ENGINEERING GRADUATE

REFERENCE NO: G11/107

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position pursuant to Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW). Applicants must have a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on matters relevant to the delivery of services.

The position is responsible for assisting Engineering Staff in a wide variety of engineering fields including, water and sewerage utilities, road maintenance, resealing, bridge replacement and maintenance, footpaths, trees and playgrounds, kerb and gutter, storm water drainage, survey and design and asset management. The position is permanent full time for a period of 12 weeks, at 35 hours per week.

The successful applicant should have Engineering Qualifications or be currently enrolled in a third/fourth year Tertiary Engineering Course.

Salary Range \$1014.70-\$1166.70 per week. Plus 9% superannuation.

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria as listed in the Position Description.

Applications for these positions should be clearly marked with the reference number and job title and addressed to:

General Manager  
Guyra Shire Council  
158 Bradley Street GUYRA NSW 2365

**Important information with regards to this position** is available at [www.guyra.nsw.gov.au/positions](http://www.guyra.nsw.gov.au/positions) vacant or from Guyra Shire Council's Customer Service Centre, 158 Bradley Street, Guyra or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on (02) 6770 7100 or for additional information Mr Ben Harris telephone (02) 67707112

**Applicants must ensure they have obtained a copy of this information prior to submitting an application.**

Applications close at 5.00pm on Tuesday 31st January 2012.

## Elsa Dixon Graduate Program

Paid 12 Week Placement  
*Valuable experience for your future!*

We are seeking an enthusiastic graduate or near graduate for a 12 week contract to work with our Social Planning Section to assist with research into Aboriginal community planning and engagement as part of Councils Social Planning activity.

To be successful in this position, you must be in your final year or have just completed your final year of tertiary study in social policy, social welfare or a community services related discipline. We are seeking someone who possesses good written and oral communication skills along with an understanding of contemporary research methodologies and practices.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

Interviews will be held in the week commencing Monday, 20 February 2012.

**Remuneration:** Min \$1,056.65 gpw + super

**Enquiries:** Edwina Marks - 02 6926 9350

**Closing Date:** Monday, 13 February 2012

**Applications must be made via Council's online application system. Hard copy applications will not be accepted.**

**Applicants must address the selection criteria contained within the relevant position description available on our website.**



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## Aboriginal Youth and Community Development Officer

Part time, 24 hours per week

We are seeking an enthusiastic new team member to take on the role of Aboriginal Youth and Community Development Officer. This is a part time position of 24 hours per week on a flexible working arrangement, meaning you can work a number of short days or 3 long days.

You will have a passion to see your community strengths enhanced, have great oral and written communication skills and the ability to relate to Elders, Community members, government and service providers to help guide the direction of the service sector and Wagga Wagga City Council. Ideally you would have qualifications or experience in community development, events management or social welfare. Whilst these qualifications are desirable they are not essential, a positive can do attitude and passion to make a difference are the key qualities we are looking for.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

Interviews will be held in the week commencing Monday, 13 February 2012.

**Remuneration:** Min \$760.34 gpw + super

**Enquiries:** Cheryl Wilson - 0428 615 842

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 31 January 2012

**Applications must be made via Council's online application system. Hard copy applications will not be accepted.**

**Applicants must address the selection criteria contained within the relevant position description available on our website.**



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## Chronic Disease Coordinator Aboriginal Health

Port Pirie Regional Health Service  
Job Ref: 498279

[www.health.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.health.sa.gov.au/careers)  
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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (ATSICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

## Practice Manager - Northgate

Reporting directly to the CEO this position will be responsible for the management and delivery of all aspects of the primary and allied health services from our Northgate site. The scope of the position includes business planning, administration, financial management, leadership and health service quality assurance and delivery.

The tasks likely to be undertaken by the Practice Manager include:

- Lead a professional team that provides the highest standard of client care;
- Ensure the clinic service delivers quality and culturally safe treatment and meets agreed health service commitments to clinic clients;
- Maintain AGPAL accreditation and assist in the achievement of ISO 9001 as required;
- Review clinic services with an aim to maximise clinic performance;
- Manage the effective provision and maintenance of the Equipment and Clinic Treatment/Consulting areas to meet business objectives, regulatory requirements and client needs;
- Maximise and address Client satisfaction with the Clinic e.g. manage feedback and organisational response to Client Surveys/Feedback/Suggestions.

To be successful in this role, applicants must possess the following skills and experience:

- Demonstrated management experience, in particular the ability to manage and support a medical/primary health care team;
- An ability to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their leaders, respecting traditional culture, values and ways of doing business;
- Demonstrated understanding of the health, social and emotional wellbeing needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban areas;
- Ability to work with other health professions and organisations;
- Demonstrated competence in the use of Business Technology, internet and desktop applications and good interpersonal, written and oral communication skills;
- Relevant qualifications in health and/or management preferred;
- Current drivers licence and blue card (or the ability to obtain a blue card).

To apply please forward an application including a current CV to [jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au](mailto:jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au) by no later than the **3 February 2012**.

*ATSICHS is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.*

## REAL CAREERS

Established in 1991, the Oodgeroo Unit is the centre of QUT's activities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, studies and research. We have recently undertaken a review of our operations and are now seeking experienced and motivated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people committed to playing a key role in teaching, research and community engagement. Opportunities exist to join an energetic and dedicated team focussed on improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

**For these positions, it is a genuine occupation requirement that they are filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons as permitted by and arguable under sections 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991).**



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## Student Support and Community Engagement Officer

The Student Support and Community Engagement Officer provides support to all enrolled Indigenous students to enable them to acquire or enhance the skills they need to succeed in University studies.

The position will work on a range of initiatives within the Oodgeroo Unit aimed at improving the recruitment, retention and degree completion of Indigenous students at QUT.

**Ongoing Appointment**

**Ref:** 12002

**Closes:** 5 February

**Salary:** \$54 782 to \$61 789 pa

## Recruitment Officer

The Recruitment Officer will liaise, consult and negotiate with a diverse range of stakeholders including schools, potential Indigenous students and members of the Indigenous community, and QUT Faculties and Divisions about educational opportunities at QUT.

The position will develop partnerships with relevant internal and external stakeholders to improve community engagement and student contact, and work on a range of initiatives aimed at increasing student access, recruitment, and retention.

**Ongoing Appointment**

**Ref:** 12005

**Closes:** 5 February

**Salary:** \$54 782 to \$61 789 pa

## Administration Officer/ Personal Assistant

The Administration Officer/Personal Assistant is responsible for the smooth and efficient operation of the Unit's reception area and for providing academic support services in the Unit. The role has a strong customer service orientation and has a key role as front of house for the Unit on Kelvin Grove campus. The position also provides high level secretarial and administrative support and coordinates the day to day activities of the Director.

**Ongoing Appointment**

**Ref:** 12006

**Closes:** 5 February

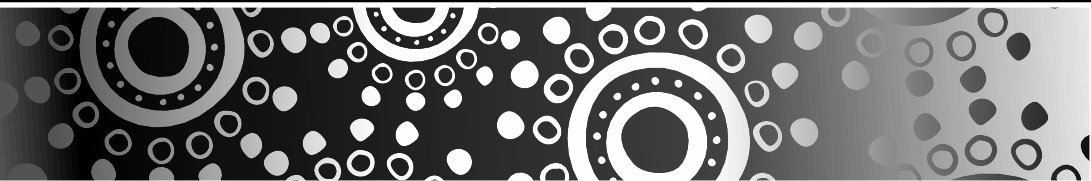
**Salary:** \$50 400 to \$53 024 pa

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Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Canberra

Central Office

Divisional Manager – 3 Positions.

Executive Level 2  
\$105,266 - \$108,033 pa, plus superannuation

Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) is an independent company wholly owned by the Australian Government and is limited by guarantee. AHL offers safe, culturally appropriate and affordable accommodation for Indigenous Australians who must live away from home in order to access services and economic opportunity. AHL's central office is located in Canberra and supports a network of hostels and regional offices located throughout Australia.

AHL is seeking three highly motivated and suitably qualified Senior Managers to lead and develop highly effective teams to deliver;

- a. Strategic and effective workforce planning and contemporary approaches to managing people and building organisational capability;
- b. Systems support to operations, including practical advice to Regional Managers and the network of hostels managed in their direct client service role in providing quality accommodation and support services
- c. Robust planning and evaluation capability and plans to support a continuous improvement approach to AHLs business development

To be considered for and be successful in any of these roles you will need to be able to demonstrate your experience and skills in particular to HR management, or Project/Service management.

You will have a proven record of accountable leadership with a focus on the development of people, attaining strong results, quality reporting and exceptional stakeholder management.

Want to know more?

Contact Hannah Gillespie on (02) 6212 2009.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Gjai Hoolihan on (02) 6212 2032.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606 or email to [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au).

Closing date

By 5pm, 10 February 2012.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

These are identified positions.

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Kabalulumana Hostel

Assistant Hostel Manager

APS Level 3  
\$50,573 - \$50,649 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel.
- Provide a quality service to our residents.
- Supervise staff.
- Manage a budget.
- Provide reports to Regional Manager.
- The successful applicant must hold a current Working With Children Check card.

Want to know more?

Contact Patricia Whitla on (07) 4051 4588.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Narelle Forrester on (07) 4051 4588.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143, CAIRNS QLD 4870 or email to [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au).

Closing date

By 5pm, 10 February 2012.

This is a Multipurpose hostel.

Melbourne

William T Onus Hostel

Weekend Cook

APS Level 1  
\$189.84 - \$205.49 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time, 10 hours per week.
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.
- The successful applicant must hold a current Working With Children Check card.

Want to know more?

Contact Gail Hearn on (03) 9489 6701.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Robert Rudnew on (03) 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001 or email to [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au).

Closing date

By 5pm, 10 February 2012.

This is a Multipurpose hostel.



Senior Project Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 9/10  
Ashfield, Head Office  
Permanent Full-Time

Reference No. 00000QB4

Total remuneration package valued up to \$111,026 per annum (Salary: \$91,303 pa - \$100,613 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Plan, manage and complete allocated projects and initiatives within the relevant Directorate to achieve project objectives, timelines and budget. Contribute through effective consultation and liaison with key stakeholders the development and management of an allocated portfolio of issues and projects to meet the objectives and priorities of Community Services.

Selection Criteria:

1. Proven experience in a project management role within a large, complex, diverse and changing environment.
2. Excellent analytical and problem solving skills including the ability to manage multiple deadlines.
3. High level of oral communication skills including demonstrated interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
4. High level of written communication skills with proven experience in producing ministerial briefs and concise reports.
5. Demonstrated capacity to work as part of a team to meet identified outcomes.
6. Sound understanding of agency strategic directions, key reform agendas and priorities.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people please apply. Further information about this position is available online and you must address the full selection criteria.

It is an offence under the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* (section 33) for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. The *Commission for Children & Young People Act 1998* require that all recommended candidates are screened for national criminal records, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs), and relevant employment proceedings.

**Enquiries:** For information about the position, please call Adelaide White on (02) 9716 2224

**Information Packages and to apply online:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)  
Refer to Reference No: 00000QB4

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 15 February 2012

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Australian Government  
Indigenous Land Corporation

National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Limited  
Wholly Owned Subsidiary of:  
Indigenous Land Corporation  
ACN: 108 266 548

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OFFICER

Position based in Adelaide or Perth

- National Organisation
- Up to 3 year Employment Agreement
- Diverse and interesting opportunity with interstate and regional travel
- Salary range \$89k up to \$98k (plus 15.4 percent superannuation)

A rare opportunity has arisen to join the Employment and Training Directorate of a national organisation. The organisation conducts land based enterprises and other land based activities across Australia and uniquely operates in both the public and private sector. Reporting to the Director Employment and Training, you will be responsible for:

- Developing, securing funding, implementing, monitoring and evaluating training and employment projects and other strategic initiatives designed to maximise employment and training benefits from Indigenous land for Indigenous people;
- Providing expert advice on labour market opportunities and vocational education and training policies, programs and approaches; and
- Developing and maintaining strategic and operational alliances and partnerships with employment and training funding agencies and service providers, employers, industry groups, Indigenous organisations and other employment and training stakeholders at the state, regional and local levels.

We are looking for an energetic, highly focused strategic thinker with a commercial and solutions focus and demonstrable sound judgement. The preferred candidate will have knowledge and experience in vocational education and training policy and delivery approaches, and an understanding of agencies involved in job placement and vocational training within the current labour market.

The candidate will have excellent communication skills, demonstrated negotiation skills and an understanding of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities.

Completion or progress towards an appropriate tertiary qualification is desirable.

You will be employed by the National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises (NIPE) Pty Ltd a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ILC, on a 3 year Fixed Term Employment Agreement.

You must be an Australian resident, have a current unrestricted driver's licence and employment will be subject to a criminal history check and medical assessment.

For further information, please contact Stephen McCarthy, **National Operations Manager, Training and Employment** on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au))

Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and a NIPE Cover Note (located on the ILC website). Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 3rd February 2012. Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au) or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



**Aboriginal Health Education Officer**

(Men's Project) (AHEO)

Ref: 55391 F/T at RPA Hospital

Salary: \$44,701-\$76,243 pa

Enq: Renee Lovell

Ph: (02) 9515 5298

Closing Date: 17 February 2012

**Male and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as authorised under Sections 14 (d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

**Aboriginal Liaison Midwife**

(Clinical Midwife Specialist Grade 2)

Ref: 57962 F/T at RPA Hospital

Salary: \$83,063-\$85,781 pa

Enq: Valerie L Smith

Ph: (02) 9515 8416

Closing Date: 10 February 2012

**Female and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as authorised under Sections 14 (d) and 31 (2h) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

Please apply online by visiting:  
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Western Australia  
Department for Child Protection

**Business Manager**

Country Services

Web Search No: 007044

Level/Salary: Level 5, \$72,663 - \$80,308 pa

The Business Manager is responsible for managing the day to day financial, physical, and human resources aspects of the district's operations and administers all district support activities, including information management and risk management.

**To Access Detailed Information:** Visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Natasha Bargeus on 9160 2400.

Location: South Hedland

Closing Date: Monday, 30 January 2012 at 5.00pm.



**Project Officer**

(part time at 22.8 hours per week negotiable to 30.4 hours per week).

**STATUS:** YACVic pays above Award rates (\$23.65 per hour and \$25.72 per hour).

**LOCATION:** Melbourne CBD

VIYAC is statewide network of Indigenous young people who volunteer their time to meet regularly to provide a voice for Indigenous young people to government and community on a range of issues that impact upon them and their communities. VIYAC provides a forum for Indigenous young people to come together to develop their ideas, their passions and interests, in a culturally safe, structured and supportive environment. VIYAC is committed to supporting its members to build their skills and capacity and operates on youth participation and self-determination principles.

The project officer will be working in collaboration with the State Coordinator and VIYAC members to develop and implement VIYAC activities and events. The main events the project officer will be responsible for is the VIYAC Community Spirit Police Award and a State-wide Gathering of Indigenous young people.

The right person for this role is one that has passion; drive and commitment to ensuring Indigenous young people's voices are being heard.

Applicants must address each of the key selection Criteria. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in particular young people are encouraged to apply. The position description can be found on VIYAC website <http://www.viyac.org.au/news>.

Applications are to be received by Close of Business on **Friday 3rd of February 2012**. All applicants must respond to the 10 key selection criteria.

**Please address applications to:**

C/O Tim Kanoa, VIYAC State Coordinator via

**Post:** Level 2, 172 Flinders Street Melbourne 3000

**Email:** [viyac@viyac.org.au](mailto:viyac@viyac.org.au)

**Fax:** (03) 9639 1622

For further information, please contact Tim Kanoa by phone (03) 9267 3788 or 0423 608 999 or by email [viyac@viyac.org.au](mailto:viyac@viyac.org.au).

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OF JUSTICE



**REMAND MANAGER, OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR PROGRAMS**

North Western Metropolitan Region (NWMR)

AH4, \$76,424 to \$92,467 plus 9 % super

Position No : 4431

This ongoing, full time position manages and interfaces with a team of Senior Clinicians and Clinicians who provide therapeutic assessment and intervention to remand prisoners. Using a largely cognitive behavioural approach, OBP interventions in remand prisons focus on short, psycho-educational programs and individual treatment with the aim of increasing coping skills and readiness to participate in more intensive programs.

Position contact: Mira Ellul, Regional Manager, OBP, NWMR on 0418 596 098.

**To apply online and further information including the position description and key selection criteria, please visit:**

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

Closing date for applications is Sunday 19 February 2012  
[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

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**NOWRA  
LOCAL ABORIGINAL  
LAND COUNCIL**



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**

Aboriginal Identified

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson Natalie Beckett, on (02) 4423 3163 or 0432 114 123

Applications can be forwarded to the address below marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson  
Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 528  
Nowra NSW 2541

Applications close Friday 10th February 2012

**Aboriginal Youth  
Development Officer:  
Get a career that  
matters.**

**Full time (35 hours per week) Aboriginal Identified position - Campbelltown**

- Excellent training & strong cultural support
- Membership of our Aboriginal Advisory Group (Jaanimili)
- Commitment to Aboriginal Service Delivery Principles

Starting salary of \$48,407 per annum plus super & salary packaging.

This position has a strong focus on building the profile and engaging in collaborative relationships and partnerships with communities and service providers. It has a hands on role in delivering innovative recreation and resilience building programs for young people in the Campbelltown area and will focus on delivering culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

**Applicants will require:**

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in the human services sector or recognised prior learning and/or 2 years experience working with young people with complex needs and experiencing disadvantage.

**[www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au](http://www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au)**

Applications Close 10 February 2012

In accordance with Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



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**VACCA'S  
Early Intervention and  
Family Support Service**

The **Early Intervention and Family Support Service** offers family services across a range of program areas designed to support and assist families.

Please contact **Paul Ferris** for more information:

**Ph:** (03) 8388 1855

**Email:** [paulf@vacca.org](mailto:paulf@vacca.org)

**Website:** [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)



**VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
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The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family services.

**Benefits of working at VACCA:**

- Flexible working arrangements
- Family friendly environment
- Commitment to Staff Well Being
- Generous Salary Packaging
- Professional training & development





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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Office of the Vice-Chancellor  
UC Level 5, Salary Range: \$58,807 to \$66,814 pa, plus Super  
This is a continuing full-time position  
Vacancy Reference No: 12/2008

Are you looking to enhance your career in office administration?

The University of Canberra is seeking an experienced person to provide support to the administrative team in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor by undertaking a range of administrative/secretarial services. The Administrative Officer has an important role in facilitating communication, upholding information and document management processes as well as assisting with events, special projects and providing high level administrative support.


For further information, please contact Martin Drinkwater on (02) 6201 5971 or email [Martin.Drinkwater@canberra.edu.au](mailto:Martin.Drinkwater@canberra.edu.au)

**CLOSING DATE: 29 JANUARY 2012**

The University is an EO employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

Suitably qualified Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For the Position Description and how to apply, go to our website at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/jobs>

**Catchment Management  
Authority**  
Hunter-Central Rivers

Department of Trade and Investment,  
Regional Infrastructure and Services, Department of Primary Industry,  
Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority

## Aboriginal Community Support Officer

Clerk Grade 4/5  
Paterson, Gosford, Muswellbrook - negotiable  
Temporary position under Section 27, 29 or 86 of the PSE & M Act 2002  
Temporary to 30 June 2013

Remuneration package range up to \$80,227 which includes salary range \$63,425 - \$72,702 employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**This job is for you if you...**

- Have a commitment to the environment; want to make difference in achieving sustainable economic development.


**Primary purpose of the position (Responsibilities)**  
**In this role you will:**  
This position will work with the Aboriginal community to increase the number and diversity of Aboriginal members working on natural resource management activities.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues.
- Demonstrated ability in working with aboriginal community groups.
- Good facilitation skills, written and oral communication skills including basic computer skills.
- Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping.
- Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals, understand funding processes and ability to identify funding sources.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network.
- Current driver's licence.

**Inquiries:** Contact Callaghan Cotter (02) 4930 1030  
**How to apply:** Applications via [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) quote reference number 00000SSX.  
**Closing Date:** 7 February 2012

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**Family &  
Community Services**  
Housing NSW

## Senior Client Service Officer (Specialist)

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Temporary Full-Time  
Department of Family & Community Services  
Housing NSW

Total remuneration package valued up to \$85,816 pa (Salary: \$70,480 pa - \$77,767 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.


**Job Description:**  
A Senior Client Services Officer (Specialist) provides specialised advice and support service brokerage for clients with complex support and housing needs.  
A Senior Client Services Officer (Specialist) assists in developing and managing relationships, partnerships and networks between communities and the Department to improve communication on, and access to, services for clients and support sustainable tenancies.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Sound knowledge of the principles underpinning the HNSW Housing legislation, Departmental policies and practices in the provision of social housing.
2. Sound understanding of and demonstrated capacity to provide support and relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including clients with disabilities, mental health problems or challenging behaviours.
3. Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations and experience in working in a casework environment.
4. Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
5. Appropriate post secondary qualifications.
6. Aboriginality.

**Job Notes:**  
This temporary position is for a period of 3 months (12 weeks) which may be undertaken in a full or part time pro-rata arrangement commencing January 2012. This is an identified position under the Graduate Work Experience Element under the Elsa Dixon Program. Applications are requested from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are either in their final year of a degree course or were awarded a degree in the academic year prior to the year of application for this position in Social Welfare or related disciplines.  
Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. This position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.  
Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.  
An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies.  
**For enquiries:** Theresa Ellis (02) 9831 0851 or mobile 0429 646 307  
**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 10 February 2012  
**Thank you for your interest in this position. (Requisition No. 00000QD2)**

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### OFFICE OF THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (STUDENTS)

WERRINGTON NORTH CAMPUS

#### Prospective Student Advisor (Indigenous)

FIXED TERM CONTRACT UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2012 REF NO. 023/12  
**Remuneration Package:** HEW Level 6 \$71,174 to \$76,318 p.a. (comprising Salary \$64,503 to \$69,165 p.a.; 9% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

#### Prospective Student Advisor – Indigenous Widening Participation

FIXED TERM CONTRACT FOR 3 YEARS REF NO. 1243 /11  
**Remuneration Package:** HEW Level 6 \$76,334 to \$81,851 p.a. (comprising Salary \$64,503 to \$69,165 p.a.; 17 % Superannuation and Leave Loading)

The University of Western Sydney is a large, multi campus institution located in the region of the Greater Western Sydney where almost a tenth of Australia's population lives.

The UWS Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Students) provides a framework for the establishment and ongoing development of strategic links and relationships with the broader community.

The Prospective Student Advisor (PSA) will develop the tertiary education aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from targeted schools in Greater Western Sydney and promote higher education access. The PSA is responsible for promoting UWS courses and programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in NSW and will work with the Student Ambassador Team to manage the entire promotion, information and recruitment cycles for prospective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The successful applicant will have experience in the tertiary education sector in student recruitment, a marketing qualification or equivalent and a strong understanding of the NSW education system.

**Position Enquiries:** Maree Graham, Manager, Indigenous Outreach  
02 9678 7407, email: [me.graham@uws.edu.au](mailto:me.graham@uws.edu.au)  
**Closing Date:** 6 February 2012

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*"Full citizenship for all people living with a mental illness in Australian society"*

Neami is a non-government organisation that has been providing psychosocial rehabilitation to people with a mental illness for over 20 years. Neami offers a reflective team environment and attractive benefits to all staff and has recently introduced the Collaborative Recovery Model (CRM) to further its commitment to consumer participation and recovery through a strengths based approach to service delivery. Working within a recovery based framework, this support is aimed at assisting consumers to develop independent living skills, a sense of social inclusion, and ownership of their recovery.

The values, skills, attributes and commitment of our staff are key to Neami's success and reputation as an organisation that provides high quality support services to consumers. Neami is strongly committed to further developing and diversifying its work force. .

Neami currently seeks to employ  
**Care Liaison Coordinator**  
**Peer Support Workers**  
within Neami Ashfield Aboriginal Assertive  
Outreach Service

- Exciting Mental Health Opportunities
- Full Time
- Amazing Salary Benefits
- Values Based, Progressive Organisation

We seek enthusiastic people with integrity, high quality interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively in a team providing a range of rehabilitation and support services to consumers.

**Applications close: Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 5pm**

Applications should include a CV, a Cover Letter explaining your interest in the position and working at Neami. Please include three current referees.

Please refer to the "Apply for a Job" tab on our website to submit your application. Please ensure the files are in Word (.doc) or Adobe Reader (.pdf) format

[www.neami.org.au](http://www.neami.org.au)



**NGUNYA JARJUM**  
**ABORIGINAL CHILD AND**  
**FAMILY NETWORK INC.**

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service in NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

### CASEWORK SPECIALIST

#### Selection Criteria Essentials:

- Aboriginality.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or minimum 3 years relevant experience in working with disadvantaged children and families.
- Knowledge of OOHHC issues and their impact on Aboriginal children and families.
- An understanding of Out-of-Home Care and relevant Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care legislation and NSW Office of Children's Guardian and Ombudsman requirements.
- Sound knowledge and an understanding of affects of child abuse and neglect and how that impacts on children's behaviour.
- Knowledge of managing challenging behaviour including the development of behaviour management plans.
- Knowledge of special needs requirements of children and parents with disabilities.
- Knowledge of specialist resources and support services.
- Knowledge of children's nutritional needs, mental and physical health issues including infectious disease control, managing aggressive and violent behaviours.
- Ability to promote Ngunya Jarjum in the community and to maintain strong community connections.
- Knowledge of issues of importance facing local Aboriginal communities and community dynamics.
- Ability to work positively with other agencies including specialist support services to support families and children in care and their carers.
- Ability to work to work plans and effective time management.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a team and follow established Policy and Procedures.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing, sound record keeping and file maintenance.
- Sound knowledge of Occupation Health and Safety Requirements.
- A Current NSW Driver's License.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" applies for this Position.

In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Location:** Casino

**Contact:** Lenore Marlowe-General Manager - 02 6662 8044

**Information Packages:** Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request.

**Applications:** Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum,  
P.O. Box Casino. NSW, 2470

**Closing Date: Friday 10th of February 2012.**

## HEPATITIS VICTORIA

### Aboriginal Health Educator (Part Time) Project Worker - 0.8 EFT/ 4 days per week

Hepatitis Victoria is a statewide, not for profit, community based, public health organisation committed to reducing the impact of viral hepatitis. Hepatitis Victoria provides information, support, referral, education and advocacy for people living with viral hepatitis and training for those who work with them.

The Aboriginal Health Educator will work closely with our team of educators and in partnership with key Aboriginal organisations, to deliver education programs about viral hepatitis to Aboriginal people and workers throughout Victoria. If you enjoy working on a diverse range of projects, including providing education on an important health issue affecting Aboriginal communities then this will be an ideal job for you. You will also have experience in working directly with Aboriginal services and people. On the job training and support will be provided.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Hepatitis Victoria offers an enjoyable team working environment, ongoing professional development and above award conditions, including attractive salary packaging options and benefits.

If you are interested in this exciting role and would like to talk more about the position, then call Garry Irving (Programs Manager) on 0417 511 691.

Applicants must address the key selection criteria contained in the Position Description. To learn more about Hepatitis Victoria and to download a copy of the Position Description, visit [www.hepvic.org.au](http://www.hepvic.org.au) or call (03) 9380 4644.

**Applications close: 5:00 pm on Friday 17 February, 2012.**

## Namoi House Incorporated POSITIONS VACANT

**Namoi House Incorporated is an organisation responsible for the running for Walgett Supported Accommodation Project and Barwon Cottage Women & Children Refuge. Previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply, addressing the Selection Criteria.**

### Support Worker

Support Worker position is available at Barwon Cottage Women & Children Refuge. The successful applicant will be required to work shift work. All applicants should possess the relevant qualifications and/ or experience. As outlined in the Position Description.

### Support Worker (Casual)

Casual positions are available at Walgett supported accommodation. The successful applicant will be required to work shift work. All applicants should possess the relevant qualifications and/ or experience. As outlined in the Position Description.

### Child Support Worker

We are seeking a Children Services Worker for Barwon Cottage offering flexible working arrangements over a 5 day work period. Relevant Children's Services qualifications and/or experience required.

**Applications close 10th February 2012**

Applicants should obtain the Position Description and selection criteria by phoning 68281140.

Applications should be addressed to: The Management Committee PO Box 425 Walgett NSW 2832



Mission Australia

## Indigenous Employment Program Coordinator – Upper Hunter

Mission Australia is Australia's leading not for profit organisation and we are still growing! With over 3,500 paid staff nationally, providing over 550 different services, Mission Australia is an empowering and compassionate organisation that has been helping transform the lives of Australians in need for than 150 years. We are innovative, collaborative and values driven.

Mission Australia's Employment Solutions is one of Australia's largest government funded providers of employment services. We offer various pathways to employment; including job placements, addressing job seekers barriers, skills training, traineeships and apprenticeships.

The Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) is designed to increase Indigenous Australians participation in employment.

As our Coordinator based at Singleton, you will help drive the IEP Program in the Upper Hunter by bringing together Job Services Australia providers (JSA), employers and the Indigenous community. Through engaging indigenous job seekers in an industry specific training program, you will assist job seekers in securing sustainable employment.

#### The successful applicant will possess:

- Demonstrated knowledge and a deep understanding of Indigenous societies and cultures.
- Experience in relationship management
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills
- The ability to work to KPIS
- Sound administration skills
- A current drivers license and reliable vehicle

**Please Note:** The position is a six month full time contract, with the view to moving to a part time contract after. Extensive travel across the Upper Hunter will be required.

**Applications close 1st of February 2012. To apply please visit our careers website [www.transforminglives.com.au](http://www.transforminglives.com.au). Enquiries can be directed to Trisha Smith on (02) 9219 8079.**

Transform your career at  
[www.transformlives.com.au](http://www.transformlives.com.au)

TRANSFORM

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Corporate Professional Not-for Profit Organisation
- Community & Capacity Building Emphasis
- Attractive Remuneration Package

The Wurundjeri Tribe Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council Incorporated represents the traditional Indigenous people of the Melbourne and greater Melbourne region. Over the past 6 years the Council has transformed into a thriving organisation employing over 40 staff across 9 major program areas.

The Council works to strengthen the Wurundjeri community and to protect and advance the social, economic and political interests of the Wurundjeri people. Through its efforts in cultural heritage management, community education, ceremony and wellbeing initiatives, the Council aims to keep Wurundjeri culture alive and its cultural places protected for future generations. The Council has statutory responsibilities as a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) under the Aboriginal Heritage Act and operates as the busiest RAP in Victoria.

**The CEO's role will be to continue to develop the cultural and business activities and aspirations of this community-based organisation by:**

- Providing leadership in the planning and delivery of the Council's strategic directions and goals
- Managing an office and field-based workforce of over 40 staff members
- Building organisational capability and supporting the Committee of Management to fulfill its governance functions.
- Ensuring Council meets its statutory functions
- Building quality relationships with a diverse group of stakeholders.

**The Wurundjeri Council is seeking an energetic professional with the following skills and qualities:**

- experience in senior management, preferably in a not for profit community based organisation
- knowledge of or experience working with Aboriginal communities.
- ability to lead complex teams and work with diverse stakeholders.
- experience managing administrative, statutory, governance and Government processes.
- skilled at managing conflict

In return you have the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the development of a well established and highly regarded Aboriginal organization and in the growth of the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council and its people.

For a confidential discussion please contact Greg Halse (03 9862 5900) or send your resume to [greg@crossroadshr.com.au](mailto:greg@crossroadshr.com.au) by **6th February 2012.**



## ENGAGE / ADVISE / PURSUE CONNECT: STUDENT SUPPORT & RECRUITMENT ADVISOR

- Woolyungah Indigenous Centre
- Permanent Continuing Role

The Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) is the University Centre of Learning and Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (ATSI). WIC engages with the University, Aboriginal communities and the wider community to promote the University as a key site for Indigenous Higher Education. WIC is responsible for the provision and continuous improvement of student support services to ATSI Students. WIC provides advice and support in all areas relating to students progress and success, ensuring improved outcomes by providing high quality academic support and advice.

We are seeking to recruit a highly motivated person with strong evidence of independent problem solving and decision making abilities to take a key position in student support, student recruitment and community relations. You will also share responsibility for the implementation of policies, processes and procedures for Student Support and Recruitment. This will include

ensuring improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UOW main campus and regional centres by providing high quality academic support and advice, coordinating and further developing outreach to Schools and recruitment activities and knowledge of the tertiary education environment.

Aboriginality is essential for this position. Pursuant to Section (14) d of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, Aboriginality is considered to be an essential requirement for the performance of duties for this position.

Visit [employment.uow.edu.au](http://employment.uow.edu.au) for a full position description with Selection Criteria. You must address the Selection Criteria as part of your application. You can contact Professor John Bern on (02) 4221 4245 for further information about this position.

**Applications Close:** 12 February 2012  
**Reference No:** 24147

[employment.uow.edu.au](http://employment.uow.edu.au)



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**DURRI ABORIGINAL  
CORPORATION MEDICAL  
SERVICES**



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**KEMPSEY BASED UP TO \$150,000 PACKAGE + FBT BENEFITS  
NSW MID-NORTH COAST  
DESIGNATED ABORIGINAL POSITION\***

Durri ACMS is seeking a talented leader with extensive senior management experience and good knowledge of the Aboriginal health sector. Over the past 30 years Durri has provided essential and culturally appropriate health and medical services to Aboriginal communities. The CEO will lead a team of over 80 employees to continue this important work and achieve the goals set out in Durri's strategic plan.

To be successful, you will possess tertiary qualifications, extensive senior level experience in a health related field, and a demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal culture and current issues in Aboriginal health. You will also demonstrate solid experience in financial management and implementing effective management systems.

A generous salary package of up to \$150,000 per annum plus FBT benefits will be negotiated with the successful applicant, depending on skills and experience.

If you thrive in an environment where you can make a difference and drive the organisation's success, please visit [www.durri.org.au](http://www.durri.org.au) or email [hr@durri.org.au](mailto:hr@durri.org.au) for a copy of the position description and selection criteria form.

To apply attach a copy of your resume not exceeding 5 pages, and the selection criteria form and email to [hr@durri.org.au](mailto:hr@durri.org.au), or mail to:

**Human Resources Manager  
Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Services  
PO Box 136  
Kempsey NSW 2440**

Applications that do not attach a completed selection criteria form will not be considered.

*Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorised under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act Section 14D.*

**Applications close on 17 February 2012.**



**Health  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District**

**Aboriginal Health Education Officer  
(Non-Grad/Graduate)**

**Ref:** 60389 F/T at Campbelltown Community Health  
**Salary:** \$44,701-\$76,243 pa

**Enq:** Kelly Walker

**Ph:** (02) 4625 2525

**Closing Date:** 10 February 2012

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification  
and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-  
Discrimination Act 1977.**

**Please apply online by visiting:  
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>**

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**



**Government of  
Western Australia  
Department for Child  
Protection**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Country Services**

**Web Search No:** 006275

**Level/Salary:** Level 2, \$50,557 - \$54,900 pa

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for provision of administrative support to District Director and Team Leaders in the District.

**To Access Detailed Information:** Visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Natasha Bargeus on 9160 2400.

**Location:** Newman / Tom Price

**Closing Date:** Monday, 30 January 2011 at 5.00pm.



**Northern  
Territory  
Government**

**Careers with the  
Department of Children and Families**  
*thriving communities, strong families, safe children*

**Work for the Department of Children and Families... and make a difference.**

Expand your horizons, be challenged and develop skills in a cross-cultural context by joining the Department of Children and Families and working in the Northern Territory. You can work across a range of fields, from early childhood development, parenting and family support services, community development, youth services, and the administration, development and delivery of specialist services across homelessness, family violence, sexual assault and child protection. You will have opportunities to use your skills and experience to make a real difference to people's lives.

**Child Protection Workers**

**Professional 1** Remuneration Package Range \$58 426 – \$75 247  
(comprising salary \$50 721 – \$65 410, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

**Professional 2** Remuneration Package Range \$77 462 – \$92 652  
(comprising salary \$67 367 – \$80 788, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

**Regional Services  
Permanent**

We are seeking Child Protection Workers with a degree level qualification such as Bachelor of Social Work, or Psychology who are dedicated to providing excellent child protection practice. Several permanent positions are available in various locations including Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Alice Springs, Mobile Child Protection Team and the Central Intake Team.

Selection will be made at the Professional 1 or Professional 2 level depending on the experience of the successful applicant.

**Remuneration**

- Great salaries and conditions
- Generous incentive allowances
- Superannuation at 9% of gross salary per annum
- 6 weeks annual leave with 17.5% leave loading
- Relocation assistance

For further information and details about our generous incentive allowances, please contact Helen Yallop on 08 8922 7345 or email [helen.yallop@nt.gov.au](mailto:helen.yallop@nt.gov.au)

**Quote vacancy number: 211255**

**Closing date: 24 February 2012**

**Application Information:** Applicants should address the selection criteria and provide a current CV and contact details for 2 referees (including an email address). A full job description can be obtained by visiting [www.nt.gov.au/jobs](http://www.nt.gov.au/jobs). Further information about these positions can be obtained by **TOLLFREE 1300 659 247** or email [recruitmentjobvacancies@nt.gov.au](mailto:recruitmentjobvacancies@nt.gov.au)

To access details of all jobs available within the Department of Children and Families, and to find out more about working with us, visit [www.dcfcareers.nt.gov.au](http://www.dcfcareers.nt.gov.au)

*Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children Clearance notice / Ochre Card (application forms available from SAFE NT @ [www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au)) and undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.*

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**Department of Children and Families - thriving communities, strong families, safe children**

*The Northern Territory Government is an equal opportunity  
employer and values an inclusive and diverse workforce.*

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**WE'RE LOOKING FOR  
BRISBANE'S  
BEST**



**Senior Consultant - Equity & Diversity  
and Indigenous Talent**

Do you want to make a difference in building a truly diverse and inclusive culture in Brisbane City Council?

In this challenging and rewarding leadership role you will deliver access and inclusiveness initiatives that benefit all staff, including specific programs for indigenous people, women, people with a disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

We strongly value candidates with:

- indigenous community knowledge and consultation experience with a focus on employment and retention outcomes in a business environment
- experience developing and implementing general equity and diversity strategies.

Both full-time and part-time applications will be considered.

*Working in Council means delivering excellent customer service to the people of Brisbane.*

**Salary:** AUD \$86,867 - \$95,330 (plus 14% superannuation)

**Closing:** 1 February 2012

**How to apply:** Apply online (Job Number KMA787399)

**Remuneration stated is for full-time positions. For more information  
and to apply, visit our website below or phone (07) 3403 4998.**

**Visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/careers](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/careers)**

Council is made up of people dedicated to a better Brisbane.

*Brisbane City Council offers over 4000 different jobs,  
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working on something that's truly worthwhile.*

*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*



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**NSW Police Force**  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

**General Administrative Support Officer**

**Aboriginal targeted position**

**Central Hunter Local Area Command, Northern Region, Field Operations**

**Clerk Grade 1/2**

**Permanent Full-Time**

**Maitland and Cessnock**

**Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 12/006**

**Salary Package:** \$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Central Hunter Local Area Command at both Maitland and Cessnock Police stations, focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including Court Process Officer duties at both Maitland and Cessnock Police stations and assisting the Roster Officer for Central Hunter Local Area Command.

**Job Notes:**

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with *Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- For your application to be considered you must attach an up-to-date resume and a written response addressing each of the selection criteria listed in the advertisement. If not, your application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including workings of the local court system.

**Enquiries:** Dennis Jordan on (02) 4934 0301

**Downloadable Information Pack:** <http://files.jobs.nsw.gov.au/bni7r7>

**Applications must be submitted through [www.Jobs.NSW.gov.au](http://www.Jobs.NSW.gov.au)**

**Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000S1G**

**Closing Date: Sunday 26 February 2012**

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## PaCE Project Coordinator Campbelltown

AFL (NSW/ACT) is expanding its Indigenous programs with the delivery of the Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) program. An exciting opportunity has arisen for motivated and dedicated individuals to join the team in the role of PaCE Program Coordinator.

The AFL PaCE program is a community driven program. It focuses on the development and implementation of innovative approaches to improve the educational outcomes of Indigenous school students through enhancing Indigenous parental engagement with schools and education providers.

The PaCE Project Coordinator position is responsible for direct program delivery and development for Indigenous parents, communities and school children.

To view the position description and apply please visit [www.afl.com.au/careers](http://www.afl.com.au/careers)

Please direct any enquiries  
to Kylie Storer on (03) 9643 1896.

**Closing date: 1st February 2011**



## Careers with Queensland Health

### Occupational Therapist or Psychologist or Social Worker (Mental Health Clinician)

EVOLVE Therapeutic Service, Child and Youth Mental Health, Central Queensland Mental Health Service, Rockhampton, Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$7973 p.m., comprising salary between \$2120.70 - \$3214.30 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP3) (Temporary position until Sunday, 30 September 2012. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy.)

**Duties/Abilities:** Deliver culturally appropriate professional clinical services in assessment and treatment of children and young people (and their carer networks) with severe and complex mental health problems and disorders as a member of a multi-disciplinary team to maximize consumer outcomes. For Social Workers - Potential applicants are advised that the *Aged Care Act 1997* requires Queensland Health employees and volunteers of aged care services to have a current National Police Certificate. Queensland Health will facilitate the applicants obtaining the above checks. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

**Enquiries:** Bernard Weckmann (07) 4920 5700.

**Job Ad Reference:** H12RK01298.

**Application Kit:** (07) 4920 7000 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 13 February 2012.

### Advanced Health Worker

Aged Care Service, Community Health Services, Rockhampton, Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 - \$61 187 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Assess older persons within the Aged Care Assessment Program (ACAP) guidelines for eligibility to access Commonwealth subsidised services and other community services. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Aged Care Act 1997* requires Queensland Health employees and volunteers of aged care services to have a current National Police Certificate. Queensland Health will facilitate the applicants obtaining the above checks.

**Enquiries:** Wendy Hiron (07) 4920 6943.

**Job Ad Reference:** H12RK01219.

**Application Kit:** (07) 4920 7000 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 13 February 2012.

### Advanced Health Worker

Continuing Care Team, Central Queensland Mental Health Service, Rockhampton, Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Develop and deliver primary mental health care services including prevention, education, intervention and promotion activities and strategies to individuals, families and community groups. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

**Enquiries:** Rebekah Deighton (07) 4920 6100.

**Job Ad Reference:** H12RK01149.

**Application Kit:** (07) 4920 7000 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 13 February 2012.

**You can apply online at**  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.  
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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## Accounts Payable Officer - Vacancy 00382

SUNSHINE

### VicRoads manages the Victorian road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

Are you an Indigenous Australian who has:

- experience in financial administration including petty cash and invoice processing;
- intermediate computer skills including use of email, Microsoft Word & Excel; and
- a passion for working in a team that delivers for the community?

VicRoads Metropolitan North West Region is seeking Indigenous candidates for this exciting opportunity to join our team based in Sunshine. Our office is located close to public transport and shops, and free car parking is provided.

View the role statement at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)  
Search: *Employment/current vacancies*

**Closing date:** Friday 10 February 2012

*The VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program has been granted a VCAT exemption from the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (#A157/2009) to advertise the above named opportunity for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates only.*

Salary is in the range of \$42,659 to \$51,901 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range.

For enquires please email  
[employment@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:employment@roads.vic.gov.au)



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## SENIOR ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT AND EEO ADVISOR

Position No: 12/014

### The City of Newcastle as an Employer

The City of Newcastle has over 1000 employees who provide over 69 services to the community. Newcastle has a population of 143,000, with an Aboriginal population of 2.1%. "...being part of a diverse and dynamic team who share a common vision for Newcastle" is just one of the reasons why staff like working with The City of Newcastle.

### What we offer

- Roster Day Off each month
- Access to Employee Health & Wellbeing Programs -
- Corporate Fitness: Work out at over 30 local gyms for only \$3.20 per week
- Employee Assistance Program
- Access to Professional Development and Employee Education Assistance
- Long service leave after 5 years

### Do you have what we need?

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.
- Possession of or currently undertaking qualifications in Human Resource Management (HRM) or related discipline or equivalent level of experience gained from a combination of experience, training or professional accreditation.
- Experience in the area of Aboriginal employment and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal issues, current employment policies, programs and strategies.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) legislation and principles and experience in the application of EEO initiatives.

### What will you do?

- Develop, implement, promote, monitor and evaluate Council's Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan and related plans, strategies and policies.
- Provide specialist strategic advice and assistance to other HR services, Managers, Supervisors and Workplace Contact Officers where they have an impact on AES and EEO.
- Coordinate relevant cultural awareness and EEO forums, information and programs including assisting in the formulation of future workplace behaviour and cultural competency training.

*Please refer to the Position Description for the entire scope of essential and desirable criteria which all applicants must address*

**Salary:** Circa \$93,073 pa (including super) for a 35 hour week.

**Closing Date:** 4:00pm on Friday 10 February 2012

**Enquiries:** Contact Kate Holliday, Senior HR Advisor, on (02) 4974 2607.

### HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must address the selection criteria.  
You must have the right to live and work in Australia to apply for this job.

The City of Newcastle Council is a non-smoking workplace.  
A position information kit is available at  
[www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au)

# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – ABORIGINAL TOURISM

- CBD
- VPS Grade 4 (\$66,235.00 - \$75,151.00 plus 9% superannuation)

Tourism Victoria is the Victorian Government's peak tourism organisation with a key role in actively promoting Victoria as a premier tourist destination in the domestic and international markets. Working within the Product Marketing Unit, the Business Development Manager – Aboriginal Tourism has a vital role in being responsible for assisting Victoria's Aboriginal Tourism businesses to develop and grow in a sustainable manner, through mentoring, strategic planning and accessing marketing opportunities.

Reporting to the Group Manager – Product Marketing, this position will have the responsibility of working closely with other key Government agencies, including the Aboriginal Economic Development Unit within the Department of Business and Innovation, Arts Victoria, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Department of Planning and Community Development, Parks Victoria and Aboriginal Tourism Victoria (ATV).

In a role that offers you the opportunity to embed greater knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal community and culture across Tourism Victoria, you will also have the opportunity to participate in the activities of the Department's new Aboriginal Employment Plan, such as career development, mentoring and networking opportunities.

To be successful for this role, you will need to demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal business community along with having the knowledge and experience in assisting businesses in developing and promoting their products in a range of markets.

A demonstrated ability in the development and implementation of marketing strategies and projects, including the development and implementation of targeted marketing campaigns across a range of marketing mediums is essential to this position. Experience working in the tourism industry will be highly regarded.

### How to Apply

If you are interested in this opportunity, then submit your application by visiting the careers in Government Victoria website [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au), quoting reference number VG/001400. A job description is available.

Alternatively, for a confidential discussion, please contact Ms Chris White, Group Manager Product Marketing on (03) 9653 9746.

For further information regarding the Department of Business and Innovation, please visit our website at <http://www.dbi.vic.gov.au>

**Applications close Friday 3rd February 2012**



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## Family & Community Services Aboriginal Housing Office

### Project Officer, Identified

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Department of Family & Community Services  
Aboriginal Housing Office  
Temporary Full-Time  
Nowra / Batemans Bay  
Requisition No: 00000RYW

Total remuneration package valued up to \$97,836 per annum (Salary: \$80,096 pa - \$88,660 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### Job Description:

The Project Officer works as part of the regional team to implement major or strategic AHO initiatives to support the sustainable expansion of the Aboriginal housing sector and to reform management practices and arrangements in the sector. The position provides advice to stakeholders on program development or evaluation within the region. The high level of community contact requires the position to be sensitive to user issues and requirements.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impact in relation to housing and related assistance with a demonstrated commitment to client service.
2. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to work with community-based organisations and the ability to negotiate and influence others to achieve outcomes.
3. Demonstrated ability to give formal presentations, facilitate and lead workshops and discussions, and prepare culturally appropriate information.
4. Proven ability to research or review complex policy documents on Aboriginal housing and related issues.
5. Knowledge of issues of community housing management and the AHO's role in the sector and to develop innovative and appropriate responses to clients.
6. Project management experience preferably gained in a community service delivery environment and ability to manage a high workload and competing priorities.
7. Capacity to work independently, and in a team environment, and to manage a high workload and competing priorities.
8. Current driver's licence and willingness to drive.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 30 June 2012 and will be located in Nowra or Batemans Bay. In this position, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in accordance with Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

**Enquiries:** Janice Dennis on 8836 9463 or 0422 000 315

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Requisition Number:** 00000RYW

**Closing Date:** Friday 10 February 2012

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## Family & Community Services Community Services

### Senior Project Officer Clerk Grade 9/10

Learning & Development Branch, Ashfield & Glebe  
Temporary Full-Time  
Reference No. 00000PB4

Total remuneration package valued up to \$111,026 per annum (Salary: \$91,303 pa - \$100,613 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### Job Description:

Plan, manage and complete allocated projects and initiatives within the relevant Directorate to achieve project objectives, timelines and budget. Contribute through effective consultation and liaison with key stakeholders the development and management of an allocated portfolio of issues and projects to meet the objectives and priorities of Community Services.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. High level understanding of workplace learning, adult education, professional development, quality assurance and change management strategies.
2. Sound knowledge of relevant legislation, Commonwealth and State Agreements.
3. Proven experience in a project officer/management role within a large, complex, diverse and changing environment.
4. Proven project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.
5. Demonstrated experience in developing/implementing staff training and development projects.
6. Sound communication skills including demonstrated interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
7. Demonstrated experience working effectively with Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander people.

#### Job Notes:

This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period up to 30 June 2012 under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. There is a possibility the position will be extended beyond 30 June 2012 to 30 June 2013. The main base of the position will be at Head Office in Ashfield; however the position holder will be required to work from Learning & Development Branch in Glebe 1-2 days per week (negotiable). Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

It is an offence under the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* (section 33) for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. The *Commission for Children & Young People Act 1998* require that all recommended candidates are screened for national criminal records, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs), and relevant employment proceedings.

**Enquiries:** For information about the position, please call Bianca Jarrett on (02) 9716 2225

**Information Packages and to apply on-line:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Refer to Reference No: 00000PB4

**Closing Date:** Friday 10 February 2012

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### Aboriginal Community Support Workers

New Horizons is seeking experienced **Aboriginal Community Workers** to join a new team in Newcastle. The role will be responsible for **providing culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal community members** and their families. An integral part of the role will be to **walk beside the person and help them make the best of their life** and achieve their potential. *Due to the nature of this role, applicants are required to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.*

Apply now: [www.newhorizons.net.au/careers](http://www.newhorizons.net.au/careers)



### ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON WORKER

- Central Coast Location
- Permanent Part Time role (22.5 hpw)
- Salary Range: \$26.42 - \$29.28ph plus super and salary packaging

Interrelate Family Centres is a not-for profit community based organisation providing relationship services for individuals, couples and families. Our Central Coast centre is seeking a part time Aboriginal Community Liaison Worker to support and promote the overall operations of the centre by providing Indigenous-specific information and advice to staff and developing networks in the community.

#### Key Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Exp. in community work/ family mediation; particularly with Aboriginal families and children and/ or qualifications in a related field
- Exp in consulting with the Aboriginal community and stakeholders
- Ability to work flexible work times

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To apply please visit [www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au) and click on "Employment opportunities"

**Applications close: COB (5pm) Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012**

*Interrelate Services are funded by the Australian Government and as such all positions require satisfactory completion of relevant Police and Working with Children checks.*

[www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au)



### Aboriginal Learning Liaison Officer Supporting Grafton and Maclean Campuses

**Status:** Temporary Part-time 22 hpw  
February to December 2012

**Job Reference No:** 12/001/NCI

**Salary:** \$32.69 - \$35.80 per hour

**Job Description:** Provide an Aboriginal student advisory and support service including appropriate referral and liaison with internal and external stakeholders to proactively ensure high quality, timely and accurate service for the local community, prospective and existing students.

#### Job Notes:

- Prior to applying applicants are encouraged to discuss their interest in the position with the Panel Convenor **Simone Nelson on 0417 190 954**.
- Applicants must obtain an Information Package in order to proceed.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

#### Information Package:

- Download from [northcoast.tafensw.edu.au](http://northcoast.tafensw.edu.au)
- Email to [ncit.recruitment@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:ncit.recruitment@tafensw.edu.au)
- Phone 1800 008 233

**Closing date:** Friday 3 February 2012



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Government of  
**Western Australia**  
Department for Child Protection

## District Administration Officer

Country Services

**Web Search No:** 007053

**Level/Salary:** Level 3, \$58,010 – \$62,984 pa

The District Administration Officer under the guidance of the Business Manager is responsible for developing and maintaining quality administrative services to the District Office.

**To Access Detailed Information:** Visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No.or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact  
Natasha Bargeus on 9160 2400.

**Location:** South Hedland

**Closing Date:** Monday, 30 January 2012 at 5.00pm.



## Public Works

### Graduate Project Officer Grade 3/4

The Graduate Project Officer assists the Project Managers with planning and/or delivery of a range of infrastructure project tasks to ensure time, cost, quality, safety and environmental targets and the regions business objectives and client expectations are met.

To be considered for this role you have a valid NSW Drivers license and willingness to drive to remote locations which may include overnight stays. You will hold an appropriate tertiary qualification in project management, engineering (civil or environmental), architecture, building or construction.

To be successful in the role you will have demonstrable experience in planning and delivering project tasks including managing project delivery risks. You will have exceptional organisational skills and client liaison capabilities.

**Job Notes:** Position is targeted under the Department of Finance and Services Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.

**Salary Package:**  
\$78,733 package includes (\$65,971-\$72,233)  
plus superannuation

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 8th of February 2012

**For enquiries:** Dianne Lawrence (02) 9372 8856

To find out more about the Graduate Project Officer Role or to apply please go to [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for job reference 00000SMF

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## Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

### Family Support Coordinator

*(Funded by the Commonwealth Dept of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs)*

This position within Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service will be responsible for coordinating parental support services to Aboriginal families within the Wellington Shire. This program has been funded under the Indigenous Parenting Support Service (IPSS) initiative to identify and address barriers to good family relationships, whilst supporting them through children's transitions to childcare, pre-school and primary school. The program will also be targeting vulnerable families to address complex issues of social and financial disadvantage that can lead to a diverse range of family issues that may impact on the development and health of children.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a very high level of skills and experience in family or children services supported by relevant tertiary qualifications, and have experience in providing these support services to Aboriginal communities. The IPSS program has been funded to also provide a part-time Aboriginal Health Worker, to which the Family Health Coordinator will be responsible for supervising in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

Suitably qualified and skilled people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply. A salary up to \$80k depending on qualifications, skills and experience will be negotiated with the successful applicant with the package also including a number of one-off incentive based provisions.

Prospective applicants will need to contact Patricia George Healthy for Life Coordinator or Darren Ah See CEO at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service on (02) 6845 3545 or by emailing [enquiries@wachs.net.au](mailto:enquiries@wachs.net.au) for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application.

**Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 27th January 2012**





**Family & Community Services**  
Housing NSW

## Regional Strategies Officer (Identified)

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Housing Services - Southern & Western Region  
Orange  
Temporary Full-Time  
Job Reference No: 00000RGI

Total remuneration package valued up to \$97,836 per annum (Salary: \$80,096 pa - \$88,660 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

The position will support whole-of-government initiatives, regional strategies, community engagement, and social inclusion projects for children, families and communities across the Region. It has a particular focus delivering key objectives in Families NSW and the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy and Regional Plans.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Knowledge of current literature, research and evidence based in the field of prevention and early intervention in the early years of childhood.
3. Demonstrated understanding of the range and roles of service providers in providing a network of services to children, families and communities.
4. Knowledge of contemporary community development philosophies and understanding of Government grant funding to build capacity in communities.
5. Demonstrated project management skills, including experience in engaging stakeholders and managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.
6. Good research, analytical and problem solving skills and sound written communication skills and interpersonal skills.
7. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or the equivalent demonstrated work experience.
8. Current NSW Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. This is a temporary position up to June 2013, with possibility of extension. This position requires extensive travel - a motor car and travel allowance is provided.

**Enquiries:** Paul Little - A/Area Director, Western Area - (02) 6363 6012

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference Number:** 00000RGI

**Closing Date:** 17 February 2012

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**ACT**  
Government

Community Services

## Policy and Organisational Services

## Multicultural, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainee

### Administrative Services Officer Class 1

**Salary Range: \$39,588 - \$43,752 (PN: ATSITP2012)**

An opportunity exists for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be part of the ACT Government Indigenous Traineeship Program.

Successful applicants will undertake a 12 month traineeship, with each applicant to complete a 12 month qualification in either Certificate III, or Certificate IV in Government. During the traineeship, successful applicants will be employed as an ACT Government public servant at the ASO1 level. Successful graduates from the program who have met the probationary requirements of employment may be promoted to permanent full-time ASO2 or higher positions. Applicants may have an opportunity to be placed with the Education and Training Directorate in a school environment on a part-time basis, working 6hrs 15mins each day (85% of the trainee salary) and will be on paid stand down or annual leave during designated school vacation periods.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** These are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified positions. It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

**Note:** Applicants should submit a 1-2 page expression of interest to be considered for this program. Applicants may be required to undertake a two (2) day job ready program as part of this selection process.

**Contact Officer:** Brendan Oldfield (02) 6205 2551 [oatsia@act.gov.au](mailto:oatsia@act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 24 February 2012

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## Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 1 February 2012



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Tribunal

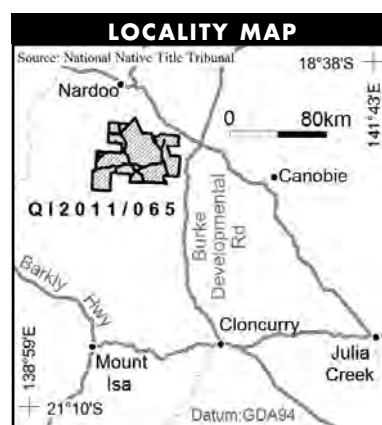


### QI2011/064 Kalkadoon People, Stanbroke and State of Queensland ILUA

#### Description of the agreement area:

The application covers about 205 square kilometres and is located approximately 200 kilometres north of Mount Isa and 100 kilometres east of Mount Isa as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Burke Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



### QI2011/065 Kalkadoon People, Stanbroke and State of Queensland - Kamilaroi ILUA

#### Description of the agreement area:

The application covers about 2590 square kilometres and is located approximately 130 kilometres north of Mount Isa as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Burke Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.

### Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Stanbroke Pastoral Company Pty Ltd  
C/- Thynne & Macartney  
Level 27, 12 Creek Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Illona Parter, Noleen Dempsey, Douglas Bruce, William Doyle, Lawrence (Sonny) Condren, Cornelia (Connie) Craigie, Patricia Kyle, Sue Sarmardin (Jnr) and Hazel Munro on their own behalf and on behalf of the Kalkadoon People  
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd  
Level 4, 370 Queen Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

State of Queensland  
C/- Crown Law  
Level 11, State Law Building  
50 Ann Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

### The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

#### QI2011/064 Kalkadoon People, Stanbroke and State of Queensland ILUA

5.1 The parties consent to the Surrender.

5.2 The parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.

["Surrender Area" is defined in clause 1.1 as the area described and shown on the map in Schedule 1 a copy of which can be obtained from the Tribunal's case manager].

#### QI2011/065 Kalkadoon People, Stanbroke and State of Queensland - Kamilaroi ILUA

31.1 The Kalkadoon People consent to the Surrender.

31.2 The Surrender will take effect 28 days after the Kalkadoon People receive from the Proponent a copy of written confirmation from the State that the Proponent's application to convert the [Kamilaroi] Lease or part or parts thereof (excluding the Operative Area) to a perpetual lease and/or to freehold land has been approved.

31.3 The parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.

["Surrender Area" is defined in clause 1.1 as that part of the Kamilaroi Lease which is not included in the Operative Area AND the subject of a successful application to convert that part of the lease to a perpetual lease and/or to freehold land. The Operative Area and the Kamilaroi Lease are shown on the map in Schedule 3 a copy of which can be obtained from the Tribunal's case manager].

### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These two applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown on the above map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 1 May 2012.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management, Queensland. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Case Manager Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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## NOTICE TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL AREA INTO MINERAL LEASE 4SA

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following additional area to be included into existing **Mineral Lease 4SA** under the Mining Act 1978 (WA) and in accordance with Clause 10J(1) of the *Iron Ore (Hamersley Range) Agreement Act 1963*.

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Sec 291	Hamersley Iron Pty Limited	8062.96HA	31km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22° 44' S Long 117° 29' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day: 25 January 2012**

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 25 May 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 8 February 2012



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



### QI2011/063 Port of Abbot Point ILUA

#### Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 380 square kilometres, located approximately 10 kilometres north-west of Bowen as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Whitsunday Regional Council.

#### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited  
Level 24  
300 Queen Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Margaret Smallwood, Tracey Lampton,  
Loretta Prior, Ray Gaston, Andrew Morrell,  
Janet Lymburner and Lenora Aldridge  
on their own behalf and on behalf of the Juru People  
native title claim group (QUD554/10; QC10/5)  
C/- North Queensland Land Council  
PO Box 697N  
CARINS NORTH, QLD 4870

Co-ordinator General  
c/- Crown Law  
PO Box 15009  
CITY EAST QLD 4002  
State of Queensland  
c/-Crown Law  
Level 11, State Law Building  
50 Ann Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

#### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

7.1 The Parties: (a) consent to the Surrender in the APSD [Abbot Point State Development] Surrender Area and in the Port Surrender Area; (b) consent to: (i) the grant of the Applicable Authorisations, the APSD Freehold and the Port Freehold; (ii) the doing of the Port Infrastructure Development, the Port Ancillary Works and the APSD; and (iii) the activities carried out by any person in accordance with the Vegetation Management in the Wetlands Contract and the Land and Sea Contract, including those activities set out in clauses 16.6(a)(iii) and 16.8(f)(iv), in the ILUA Area.

8.1(a) The Parties agree that the Surrender in relation to the Port Surrender Area and the APSD Surrender Area is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in those areas.

9. Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act* is not intended to apply to any of the Agreed Acts.

“APSD Surrender Area” means the land or waters within the APSDA, and which will be within and not extend beyond the outer boundaries formed by the coordinates set out in item 2 of Schedule A and delineated by a map in item 2(a) of Schedule B and determined by survey after the Commencement Date, but prior to the Surrender of the APSD Surrender Area.

“Port Surrender Area” means land or waters within: (a) the NQBP Project Area, that NQBP [North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited ABN 36 136 880 218] determines require Port Freehold to facilitate the Port Infrastructure Development or Port Ancillary Works; (b) the NQBP Ancillary Offshore Works Area, that NQBP determines require Port Freehold to facilitate Port Ancillary Works for the construction, operation and maintenance of any groyne walls; and (c) an Onshore Place within the ILUA Area but outside the NQBP Project Area, that NQBP determines require Port Freehold to facilitate the Port Ancillary Works, to be determined by survey after the Commencement Date but prior to the Surrender of this area or these areas.

#### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870 by 8 May 2012**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of the Environment & Resource Management (Qld). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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- Relevant VET and/or trade technical qualifications and experience
- Teaching, training or supervisory experience with Indigenous learners/workers
- Certificate IV in Training & Assessment

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander People are highly encouraged to apply.

**Closing date:**

**COB 20th February 2012**

Further information is available on our website at [www.icat.org.au](http://www.icat.org.au) or contact Gerry McKeegan on 0417 800 385. Please forward all applications to Human Resources, PO Box 8044, Alice Springs, NT 0871 or via email to [vacancies@icat.org.au](mailto:vacancies@icat.org.au)



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Applications must address the essential and desirable criteria as listed in the position description as those not addressing the selection criteria will not be considered.

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award 2010 and Wollondilly Shire Council Enterprise Agreement with a salary range being \$29.01 to \$32.66 per hour which represents Grade 14 of Council's Pay Administration System.

**Applications for this position close 4:00pm Tuesday 7 February 2012.**

Applications must include names of two recent referees, a telephone contact number and be addressed to the Manager Executive Services. A pre-placement health assessment at Council's expense will be required.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Sarah Lees, Manager Community Services on 4677 1108.

For a copy of the Guide for Job Applicants and position description please contact Deborah Davenport on 4677 8229 or visit Council's website at [www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au).

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Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources  
Management Board

Your chance to make a difference

## Project Officer

**\$51,801 – \$55,465 p.a. (OPS-3)**

**Vacancy No: C327/2012**

The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board region encompasses the far west of South Australia. This is an opportunity to be involved in supporting and guiding Aboriginal community involvement with on ground works delivery of natural resource management projects in Yalata, Maralinga Tjarutja and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. This includes on ground delivery of projects addressing a range of natural resource management issues including weeds and feral animals, traditional land management, land rehabilitation and monitoring land condition.

We are seeking someone who can work reliably and independently with the Aboriginal communities in this part of Australia. Your role will make a difference and help keep a beautiful part of the world in the best condition possible. You will be a part of a small team with experience and/or training in working on natural resource management projects and have an interest in supporting traditional landholders to look after their lands.

#### Special Conditions:

- This is a contract position based in Ceduna and is available until February 2013 initially.
- You will require a current driver's licence and willingness to drive a 4WD.
- Some out of hours work and travel within the region necessitating overnight stays in remote areas and camping will be required.

Job and Person Specification at [www.awnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.awnrm.sa.gov.au)

**Enquiries to:** Mr Bruce Macpherson on (08) 8357 3880 or Ms Ollanta Lipcer on (08) 8625 3706.

**People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**Applications Close: 5.00pm 3rd February 2012**

[www.awnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.awnrm.sa.gov.au)

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## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

AWC Carey is an Aboriginal owned and operated private Registered Training Organisation that was established in 2002, primarily to respond to the training needs of Indigenous clients located throughout South Australia and Western Australia. We are committed to the advancement of Aboriginal people through high quality and culturally appropriate training services that generate employment opportunities and career progression.

We currently have a vacancy for a full time Office Administrator to join our WA team based in Perth.

### Desirable skills and experience for this role include:

- Intermediate knowledge of Microsoft products
- Strong keyboard and data entry skills, ability to quickly learn new programs
- Enthusiastic and motivated self-starter who can use their initiative
- Able to work with minimal supervision at times
- Great interpersonal skills, willingness to work proactively with our team and clients
- Excellent communication skills, phone, written and verbal
- Knowledge or understanding of RTO training systems

Qualifications in training or business would be highly regarded but not essential as the successful applicant will receive relevant training to develop their skills to meet the requirements of the position.

To apply, please send a covering letter and resume to ssutherland@awctraining.com.au.

Telephone enquiries about the role should be directed to Sue Sutherland on 0409 953 254.

We are seeking to increase the diversity of our workforce to better meet the differing needs of our customers and improve equal opportunity outcomes for our employees. *Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.*

Unsolicited applications from recruitment agencies will not be accepted.



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

TENEMENT TYPE	NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	15/329	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	1.33HA	73km E'ly from Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 120° 17' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
<b>The purposes of L 15/329 are: a communications facility,a minesite administration facility,a pipeline,a power generation and transmission facility,a road,a workshop and storage facility</b>						
Mining Lease	08/488	YARRI MINING PTY LTD	23.60HA	16km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 115° 5' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1208	CORPS, Darryl John CORPS, Vaughan William	166.77HA	26km SWly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 31' S Long: 118° 28' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	45/1220	NELSON, Thomas Charles	40.04HA	34km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 119° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/521	SPITFIRE AUSTRALIA (SWW) PTY LTD	1637.48HA	115km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 121° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/1058	KARLAWINDA PTY LTD	1628.62HA	59km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 120° 5' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day: 25 January 2012**

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 25 May 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/2083	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LTD	385533	6.00HA	68km W'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 25' S Long: 122° 59' E	BROOME SHIRE
08/1712-I	GIRALIA RESOURCES NL	379472	146.63HA	104km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 51' S Long: 116° 43' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
08/1745	INTREPID MINES LTD	378601	47.48HA	107km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 35' S Long: 116° 18' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
15/1203	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	381654	5.94HA	40km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 121° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1213-I	ABEH PTY LTD	382760	36.62HA	24km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 121° 25' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
28/1672-I	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	386955	97.03HA	77km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 122° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
53/1352-I	HAWTIN, James Robert	381782	217.18HA	66km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 121° 19' E	WILUNA SHIRE
53/1389	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	382393	232.91HA	62km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 121° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
59/1709	MCDOWELL, Jaime Anthony	378075	12.14HA	61km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 117° 17' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
70/2372	RAINBAY NOMINEES PTY LTD	386192	1.57HA	21km E'ly of Augusta	Lat: 34° 15' S Long: 115° 26' E	AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
70/2464	METAL SANDS PTY LTD	386193	17.34HA	36km E'ly of Augusta	Lat: 34° 17' S Long: 115° 33' E	NANNUP SHIRE
77/1093-I	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	381790	27.79HA	71km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 118° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1093-I	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	381789	23.65HA	71km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 118° 53' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1365-I	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	381791	176.37HA	72km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 118° 53' E	YILGARN SHIRE
	BILDEX HOLDINGS PTY LTD					
77/1674	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	381788	9.14HA	61km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 118° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
	BILDEX HOLDINGS PTY LTD					

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 25 January 2012**

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 25 May 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Information sessions for the Bigambul People for a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

**Arrow Energy Pty Ltd** ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**) proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project involving the development of gas fields and the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure for Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone. This project is known as the Arrow LNG Project (**Arrow LNG Project**).

Arrow proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision C of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the land or waters that are subject to the Arrow LNG Project shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**) and for any such ILUA/s to be authorised by all persons required to do so under s251A of that legislation.

**The ILUA Area** is located wholly within the boundary of the Bigambul native title claim (Native Title Determination Application (QUD 101/09).

Information sessions regarding the Arrow LNG Project and proposed ILUA for any persons who identify as members of the native title claim group for the Bigambul native title claim will be held as follows:-

**Date:** Monday, 30 January 2012  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Venue:** Inverell East Bowling Club, Glen Innes Road, Inverell

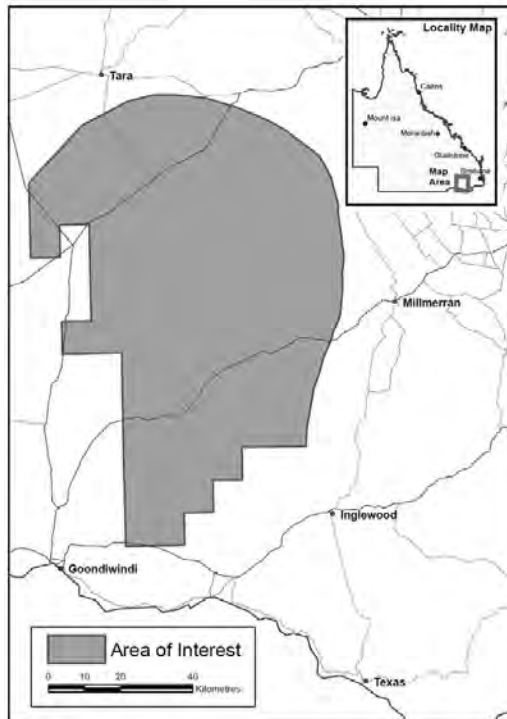
**Date:** Tuesday, 31 January 2012  
**Time:** 9.00am  
**Venue:** Goondiwindi Memorial RSL, 23 Albert Street, Goondiwindi

**Date:** Tuesday, 31 January 2012  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Venue:** Texas Motel, 14 High Street, Texas

**Date:** Wednesday, 1 February 2012  
**Time:** 9.00am  
**Venue:** Toowoomba Golf Club, 235/283-323 Rowbotham Street, Middle Ridge

**Date:** Monday, 6 February 2012  
**Time:** 9.00am  
**Venue:** Brisbane International, Sandgate Road, Virginia

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 February 2012  
**Time:** 11.00am  
**Venue:** Murgon Services Memorial Club, Gore Street, Murgon



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Financial assistance with travel and accommodation is not available, however catering will be provided. Attendees should register their intention to attend with **Magda Potasniczak** on (07) 3009 5400.



**Family & Community Services**  
Housing NSW

## Client Service Officer (ATSI Identified)

**Clerk Grade 2/4**  
**Housing Services**  
**Bathurst**  
**Permanent Full-Time**  
**Job Reference No: 00000RRZ**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary: \$56,509 pa - \$65,376 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

Client Service staff are the public face of our business, providing critical services and quality housing advice to applicants, tenants and stakeholders, including those with complex needs.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds including those with complex needs.
3. Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to use sensitivity in interviewing, problem-solving and decision-making.
4. Demonstrated ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands, in a high volume client focused environment.
5. Written communication skills, computer literacy and capacity to interpret policy and guidelines.
6. Ability to work autonomously and in teams and partnerships.
7. Willingness to work with tenants in their homes.
8. Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Please note that the successful applicants must be willing to work with clients in their homes. In this position, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in accordance with Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, and outlined in Housing NSW's EEO Management Plan.

**Enquiries:** Graham Wright - Team Leader, Bathurst - Ph: (02) 6332 7706

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference Number:** 00000RRZ

**Closing Date:** 10 February 2012

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*Committed to a diverse, safe and smoke-free workplace.*

Applications are invited for the following designated Aboriginal positions available within Council.

Position	Salary Range	Closing Date	Further Information
Aboriginal Liaison/Project Officer	\$356.36 - \$409.82 per 14 hour week + super (PT – term position)	05/03/12	Wendy Adriaans 02 6625 0599
Trainee Customer Service Officer	\$411.70 – \$566.40 per week + super depending on age / educational qualifications	03/02/12	Christine Cotterill 02 6625 0460

Information packages are available on Council's website, [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting Council, phone 1300 87 83 87.

*Lismore — a great place to live and work*



## Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service

Providing quality holistic healthcare for the people in the Worimi Nation

## Child and Family Health Nurse or Paediatric Nurse

Excellent salary packaging options

3 DAYS PER WEEK

**Overview of the role:** Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service is located in Forster, Mid North Coast NSW. To provide and promote optimal health care for Aboriginal children up to 8 years within an Aboriginal community setting. Develop service partnerships with Hunter New England Local Health District in the provision of Child & Family Health Services. To work as part of a multidisciplinary team which provides health care prevention and support measures. To assess nursing needs, then plan and deliver holistic care in partnership with children and their families.

### Duties will include:

- Co-ordinating the care of the multidisciplinary team
- Work closely with visiting Paediatrician and Child Educator
- Advocating for the child who is in their care
- Communicate effectively between the patient, their family and Tobwabba clinical staff
- Observing and reporting on the condition of patients

- Preparing patients for tests, treatments, operations and sometimes assisting directly with these procedures
- Any other associated duties

### To be successful in this role you must have:

- Bachelor Degree in Nursing
- At least 2-5 years experience as a CFHN or Paediatric/Registered Nurse
- Current registration
- Current Working with Children Check or ability to obtain
- Current Police Check or ability to obtain
- Ability to work independently and also within a team

### Forward applications to:

Jackie Trotter  
Practice Manager,  
PO Box 48, Forster, NSW 242  
Email: jackie.trotter@tobwabba.org.au

**Applications close:**  
**Friday 10 February, 2012**



## Government of Western Australia Department of Regional Development and Lands

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified.

AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

#### SCHEDULE

**LAND DESCRIPTION:** 1. Whole Lot 413 on Deposited Plan 26913, being unallocated Crown land. Volume 3003 Folio 322 Area: 3700 square metres; 2. Whole Lot 550 on Deposited Plan 71401, being unallocated Crown land. Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 6182 square metres **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 62913 & 71401. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Broome. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Lease. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Consolidated lease to Willie Creek Pearl Farm Pty Ltd to accommodate expansion. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Land has been identified as being suitable for expansion of existing lease. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 July 2012. **DPI FILE:** 02461-1978/8 **DPI REF:** 082230

**PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** RDL, Gordon Stephenson House, 140 William Street, Perth, 6000. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Grero, Kimberley, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4531. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, Perth 6872 OR Gordon Stephenson House 140 William Street, Perth no later than 23 April 2012. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 23 January 2012. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 23 April 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 12th day of December in the year 2011.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA  
MINISTER FOR LANDS

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

#### SCHEDULE

**LAND DESCRIPTION:** Part Lot 281 on Deposited Plan 92277 and shown as Part Lot 281 on Deposited Plan 69775, being unallocated Crown land. Volume 3103 Folio 661 Area: 4.5131 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 92277 and 69775. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Derby-West Kimberley. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Description of Land" other than interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** To be used for the purpose of "Rubbish Disposal" only. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Reservation with Management Order to the Shire of Derby West Kimberley. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The Shire of Derby West Kimberley requested the land be included into Reserve 41105. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 December 2012. **DPI FILE:** 03313-1989-01RO **DPI REF:** 101028

**PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** RDL, Gordon Stephenson House, 140 William Street, Perth, 6000. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Baker, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4590. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 OR Gordon Stephenson House, 140 William Street, Perth no later than 26 April 2012. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 25 January 2012. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 26 April 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 12th day of December in the year 2011.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA  
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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## Housing Manager

- Award winning Community Housing Provider
- Permanent position- 35 hours per week
- SACS Grade 4 Above Award

Bridge Housing Limited (BHL) is committed to building sustainable communities and to providing a high quality and responsive housing service to its tenants. The role of Housing Manager is central to this as they are responsible for providing BHL's housing management service.

Based in Redfern, this is a varied and dynamic position which requires a background in housing management. The successful applicant will manage a portfolio of properties and be responsible for key housing management functions such as rent arrears recovery and debt prevention, reletting our homes with minimum delay, responding to neighbour complaints and tenancy breaches, and, working with other support providers and government agencies to ensure tenancies are successfully maintained.

The successful applicant will have a strong commitment to providing excellent customer service, demonstrated organisational skills which show their ability to balance competing demands and deadlines, and a practical knowledge of tenancy law and good practice, including the Residential Tenancies Act 2010.

To find out more about this opportunity, contact Dan Evans at BRC Recruitment on 02 8245 1400. To apply for this position, candidates are required to provide no more than 4 sides of A4 explaining how you meet the key capabilities for the role as shown in the position description. Application packages can be obtained by emailing your resume to dan@brcrecruitment.com.au.

**Closing date for applications is Monday 6th February 2012 at 0900hrs.**



**APS** Australian Psychological Society

## Support Officer

The Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association  
Part time (.4 of fulltime) until 31 May 2012  
with possibility of extension

The Australian Psychological Society (APS) is Australia's premier professional association for psychologists with approximately 20,000 members and a long established national presence. The Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association (AIPA), operating under the auspice of the APS, represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander psychologists in Australia. AIPA is committed to improving the social and emotional well-being and mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The role of the Support Officer is to support the AIPA Steering Committee to achieve its aims and will include activities which support the functioning of AIPA and psychologists working with Indigenous clients and communities to enhance services and the establishing networks within Indigenous services. Responsibilities of this role are detailed in the Position Description.

The successful candidate should have cultural competence and experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities, knowledge of human rights and social justice principles and a commitment to support the rights of Indigenous Australians. Knowledge of Indigenous Psychology and/or some Indigenous studies is essential.

Demonstrated high standard of verbal communication skills and written skills are required with the ability to write for a range of audiences, including reports, submissions, member and public communications. Well developed research and resource development skills are also essential together with strong administrative skills and a sound knowledge of MS Office (Outlook, Word and Excel). Some experience working with web content would be desirable.

The position description can be obtained from Jenni Williams at j.williams@psychology.org.au. Applications addressing the above requirements should be submitted to the email address above by **COB 10 February 2012.**





## OPERATIONS MANAGER

### Position Description

**Position Title:** Operations Manager  
**Reports to:** CEO  
**Responsible to:** Songlines Board and Members  
**Period:** Three Months (looking to continue into 12 months)  
**Tues** 14th February 2012 - 11th May 2012  
**Hours:** 32hrs per week

Whilst the Songlines CEO is responsible for the implementation and management of the Songlines' programs, the Operations Manager's role will entail assisting the CEO:

1. In overseeing the Strategic Planning and Organisational Development.
2. In overseeing the Financial Management of the organisation.
3. In fundraising.
4. To ensure a high standard of Governance within the organisation.
5. In Public Relations and Communications.
6. In Staff recruitment, development, training and support.

In addition to these duties you will be responsible for:

1. Assisting in the organising of the logistics of festivals and events.
2. Developing and maintaining relationships with current and potential funders.
3. Other relevant roles as guided by the CEO.

### To apply please contact:

Jessie Lloyd  
CEO/Artistic Director  
03 9471 2939  
jessie@songlines.net.au  
www.songlines.net.au



## ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE REDFERN

This would be a rewarding and satisfying position for a person who has compassion and a desire to work within the Aboriginal community. The position is based in Redfern.

### MALE HEALTH WORKER MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

#### Essential Criteria

- Current driver's license
- Qualification of at least Cert IV in Aboriginal Health (Mental Health)
- Demonstrated ability to work without supervision and as part of a team.
- Ability to deal with challenging behaviour
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Computer literate.
- First Aid Certificate or ability to gain one.

Successful applicants will require a Working with Children Check and a Criminal Record Check.

Salary and conditions are based on the Health Service Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Workers) Award. Usual Hours of work will be 9a.m.-5p.m. Monday to Friday.

Contact Officer: Gloria Strachan - phone: (02) 9319 5823 fax: (02) 9319 3345 email: amsredfern@amsredfern.org.au

**Applications close on Friday 17th February, 2012** and should be sent to the CEO, Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited, P.O. Box 1174, Strawberry Hills, N.S.W. 2012

Email applications marked for the attention of the CEO.

*Aboriginality is considered a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*



## VACCHO

**Victorian Aboriginal  
Community Controlled  
Health Organisation Inc.**

## MEDICARE ENHANCEMENT OFFICER

VACCHO was established in 1996 and represents 24 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) throughout Victoria. VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self-determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The Workforce Issues Unit is seeking a suitably experienced and motivated individual to undertake the role of Medicare Enhancement Officer. The Medicare Enhancement Officer position aims to provide information to ACCHSs on all Medicare related issues. The primary focus of this position is to conduct Medicare Audits in the form of a Practice Health Atlas with Member ACCHSs to streamline Medicare practices and operations.

To be successful in securing this position, candidates will possess a demonstrated understanding and commitment to Aboriginal health, Aboriginal culture, and the philosophy and practice of Aboriginal Community Control and an ability to work with Aboriginal organisations and other health bodies. A knowledge of the current health system, specifically experience in Medicare is required, and the ability to travel is also necessary.

For a copy of the position description and information on how to apply, please refer to [www.vaccho.org.au](http://www.vaccho.org.au)

Queries about the position can be directed to Tyson Murphy, Unit Manager on (03) 9419 3350.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.*

VACCHO is a smoke free workplace.

**Applications close on:**

**3 February 2012.**



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

## Program Manager

Population Health, Wallsend

Enquiries: Rachel Sutherland 02 4924 6395

Reference ID: 61215

**Closing Date: 29 January 2012**

## Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Registered Midwife

Muswellbrook District Health Service

Enquiries: Hilary Walker 0428 101 986

Reference ID: 57496

**Closing Date: 5 February 2012**

## Trainee Administration Officer

Gunnedah District Health Service

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Cindy Paul 02 6741 8014

Reference ID: 62625

**Closing Date: 5 February 2012**

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

### SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority with Acreage Option application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-SPA-018 with Acreage Option	RUSA RESOURCES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	19006km <sup>2</sup>	The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin; of which the western boundary is approximately 7 kilometres east of the township of Coral Bay, the southern boundary being approximately 15 kilometres north of Gascoyne Junction. The northern boundary encroaches by 5 kilometres at the most into the southern end of Exmouth Gulf (15km <sup>2</sup> ). The application occupies 242 5' x 5' blocks of which 24 are on the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SF49 – Cloates, 163 blocks are on the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SF50 – Hamersley Range and 55 blocks on the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SG50 – Meekatharra. The coordinates are starting at the most north-west point (Lat 22°29'55.38"S, Long 114°10'4.71"E) then east to (Lat 22°29'55.37"S, Long 114°30'4.71"E), then south to (Lat 22°49'55.37"S, 114°30'4.73"E), then east to (Lat 22°49'55.36"S, Long 114°55'4.73"E), then south to (Lat 23°4'55.37"S, Long 114°55'4.74"E), then east to (Lat 23°4'55.36"S, Long 115°0'4.74"E), then south to (Lat 23°24'55.37"S, Long 115°0'4.75"E), then west to (Lat 23°24'55.37"S, Long 114°55'4.74"E), then south to (Lat 23°39'55.38"S, Long 114°55'4.75"E), then east to (Lat 23°39'55.37"S, Long 115°5'4.76"E), then south to (Lat 23°44'55.37"S, Long 115°5'4.77"E), then east to (Lat 23°44'55.36"S, Long 115°15'4.77"E), then south to (Lat 23°54'55.37"S, Long 115°15'4.78"E), then east to (Lat 23°54'55.36"S, Long 115°25'4.78"E), then south to (Lat 24°14'55.37"S, Long 115°25'4.80"E), then east to (Lat 24°14'55.37"S, Long 115°30'4.80"E), then south to (Lat 24°39'55.38"S, Long 115°30'4.83"E), then east to (Lat 24°39'55.37"S, Long 115°35'4.83"E), then south to (Lat 24°54'55.38"S, Long 115°35'4.84"E), then west to (Lat 24°54'55.40"S, Long 115°10'4.83"E), then north to (Lat 24°14'55.38"S, Long 115°10'4.79"E), then east to (Lat 24°14'55.38"S, Long 115°15'4.79"E), then north to (Lat 24°4'55.37"S, Long 115°15'4.78"E), then west to (Lat 24°4'55.38"S, Long 115°5'4.78"E), then south to (Lat 24°9'55.38"S, Long 115°5'4.78"E), then west to (Lat 24°9'55.39"S, Long 114°50'4.79"E), then north to (Lat 23°44'55.39"S, Long 114°50'4.76"E), then west to (Lat 23°44'55.40"S, Long 114°40'4.77"E), then north to (Lat 23°34'55.39"S, Long 114°40'4.75"E), then west to (Lat 23°34'55.39"S, Long 114°25'4.74"E), then south to (Lat 23°49'55.40"S, Long 114°25'4.76"E), then east to (Lat 23°49'55.40"S, Long 114°30'4.77"E), then south to (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E), then west to (Lat 24°14'55.42"S, Long 114°20'4.78"E), then north to (Lat 23°59'55.41"S, Long 114°20'4.77"E), then west to (Lat 23°59'55.42"S, Long 113°50'4.75"E), then north to (Lat 22°59'55.38"S, Long 113°50'4.72"E), then east to (Lat 22°59'55.38"S, Long 114°15'4.72"E), then north to (Lat 22°39'55.38"S, Long 114°15'4.71"E), then west to (Lat 22°39'55.38"S, Long 114°10'4.71"E), then north to the commencement point (Lat 22°29'55.38"S, Long 114°10'4.71"E).	Shire of Carnarvon (65.7%) Shire of Upper Gascoyne (14.4%) Shire of Ashburton (12.1%) Shire of Exmouth (7.8%)
STP-SPA-0021 with Acreage Option	RUSA RESOURCES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	19315 km <sup>2</sup>	The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin; of which the north west corner is approximately 100 kms north east of Carnarvon and the south west corner being approximately 230 kms south east Carnarvon. The application comprises 250 5' x 5' graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet SG50 (Meekatharra). The coordinates are, starting at the most north-west point: (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°25'4.79"E) then east to (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E) then south to (Lat 24°19'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E) then east to (Lat 24°19'55.41"S, Long 114°40'4.80"E) then south to (Lat 24°24'55.41"S, Long 114°40'4.80"E) then east to (Lat 24°24'55.40"S, Long 114°45'4.81"E) then south to (Lat 24°29'55.40"S, Long 114°45'4.81"E) then east to (Lat 24°29'55.40"S, Long 114°50'4.81"E) then south to (Lat 24°34'55.40"S, Long 114°50'4.81"E) then east to (Lat 24°34'55.40"S, Long 114°55'4.82"E) then south to (Lat 24°54'55.40"S, Long 114°55'4.83"E) then east to (Lat 24°54'55.38"S, Long 115°35'4.84"E) then south to (Lat 25°9'55.39"S, Long 115°35'4.85"E) then east to (Lat 25°9'55.37"S, Long 116°0'4.86"E) then south to (Lat 25°14'55.37"S, Long 116°0'4.87"E) then east to (Lat 25°14'55.36"S, Long 116°10'4.87"E) then south to (Lat 25°59'55.38"S, Long 116°10'4.91"E) then west to (Lat 25°59'55.39"S, Long 116°0'4.91"E) then south to (Lat 26°24'55.40"S, Long 116°0'4.94"E) then west to (Lat 26°24'55.43"S, Long 115°30'4.94"E) then south to (Lat 26°34'55.43"S, Long 115°30'4.96"E) then west to (Lat 26°34'55.43"S, Long 114°55'4.92"E) then north to (Lat 25°59'55.45"S, Long 114°55'4.90"E) then east to (Lat 25°59'55.44"S, Long 115°0'4.90"E) then north to (Lat 25°54'55.44"S, Long 115°0'4.90"E) then east to (Lat 25°54'55.43"S, Long 115°10'4.90"E) then north to (Lat 25°44'55.43"S, Long 115°10'4.88"E) then east to (Lat 25°44'55.41"S, Long 115°30'4.89"E) then north to (Lat 25°39'55.40"S, Long 115°30'4.88"E) then east to (Lat 25°39'55.40"S, Long 115°40'4.88"E) then north to (Lat 25°24'55.39"S, Long 115°40'4.87"E) then west to (Lat 25°24'55.45"S, Long 114°45'4.87"E) then north to (Lat 24°54'55.41"S, Long 114°45'4.82"E) then west to (Lat 24°54'55.42"S, Long 114°35'4.82"E) then north to (Lat 24°39'55.41"S, Long 114°35'4.80"E), then west to (Lat 24°39'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.80"E) then north to (Lat 24°24'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E) then west to (Lat 24°24'55.42"S, Long 114°25'4.79"E) then north to the commencement point (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°25'4.79"E).	Shire of Upper Gascoyne (40.9%) Shire of Murchison (24.4%) Shire of Shark Bay (20.8%) Shire of Carnarvon (13.9%)

**Nature Of The Act:** A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being a surface geochemical survey. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified.

**Notification Day: 25 January 2012**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that this act is an act attracting the expedited procedure. The permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **25 May 2012**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, or GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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# PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

## SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Special Prospecting Authority with Acreage Option application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0027 with Acreage Option	HESS AUSTRALIA EXPLORATION (NEW VENTURES) PTY LIMITED	53451.4 km <sup>2</sup>	<p>The application is located in the Canning Basin and the Officer Basin. The application occupies a total of 682 5'x5' blocks, mainly on the 1:1 000 000 mapsheets SF52 (Lake Mackay) and SG52 (Petermann Ranges). It has a total area of 53451.4km<sup>2</sup>, in the Gibson Desert. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 87 kilometres north-west of Mount Webb. The application south-east boundary is situated approximately 72 kilometres west of Giles Meteorological Station on the Canning Stock Route and its south-west boundary is situated approximately 76 kilometres east of Everard Junction. The application maximum length is about 720 km long and the maximum width about 230 km wide.</p> <p>The application commences at a point Lat 21°59'54.96"S, Long 126°45'4.66"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 21°59'54.94"S, Long 127°30'4.65"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 22°29'54.94"S, Long 127°30'4.65"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 22°29'54.93"S, Long 128°0'4.64"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 22°14'54.93"S, Long 128°0'4.64"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 22°14'54.93"S, Long 127°55'4.64"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 22°19'54.93"S, Long 127°55'4.64"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 22°19'54.93"S, Long 127°50'4.64"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 22°29'54.93"S, Long 127°50'4.64"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 22°29'54.94"S, Long 127°40'4.65"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 22°39'54.93"S, Long 127°40'4.65"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 22°39'54.94"S, Long 127°30'4.65"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 22°54'54.93"S, Long 127°30'4.65"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 22°54'54.93"S, Long 127°50'4.65"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 23°39'54.95"S, Long 127°50'4.69"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 23°39'54.97"S, Long 127°30'4.71"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 24°54'54.98"S, Long 127°30'4.76"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 24°54'54.98"S, Long 127°35'4.76"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 25°4'54.99"S, Long 127°10'4.77"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 25°9'54.99"S, Long 127°5'4.78"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 25°14'54.99"S, Long 127°5'4.78"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 25°14'54.99"S, Long 127°0'4.79"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 25°19'54.99"S, Long 127°0'4.79"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 25°19'55.00"S, Long 126°45'4.79"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 25°14'55.01"S, Long 126°15'4.80"E, thence south along meridian to a point Lat 25°19'55.00"S, Long 126°15'4.80"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 25°19'55.01"S, Long 126°0'4.81"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 25°4'55.02"S, Long 126°0'4.80"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 25°4'55.02"S, Long 125°50'4.80"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°59'55.02"S, Long 125°45'4.80"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 24°59'55.02"S, Long 125°45'4.80"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°49'55.03"S, Long 125°45'4.79"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 24°49'55.02"S, Long 125°40'4.79"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°44'55.02"S, Long 125°35'4.79"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°39'55.02"S, Long 125°35'4.78"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 24°39'55.02"S, Long 125°30'4.78"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°29'55.01"S, Long 125°30'4.77"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 24°29'55.01"S, Long 125°25'4.77"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°24'55.01"S, Long 125°20'4.77"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 24°19'55.00"S, Long 125°20'4.76"E, thence west along parallel to a point Lat 24°19'55.00"S, Long 125°15'4.77"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 23°59'55.00"S, Long 125°15'4.75"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 23°59'55.00"S, Long 125°55'4.75"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 23°44'55.00"S, Long 125°55'4.74"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 23°44'55.00"S, Long 126°5'4.73"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 23°34'55.00"S, Long 126°5'4.73"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 23°34'55.00"S, Long 126°25'4.72"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 23°9'54.98"S, Long 126°25'4.69"E, thence east along parallel to a point Lat 23°9'54.98"S, Long 126°30'4.69"E, thence north along meridian to a point Lat 23°4'54.97"S, Long 126°30'4.69"E, thence east along parallel to 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meridian to the starting point Lat 21°59'54.96"S, Long 126°45'4.66"E.</p>	Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku (69%) Shire of East Pilbara (31%)

**Nature Of The Act:** A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being an airborne gravity and magnetic survey. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified.

**Notification Day: 25 January 2012**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become as native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **25 May 2012**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000 or PO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848 or Telephone (08) 9425 1000 or Facsimile (08) 9425 1193

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that, **U308 LIMITED (ABN11 113 446 352)**, P O Box 1533 West Perth, WA 6872 West Perth 6872 (and its successors or assigns), registered holder proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence 4664 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with Exploration Licence4664 and any other exploration authority or interest in an exploration authority held over the area of Exploration Licence 4664 Or any part of that area) on:

### DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 4664

The land located in the state of South Australia approximately 50 km south of Olary, and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°30'8 and longitude 140039'E, thence east to longitude 140059'E, south to latitude 32°33'8, west to longitude 140054'E, south to latitude 32°34'8, west to longitude 140052'E, south to latitude 32°35'8, west to longitude 140048'E, south to latitude 32°36'8, west to longitude 140039'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 280 square kilometres approximately.

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is:**

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of economical mlneralisation which may include (without limitation) the following activities: magnetic, gravity, electrical, electromagnetic, seismic and other geophysical Surveying; geological mapping; geochemical soil, sediment, calcrete and rock chip sampling; drilling (including diamond core drilling and other methods); water pumping and piping; down hole geophysics; analysis of drill samples; environmental, engineering and metallurgical surveys and studies; construction and maintenance of camp facilities and laydown areas (including for fuel), and access tracks (where necessary).

**The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authorities under the *Mining Act 1971 (SA): Exploration Licence 4664* - of which **U308 LIMITED** is the registered holder.**

**U308 LIMITED (and its successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.**

**NOTE: If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*,** there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, U308 LIMITED (or its successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent.

U308 LTD  
C/- Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd  
P O Box 1760 West Perth WA 6872  
Telephone: 0402 057 488 Contact: Mr Dennis Hawtin.

## NOTICE INITIATING NEGTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 SA SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE that, ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED** (ABN 34 108 102 432) of Level 3, IBM Building, 1060 Hay St, West Perth, WA 6005 (and its successors or assigns) as registered holder and mining operator proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences (EL's) EL 3997, 3927 and 4267 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or any other dealings with any such Exploration Licence and any other exploration authority or any interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the area of any of such Exploration Licence on the following land (land):

The land in the State of South Australia being the land comprised within:

### EXPLORATION LICENCE 3997 – DESCRIPTION OF AREA MANUNDA GENERAL

Approximately 100 North East of Burra, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°75'S and longitude 139°68'E, east to longitude 140°E, south to latitude 32°8'S, west to longitude 139°98'E, south to latitude 32°8'S, west to longitude 139°96'E, south to latitude 32°83'S, west to longitude 139°95'E, south to latitude 32°85'S, west to longitude 139°93'E, south to latitude 32°86'S, west to longitude 139°91'E, south to latitude 32°96'S, west to longitude 139°9'E, south to latitude 32°98'S, west to longitude 139°86'E, south to latitude 33°S, east to longitude 139°83'E, north to latitude 32°96S, west to longitude 139°81'E, south to latitude 32°98'S, west to longitude 139°76'E, south to latitude 33°S, west to longitude 139°6'E, north to latitude 32°95'S, east to longitude 139°66'E, south to latitude 32°96'S, east to longitude 139°73'E, north to latitude 32°95'S, east to longitude 139°75'E, south to latitude 32°96'S, east to longitude 139°78'E, north to latitude 32°95'S, east to longitude 139°8'E, north to latitude 32°93'S, east to longitude 139°83'E, north to latitude 32°91'S, east to longitude 139°86'E, north to latitude 32°9'S, west to longitude 139°8'E, south to latitude 32°91'S, west to longitude 139°78'E, south to latitude 32°93'S, west to longitude 139°7'E, north to latitude 32°9'S, east to longitude 139°71'E, north to latitude 32°81'S, west to longitude 139°61'E, north to latitude 32°78'S, east to longitude 139°68'E and north to point of commencement. All within the latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66). Area: six hundred and fourteen square kilometres approximately.

### EXPLORATION LICENCE 3927 – DESCRIPTION OF AREA DRY DAM GENERAL

Approximately 100 North East of Burra, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°88'S and longitude 139°55'E, east to longitude 139°7'E, south to latitude 32°95'S, west to longitude 139°55'E and north to point of commencement. Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°S and longitude 139°43'E, east to longitude 139°76'E, north to latitude 32°98'E, east to longitude 139°81'E, north to latitude 32°96'S, east to longitude 139°83'E, south to latitude 33°S, south to latitude 33°06'S, east to longitude 139°85'E, south to latitude 33°08'S, east to longitude 139°86'E, south to latitude 33°1'S, south to latitude 33°16'S, west to longitude 139°43'E and north to point of commencement. All within the latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66). Area: eight hundred and forty square kilometres approximately.

### EXPLORATION LICENCE 4267 – DESCRIPTION OF AREA TI TREE GENERAL

Approximately 100 North East of Burra, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°95'S and longitude 139°66'E east to longitude 139°7'E, north to latitude 32°93'S, east to longitude 139°73'E, north to latitude 32°91'S, east to longitude 139°76'E, south to longitude 32°93'S, east to longitude 139°78'E, north to latitude 32°91'S, east to longitude 139°8'E, north to latitude 32°9'S, east to longitude 139°86'E, south to latitude 32°91'S, west to longitude 139°83'E, south to latitude 32°93'S, west to longitude 139°8'E, south to latitude 32°95'S, west to longitude 139°78'E, south to latitude 32°96'S, west to longitude 139°75'E, north to latitude 32°95'S, west to longitude 139°73'E, south to latitude 32°96'S, west to longitude 139°66'E and north to point of commencement. All within the latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66). Area: sixty square kilometres approximately.

### EXPLORATION LICENCE 4811 – DESCRIPTION OF AREA PUALCO RANGE

Approximately 100 North East of Burra, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°95'S and longitude 139°55'E, east to longitude 139°6'E, south to latitude 33°S, west to longitude 139°55'E and north to point of

commencement. All within the latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66). Area: twenty-five square kilometres approximately.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on such land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding: airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil and rock chip sampling: shallow trenching: rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling: minor clearing for drill rig access and construction of temporary camp sites.

WE, ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED, seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Park 9B of the Mining Act 1971

**AND TAKE NOTICE FURTHER** that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required under the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

**AND TAKE NOTICE FURTHER** that if within four (4) months from the initiation of the negotiations. **ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED** and any Native Title party(ies) have not reach agreement under Park 9B of the Mining Act 1971 , any party to the negotiations or the Minister, may apply to the Environmental Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the land. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED.

### ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED

Mezzanine Level, 262 Melbourne Street

North Adelaide SA 5006

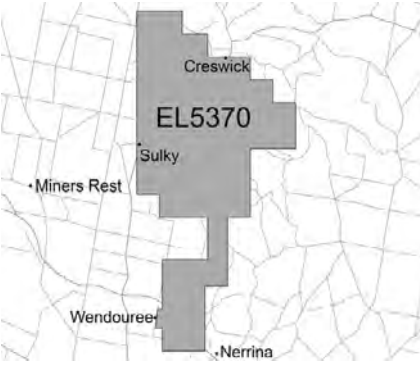

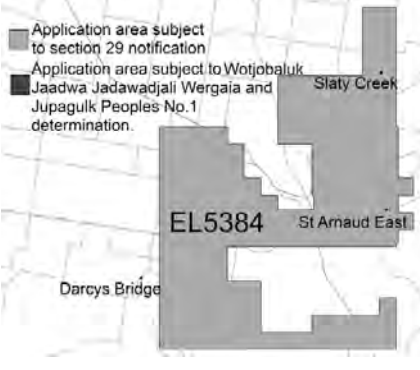
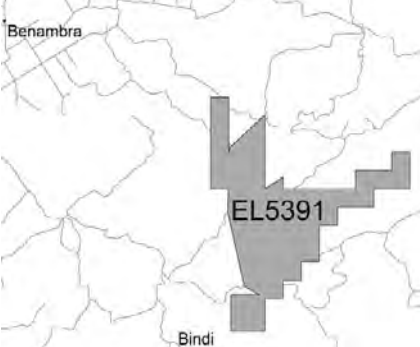
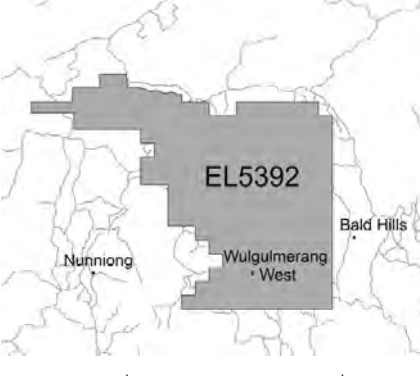
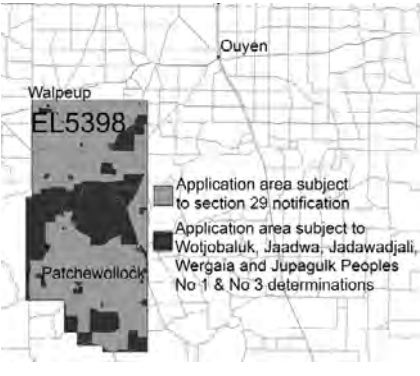
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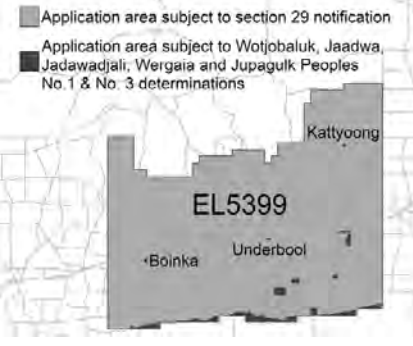
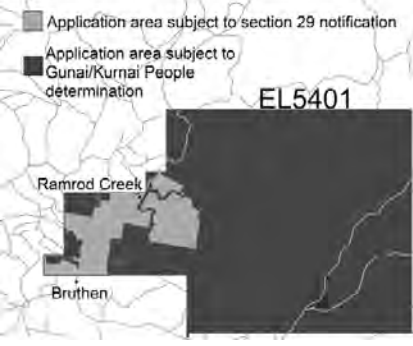
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# Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)


The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5370	<b>NAME:</b> New Ballarat Consolidated Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Creswick & Sulky as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 58: F7-F9, G8-G9; Map 76: F2, G2 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 59 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Hepburn Shire & Ballarat City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 754700E 5850300N Z54 Centre 100k map 7623
EL5378	<b>NAME:</b> Bullarto Gold Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Less than 1km east of Spargo Creek. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 59: D9; Map 77: D2 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 12 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Moorabool Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 249600E 5848200N Z55 Centre 100k map 7723
EL5384	<b>NAME:</b> Bora Bora Resources Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over St Arnaud East & Slaty Creek as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 42: D3-D5, E2-E5, F2-F5, G3-G5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 166 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Northern Grampians Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 700100E 5944400N Z54 Centre 100k map 7524
EL5391	<b>NAME:</b> Stockman Project Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> 12km south east of Benambra. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 51: F9; Map 66: F2-F3, G2-G3, H2 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 57 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> East Gippsland Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 577500E 5898950N Z55 Centre 100k map 8423
EL5392	<b>NAME:</b> Stockman Project Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Wulgulmerang West as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 66: G3, H3-H4; Map 67: B3-B5, C3-C5, D4-D5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 197 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> East Gippsland Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 594700E 5887600N Z55 Centre 100k maps 8523
EL5398	<b>NAME:</b> Iluka Resources Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Patchewollock & Walpeup as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 10: H4-H8; Map 11: B4-B9, C4-C9, D4-D9, E4-E9 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 668 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Mildura Rural City & Yarriambiack Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 599800E 6094100N Z54 Centre 100k map 7327

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5399	<b>NAME:</b> Iluka Resources Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Kattoyong & other towns as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 5: F9, G9, H9 Map 10: A2-A6, B2-B6, C3-C6, D2-D6, E2-E6, F2-F6, G2-G6, H2-H6 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 1159 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Mildura Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 570650E 6108400N Z54 Centre 100k map 7227
EL5401	<b>NAME:</b> Kevin Dunnell, Brian D Pugh & James Pugh <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Ramrod Creek as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 84: F4-F5, G4-G5, H4-H5; Map 85: B4-B5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 151 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> East Gippsland Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 583200E 5829500N Z55 Centre 100k map 8422

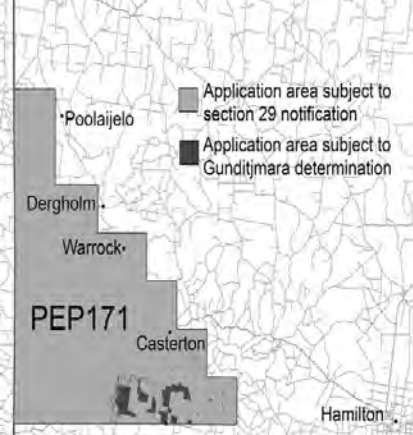
**Nature of the act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following mining licence under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
MIN5549	<b>NAME:</b> Bullarto Gold Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> 1km north of Dales Creek. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map77: F2 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 4 ha <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Moorabool Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 262300E 5845000N Z55 Centre 100k map 7722

**Nature of the act(s):** The grant of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration permit under section 20A of the *Petroleum Act 1998*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
PEP171	<b>NAME:</b> Beach Energy Ltd & Somerton Energy Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Casterton & Warrock as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 53: A4-A9, B4-B9, C4-C9, D7-D9, E7-E9, F8-F9, G8-G9, H9; Map 71: A2-A6, B2-B6, C2-C6, D2-D5, E2-E5, F2-F5, G2-G6, H2-H6, J3-J6; Map 72: A3-A6, B4-B5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 1973.85 km <sup>2</sup> <b>MUNICIPALITY:</b> Glenelg Shire & West Wimmera Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 513920E 5843300N Z54 Centre 100k map 7122

**Nature of the act(s):** The grant of an exploration permit, which authorises the holder to carry out petroleum exploration operations on the specified land for the term of the permit and to seek one renewal for a period of five years.

**Notification Day: 25 January 2012**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

**Further Information:** Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 9658 4454.

For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact James O'Callaghan, Acting Native Title Coordinator, Department of Primary Industries, telephone (03) 5336 6645.



# Have your say

## Application for approval as an Infrastructure Facility of Significance

The Coordinator-General has received an application from GLNG Operations Pty Ltd under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (the Act). The application requests that certain components of the GLNG Project be approved as an Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS), under section 125(1) (f) of the Act.

GLNG Operations Pty Ltd has submitted the application on behalf of the wholly owned subsidiaries of Santos Limited, Petroliaam Nasional Berhad, Total and KOGAS (Korea Gas Corporation) (collectively called the Proponents). The application relates to the development of a pipeline facility and an export liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility (which together is the GLNG Infrastructure Facility) as described below:

### Pipeline facility

The Pipeline facility will consist of a 420km gas transmission pipeline for delivery of the gas from the Proponents' coal seam gas resources in the Bowen and Surat Basins to the LNG Facility on Curtis Island.

### LNG facility

The LNG facility will consist of a LNG liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island, near Gladstone, including storage facilities, cryogenic pipeline, marine facilities and supporting infrastructure.

The Proponents wish to acquire the interests in land needed for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the GLNG Infrastructure Facility by consultation and agreement with the relevant landowners and persons who hold or claim to hold Native Title.

### About an IFS

Section 125(1)(f) of the Act provides that the Governor in Council may approve by Gazette notice that an infrastructure facility has significance, particularly economically or socially to Australia, Queensland or the region in which the facility is to be constructed.

Under section 125(2) and (3) of the Act, when considering whether an infrastructure facility would be of economic or social significance, the potential for the facility to contribute to community well being and economic growth or employment levels must be taken into account. When assessing this potential, the contribution the infrastructure facility makes to agricultural, industrial, resource or technological development in Australia, Queensland or the region is a relevant consideration.

An approval by the Governor in Council that the GLNG Infrastructure Facility is an IFS represents the first step in a process under which the Coordinator-General may, to the extent he is lawfully able to do so, compulsorily acquire land (including easements) and Native Title for the GLNG Infrastructure Facility should voluntary negotiations be unsuccessful.

These negotiations must meet the requirements of the Guidelines made under the Act. In particular, subsequent steps in the compulsory acquisition process cannot commence unless the Proponents are able to satisfy the Coordinator-General that reasonable attempts have been made to reach voluntary agreements with landholders or persons who hold or claim to hold Native Title.

### Land required for the GLNG Infrastructure Facility

The map shows the approximate location of the land which may be affected by the GLNG Infrastructure Facility.

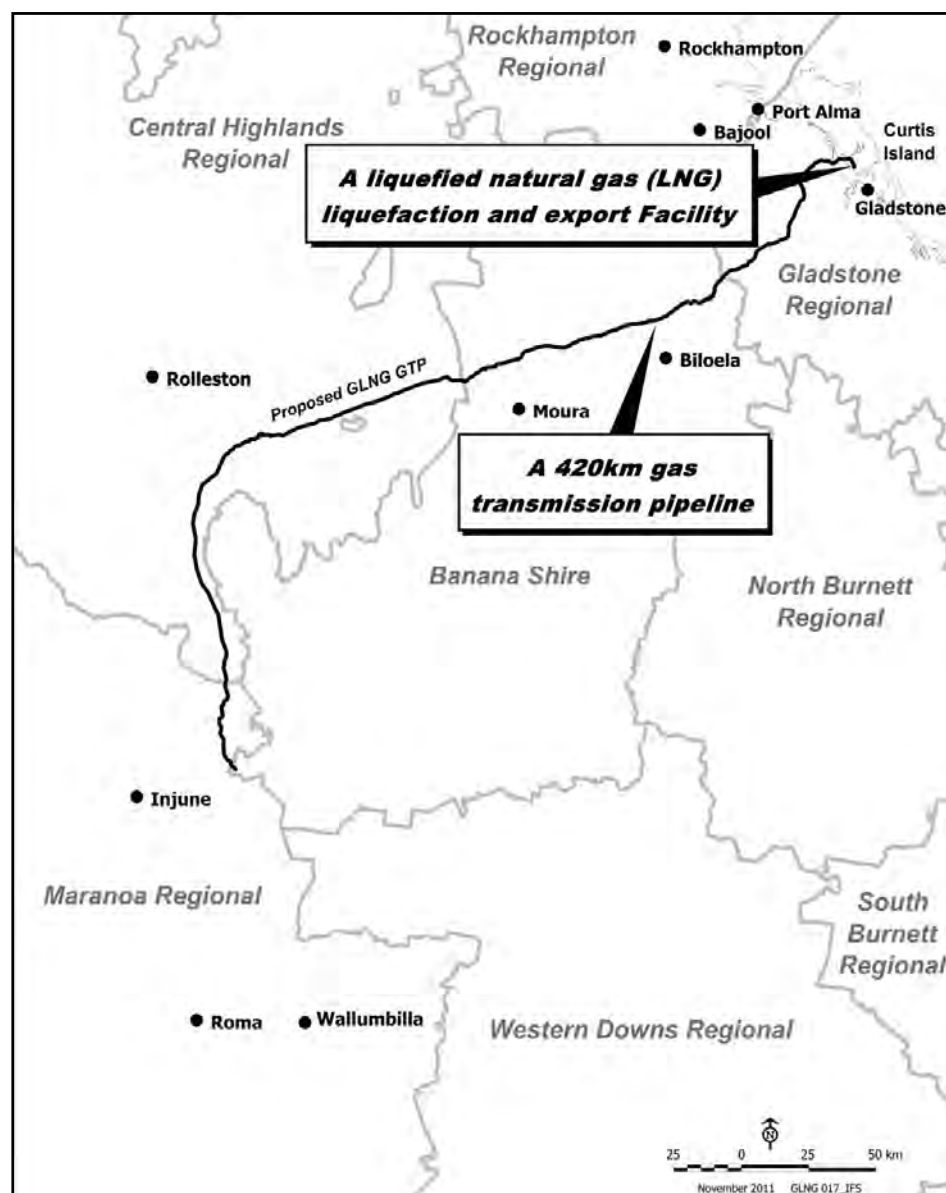
### Pipeline facility

The proposed route of the Pipeline facility is indicated in the application and on the map. In order to construct and operate the Pipeline Facility, a 30-40 metre wide easement is required. The application identifies a 100 metre wide investigation corridor within which the easement will be located.

### LNG facility

The LNG facility plant is located on Curtis Island and has a total area of approximately 190 hectares. The Proponents have indicated in the IFS application that at this stage, there are no plans to request the Coordinator-General to compulsorily acquire land for the LNG Facility as all of the required land has been secured or is expected to be secured shortly by agreement. In the event additional land needs to be acquired a freehold or leasehold interest may be sought.

An application for approval of the GLNG Infrastructure Facility as an IFS is a separate process to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process which has been completed.



### Have your say

The Coordinator-General is seeking submissions about the application from persons who may be affected by the GLNG Infrastructure Facility. Written submissions must be lodged by **5.00pm Friday, 17 February 2012** and addressed to:

The Coordinator General  
c/- Project Manager, GLNG Project  
Infrastructure and Land  
Office of the Coordinator-General  
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation  
PO Box 15517  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Fax: (07) 3229 7315

Email: [s125GLNG@deedi.qld.gov.au](mailto:s125GLNG@deedi.qld.gov.au)

Submissions will be treated as public documents and copies of each submission will be provided to the Proponents for comment.

The IFS Application and supporting information can be viewed online at [www.glng.com.au](http://www.glng.com.au) or a CD Rom is available on request by contacting the Project Manager, Regional Development on (07) 3224 4704.

Persons or groups with special communication needs or who have other concerns and wish to make a submission on the application should contact the Project Manager to make alternative arrangements.



White finds form in Brisbane cricket

FORMER Queensland Imparja Cup hero Preston White, who spent a season playing club cricket in England, is beginning to show form in the Brisbane first grade competition.

White, a Rockhampton junior, moved to Brisbane a few years ago to establish himself as a cricketer of note.

He joined the Toombul club and soon found himself playing in the top grade.

He spent the last Australian winter playing for Swinton Cricket Club in the Manchester Premier League,

where, according to his father Col White, he ‘went really well’.

“He scored heaps of runs and took plenty of wickets,” Col White said.

He believed Preston scored about 1400 runs and took more than 60 wickets.

White, 21, is a right-hand batsman and left-arm medium-fast bowler.

Col White said Preston had found runs hard to come by in the early part of the 2011-12 Brisbane competition, but was starting his hit his straps.

“I think it took him a while to

adjust back to Australian conditions,” Col White said.

As an 18-year-old, Preston White almost single-handedly won the Imparja Cup for Queensland in 2009 when he scored a century as an opening batsman.

Queensland (4-202 after 40 overs) demolished Tasmania in the final. Tasmania was dismissed 87 runs short of the Queensland total.

White finished with 4-15.

White has not played Imparja Cup since then, with Queensland officials believing his opportunities were elsewhere.



PRESTON WHITE



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS  
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

TENEMENT TYPE	NO.	APPLICANT	AREA*	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2153	GEOTECH INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	200BL	148km SE'ly of Broome	Lat: 18° 40' S Long: 123° 25' E	BROOME SHIRE, DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2155	AUSTRALIA MINERALS & MINING GROUP LIMITED	22BL	123km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 13' S Long: 124° 25' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2156	RICHMOND, William Robert	8BL	89km SW'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 59' S Long: 123° 12' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/1878	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	68BL	87km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 24' S Long: 116° 9' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2175	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	24BL	56km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 4' S Long: 116° 2' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2327	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	178BL	134km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 116° 24' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2338	BARACUS PTY LTD	26BL	102km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 116° 43' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2340	BARACUS PTY LTD	46BL	124km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 19' S Long: 116° 28' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2344	COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	64BL	96km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 36' S Long: 116° 50' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1838	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	188BL	89km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 114° 47' E	SHARK BAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1914	STEWART, James Ian	117BL	104km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 56' S Long: 115° 34' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1925	STEWART, Garth James				
Exploration Licence	09/1927	CONDOR METALS LIMITED	38BL	184km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 116° 56' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1932	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	147BL	100km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 115° 50' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1932	COAL FACE RESOURCES PTY LTD	199BL	87km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 50' S Long: 115° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1933	COAL FACE RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	19km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 13' S Long: 115° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1934	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	67BL	135km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 41' S Long: 116° 29' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1938	818205 PTY LTD	48BL	179km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 115° 56' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1939	WA GYPSUM PTY LTD	70BL	95km N'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 4' S Long: 113° 54' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1940	RICHMOND, William Robert	11BL	118km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 116° 6' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1941	ATRIPLEX PTY LTD	110BL	81km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 115° 35' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/794-5	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	107BL	44km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 117° 29' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/798	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	6BL	39km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 117° 52' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/316	NEX METALS EXPLORATIONS LTD	4BL	50km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/318	AUSTRALIA KIMBERLY GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	23km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/1840	STRAITS EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	9BL	61km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 14' S Long: 122° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/1841	STRAITS EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	18BL	52km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 10' S Long: 122° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/2771	BIRLA NIFTY PTY LTD	67BL	95km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 11' S Long: 121° 30' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3011	BIRAL (MAROOCHYDORE) PTY LTD	6BL	51km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 9' S Long: 122° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
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**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 25 January 2012**

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 April 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **25 May 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

\* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km2



## Leave Shield cricket alone: Christian



STARTING the Sheffield Shield season in winter is a ridiculous idea, says fringe Australian all-rounder Dan Christian.

According to News Limited reports, Cricket Australia is considering bringing the start of the four-day competition forward two months from October to August and playing matches in regional venues.

The mooted shift is designed to

expand the revamped Big Bash League in December and January and cash in on Twenty20's popularity.

But Wiradjuri man Christian, who represents South Australia in Shield cricket but plays in the BBL for Brisbane Heat, slammed the radical proposal.

"I think it's a ridiculous idea personally – summer's when you play cricket and particularly Shield cricket," he said.

"That's when we all want to play

it, in the summer time. I just don't think it would work if it went to winter."

Christian agreed that the BBL, which runs for five weeks, had been a resounding success, but he would rather see the eight-team Twenty20 competition condensed in the middle of the season.

"The crowds and the ratings have been fantastic with the Big Bash," the T20 international said.

"I think they've got the mix right at the moment.

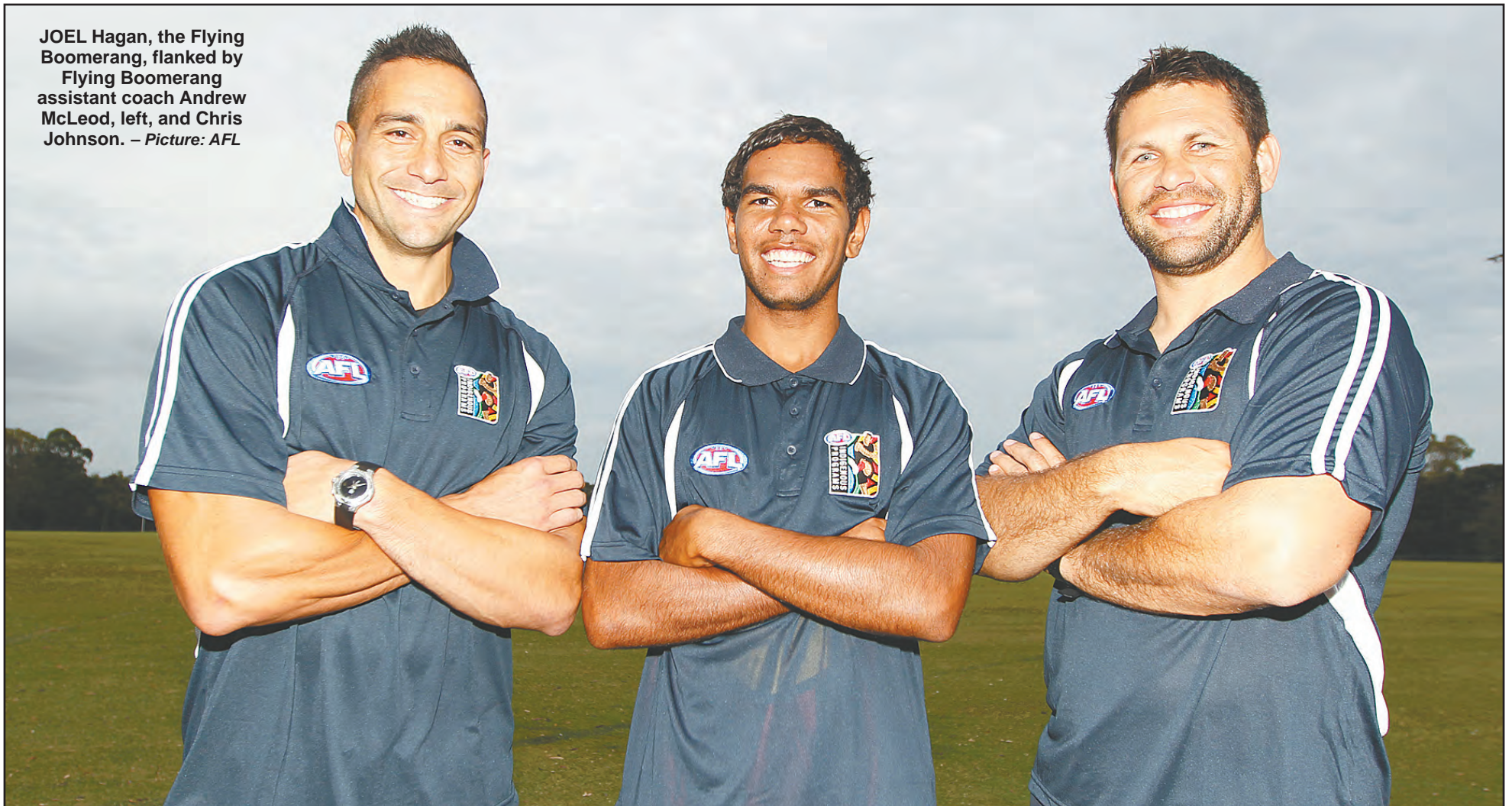
"I'd much rather see the BBL condensed."

West Indies superstar and T20 gun-for-hire Chris Gayle echoed Christian's thoughts, saying the BBL had 'dragged on'.

"I'm pleased with the progress of the BBL and I'm sure next season it will be bigger and better as well," said the Sydney Thunder opener.

"I'm not going to complain too much, but I think the games have been dragged out a bit too long." – AAP

JOEL Hagan, the Flying Boomerang, flanked by Flying Boomerang assistant coach Andrew McLeod, left, and Chris Johnson. – Picture: AFL



## Joel's focus shift

### Rugby union now preferred option

By GRAHAM HUNT



MANY chapters remain to be written on rising sporting star Joel Hagan.

The last time we reported on the 16-year-old Toowoomba (Queensland) sensation, rugby league appeared to have the inside running on luring him.

That's no longer the case – for now, rugby union is his preferred option.

There are other possibilities – Joel just happens to be one of the fastest 16-year-olds in Australia and a career in athletics beckons if he chooses.

Then there's Australian football. While he is relatively inexperienced at the game, the Australian Football League is keeping a close watch on Joel.

He has just returned from a Pacific tour

with the AFL's Flying Boomerangs, consisting of the best Indigenous 15-year-old Aussie rules players.

But his Flying Boomerangs jumper now hangs in his cupboard while he brings out a rugby league jersey.

Joel will line up for Queensland in the under 16 all-Indigenous match against NSW in a curtain-raiser to the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars game at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on 4 February.

#### Patiently waiting

Meanwhile, rugby union is patiently waiting its turn for a relationship with Joel.

The youngster this year will be in Year 11 at St Joseph's College, Nudgee – a rugby union bastion.

Until now, the college has not stood in the way of other sports 'poaching' their star pupil.

But if Joel is selected in Nudgee's rugby

union First XV this year, the message to other codes will be 'hands off – he's ours'.

Australian Rugby Union officials know they have a champion in the making. Already, Joel is part of a select few youngsters invited to join Queensland Reds training sessions.

Joel's dad Lawrence Hagan agreed that the focus had shifted since we last caught up with the Hagan family.

"Yes, rugby league was Joel's preference a little while back, but things have changed," Hagan Snr said.

Lawrence and Joel haven't ruled out rugby league as an option.

"Who knows what's down the track," Hagan Snr said.

Joel certainly took notice of his dad some years back when told to play as many sports as possible 'so you can have your options open'.

"That sort of took off," he told the

Queensland Government's Department of Communities *Namalata Thusi* newsletter.

"I was playing league for about nine years. I didn't really have an interest in any other sport.

"In Year 6, I started to get a bit of pace about myself so (it was suggested) I do athletics as well.

#### Likes athletics

"Year 6 was the first year I ever represented athletics; (I) came sixth at (the) nationals that year and (in) Year 7 came second at the Pan Pacific Games.

"I still do a lot (of athletics) but a lot of injuries through rugby prevent me from doing my best these days, because it's after rugby season.

"I still look forward to doing it each year."

Away from the sporting arena, Joel is looking to university – mixing sport with business studies.



# Hooper first to book a ticket to London



AS the only Australian boxer with his ticket booked to London, it seems obvious that Damien Hooper shapes as the country's best

hope of an Olympic medal.

But securing a berth at the Games — which Hooper achieved courtesy of a top-eight finish at last year's world championships — is just the beginning of the 19-year-old Queenslander's head start on his compatriots.

Unlike all the other Olympic contenders in the other weight divisions, Hooper has been spared the demanding selection process, which begins with next month's national championships in Hobart followed by the Oceania Olympic qualifying tournament in March in Canberra.

Instead, Hooper will take part in a series of hand-picked tournaments aimed at exposing him to the different style of fighters he is likely to come up against in London, starting with a trip to Poland in mid-March.

"We'll see how he goes in those tournaments, we've got a training plan A and B depending on how he performs,"

national team coach Don Abnett said.

"We'll see whether we need to expose him any further or finish his preparation against fighters from any of the other countries."

The rest of the Australian Olympic team will be determined after the Oceania titles, with only one fighter per division gaining a Games berth from the region.

Abnett is hopeful of securing spots in most of the weight divisions, but admits flyweight and super heavyweight will be a tough ask.

"In the super heavy they've got two very good boys, one from Tonga (Junior Fa) and one from New Zealand (Joseph Parker)... I don't think that's a decision that we can count on," Abnett said.

"I rate us a really good chance in all the other weight divisions."

Women's boxing will make its Olympic debut at the London Games, with the top eight fighters from the women's world championships in China from 9-20 May to earn Olympic selection.

Amongst the Australian women seeking a berth in the boxing team will be Palm Island's Noby Clay (See story this page). — AAP



DAMIEN HOOPER

NOBY CLAY

## Noby begins journey to Olympics

By ALF WILSON



DIMINUTIVE Aboriginal mother of four Noby Clay will travel to Hobart early next month (2-5 February) in a bid to represent Australia at the 2012 London Olympic Games. The 29-year-old Palm Islander has been training hard hoping to gain selection in the Australian team.

Women's boxing will make its Olympic debut in London.

Her trainer Ray Dennis said Clay would fight in the under 51kg flyweight division.

He said she was a good chance of gaining selection for London.

"She started training with me as an 18-year-old and most of her 15 bouts have been against much heavier girls," Dennis said.

"She has won more than half of her bouts and many of the opponents were 10kg or 12kg heavier than her. Once, at an Atherton tournament, her opponent weighed 15kg more.

"Don't forget she has mothered four kids during this time."

Clay's youngest is baby Rosina Marlanie Dani-Ray, aged one, and her other children are Lorna Jennifer Anne, 3, Shenzey Alierah, 6, and Robin Cassius Clay, 7.

"I would have had many more bouts, but couldn't box while pregnant. Now I can concentrate on my boxing. It would really be

an honour to get selected for London and I am a proud Aboriginal woman," Clay told the *Koori Mail*.

Four years ago Clay made headlines when she fought at the national Amateur State League titles at the Townsville Showgrounds against a much heavier Tasmanian opponent with then baby Lorna Jennifer Anne in a pram adjacent to the ring.

Dennis said if Clay won as expected in Hobart, she would still have to fight at the Oceania Games before the women's Olympic team was named.

"A highlight of my career was when champion professional boxer Danny Green came to Palm and I met him. I will remember for that for the rest of my life. He inspires me," Noby said.

### Other hopefuls

Other boxers from Palm Island to fight in Hobart next month will be Reggie Palm Island, 19, and David Sam, 16.

Reggie Palm Island is expected to fight in the light flyweight class, while 98kg Sam will contest the junior super heavyweight division.

"I give Reggie every chance — he was the only boxer from the State Amateur Boxing League selected for Australia to compete at the recent world championships, but injured his wrist and couldn't go," Dennis said.

"If Reggie can win in Tassie, he will be a good chance to make the Olympic team."





# Foley Shield exclusion

By ALF WILSON



A BOMBSHELL decision by the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division to dump Palm Island and Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) from the 2012 Foley Shield competition affects promising Indigenous players from many

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland's north. Players now facing isolation include those from Palm Island, Bowen, Thursday Island, the outer Torres Strait Islands, Northern Peninsula Area (which includes Bamaga, Umagico, Seisia, New Mapoon), the Cape Cluster comp (Weipa, Napranum, Mapoon, Lockhart River, Coen, Aurukun, Kowanyama, Pompuraaw) and the Three Rivers League (Cooktown, Hope Vale, and Wujal Wujal players).

## 'Financial reasons'

The QRL Northern Division says it has decided, due mainly to financial considerations, to reduce the coming Foley Shield from eight sides to just three – powerhouse sides Townsville, Mackay and Cairns.

In 2011 eight sides competed: Cairns, Northern Outback, Townsville City, Townsville Country, Innisfail-Eacham, RARL, Mackay and Palm Island-Bowen.

This year the two Townsville sides will combine, as will Cairns and Innisfail-Eacham to field quality teams.

Mackay won the grand final in 2011, beating Townsville City 30-14 before a large crowd at Brothers Leagues Club in Townsville.

Townsville, Mackay and Cairns will still have many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

## Indigenous teams hit hard in revamped competition



The Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) team at the 2011 Foley Shield carnival.

players in their ranks.

After the 2011 final, QRL Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy gave an undertaking at the presentation that the Foley Shield would continue in the same format.

Mr Nosworthy said his body wanted to give every club footballer in north and far north Queensland the opportunity to better themselves and play higher representative football.

The *Koori Mail* asked Mr

Nosworthy in January about the change in plans.

"Basically the Foley Shield will be run as part of the XXXX Nationwide Challenge in 2012," he said.

"This competition is to find the best regional area in Australia.

"Cairns and Townsville will be playing as one entity and not split as in the past. This will mean they will be very strong.

"With no NQ Marlins men's team in 2012, we didn't believe it

was financially viable to run a carnival involving all areas this year.

"Mid West and Mt Isa at this stage will compete in the Outback carnival in June and at the same time there will be a Far North Challenge involving the community leagues Three Rivers, KRL, NPA and Central Cape Suns.

"It is envisaged that the winner of these two competitions will play each other at a later stage. The date and venue for this game is yet to be confirmed but we are hoping to do it before a Northern Pride or Mackay Cutters game.

"Palm Island will play Bowen in Bowen on 21 April. We are looking at organising other rep games for

both, but again this is yet to be finalised."

A combined Palm Island-Bowen side entered the Foley Shield in 2011 season and although they lost all three games, they performed well.

That gave Aboriginal players from the Palm island six-club competition to show their talents.

To be booted out of the competition after just one season is a kick in the guts for Palm Island.

Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey, a big supporter of the Palm Island Barracudas for many years, said he was 'extremely disappointed' that the North Queensland Aboriginal Community would not be part of the Foley Shield.

## 'Sacrificed'

"Once again it looks like Palm Island and footballers from the far north are being sacrificed and this is not good for reconciliation? especially in sport," he said.

"The QRL must remember that whenever Palm competes, we bring along big crowds as was the case at the 2011 Foley Shield and at All Blacks carnival throughout the region."

Torres-Cape entered the competition in 2009 season, competing in 2010 before having a name change to Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) before last season.

RARL players were picked from the three-club Kaiwalagal Rugby League, based on Thursday Island (Suburbs, Roosters, Tigers), the Northern Peninsula Area, Cape Cluster competition (Weipa, Coen, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon and Aurukun clubs), and Three Rivers League (Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Cooktown clubs).

In their 2009 debut year, Torres Cape beat Cairns, Mount Isa-Mid West (now Northern Outback) and Townsville on the way to losing the grand final 32-22 to Innisfail-Eacham.

But in 2010 season the side was soundly beaten in all three matches.

Last year RARL lost all three matches with basically a young side. RARL lost to Townsville Country 36-10, to Mackay 42-10 and to Innisfail Eacham 30-22.



The Palm Island-Bowen team that contested the 2011 Foley Shield.



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, angry that Palm Island players have been excluded from the 2012 Foley Shield competition.



# Skipper leads by example

By PETER ARGENT



**SKIPPER** Jeff Cook and all-rounder Pat Rosser played pivotal roles in the NSW Country victory in the 2012 Australian Country cricket championships (ACCC) at Geelong from 1-12 January.

The Baggy Blues won six of their seven matches, just going down to Victoria in the round six one-day fixture at North Geelong Oval.

While NSW won by 11 points, they still needed a victory the last game to ensure the title.

"Yes, it was my second win at the ACCC and this one was a little more satisfying," Cook, who turns 40 on 2 February, said.

"We had our share of injury and the players didn't shirk any issues.

"I also believe the standard of the carnival is getting better."

Cook and Rosser had significant impacts at important times.

The veteran skipper only made one half-century, but it was an important 58 in the thrilling six-run round-five victory over Queensland after a top-order collapse.

## Turned match around

With the ball, Cook changed the course of the Twenty20 contest with South Australia.

With the SA Outbacks cruising to victory and requiring less than a run a ball at the back end of their innings, Cook collected successive wickets in his opening over and finished with 4-5, dragging his side to victory.



**Evergreen NSW skipper Jeff Cook turns a ball to leg during the Australian Country cricket carnival in Geelong.**

He also collected 3-35 from 22 overs in the second-round contest against Western Australia.

Along with his 58 against the Bulls, Cook sent down 23 frugal overs, 13 being maidens, and finishing with 1-37 in this game against their fierce rivals.

Cook broke down during his third over in the match against Victoria, but still participated in the important round-seven win over East-Asia Pacific.

Rosser, from Parkes, performed with bat and ball.

He opened the batting against South Australia in the second Twenty20 match, and then produced a critical innings against Queensland when batting down the list.

## Blazing innings

Coming in at number ten, his amazing 53 against the Braham Bulls came from 30 deliveries in 52 minutes, including eight boundaries and a six at Burdoo Reserve.

In the final game, he smashed a whirlwind 67 at the death before taking a pair of wickets.

His 210 runs for the tournament were at a respectable average of 35.

Rosser's ten wickets were achieved at an average of 19.50, with a best of 3-58 in the one-dayer against Victoria.

"Pat is the type of player who can take a game away from an opponent in a short time," Cook said.

"His effort against Queensland was simply fantastic and I also thought he bowled very well.

"He certainly added to the

dynamic of the team."

For the third-placed Queensland side, Bradley Stout made 184 runs at 26.49 and got starts in five of their seven games.

His strike rate of 165.8 runs per 100 balls was clearly the best at the titles and justified his selection.

Starting with 59, he followed with just four in round two, 36, four again, 38, 20 and 23, hitting no less than 20 fours and five sixes, meaning 150, or 80.6 per cent of his runs, came in boundaries.

## Leading run-getter

After last playing for Victoria Country and leading them to a title in Mildura at the 2007 tournament, veteran Chris Bambury returned for this championship and was his side's leading run-getter.

"I played alongside Chris in our 2007 title win and he is definitely our veteran now," Victorian Country coach Paul Bradley said.

"He batted with real composure during this series and has lost none of his skills.

"Chris' ability to bat to the situation is exceptional."

In a team that lost their first five games, Bambury was one of the bright lights, making 204 runs at an average of 68.44, including three half-centuries.

He produced a match-winning 71 not out in the final round victory over the ACT, hitting four boundaries and four sixes.

From the local district in Geelong, he is credited for captaining Lara to their first Geelong and District Cricket Association title in four decades in the 2009-10 season and is currently playing for East Belmont.

Cook, as a player and coach, and Rosser (both NSW) and Stout (Qld) have been selected for Imparja Cup duties.



**Victorian Chris Bambury, who averaged 68.44 with the bat during the Australian Country carnival.**



**Queenslander Bradley Stout smashes a six for the Australian Country XI against the Australian Cricketers Association (ACA) Masters XI.**

# Stout's clout

By PETER ARGENT

**T**OWNSVILLE pocket rocket Bradley Stout had a dynamic impact at the Australian Country cricket championships in Geelong, Victoria, forcing his way into the Australian Country XI for the game against the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) Masters at Torquay Oval on Saturday 7 January.

He virtually demanded selection after an amazing 59 from 40 deliveries against Western Australia.

The game ended in a tie.

Stout followed this up with a swashbuckling 36 from 18 balls in the first Twenty20 fixture of the tournament, at South Barwon Reserve. This included 19 runs taken from the first over of the game.

"Brad didn't let us down in the game against the ACA Masters," Australian Country XI coach Paul Bradley said.

"He faced just 11 balls and hit former tri-state Sheffield Shield opening bowler Greg Rowell for two boundaries and a big six straight down the ground.

"We were looking for Brad to get us off to a flyer and he produced.

"It was a little disappointing he was dismissed for 14, but he did his job.

"There was a bit of David Warner's cavalier approach in the way he played.

## Thrashing machine

"He is a thrashing machine and goes after everything."

The Australia Country team collected a four-wicket win, with victory coming in the second ball of the last over.

They were chasing down the ACA Masters total of 4-127.

Included in the Masters side were former Test cricketers Greg Matthews, Peter Sleep, Rodney Hogg, Graham Yallop and Phil Emery.

Stout, a former Queensland Imparja Cup captain and still an Imparja Cup player, is noted for his aggressive style.

Before coming to Geelong, Stout made a blistering century in the local Townsville competition.

He was dismissed for 100, hitting 13 fours and five sixes in 80 minutes of aggression, where he faced 65 balls.

In an earlier club game, Stout also produced a better than a run-a-ball unbeaten 51 and a potent 62.

Approaching the ACCC, Stout had 328 runs in local Townsville cricket at an average of 46.86, and an amazing strike rate of 138.4 runs per 100 balls faced.



**Pat Rosser hits boldly for NSW.**

— Pictures on this page: Peter Argent



# Out of their league

In every sport, you have the true athletes who could have excelled in any number of sports.

Then there are those players or participants whose gene pool has specifically been designed so they can excel at one sport alone.

Put them in another sport and they are like the proverbial fish out of water.

There are also a number of sports where certain skills are transferable, and codes often seek to exchange ideas and train together in specially designed sessions aimed at benefitting both sides.

Such was the case recently when the Sydney Swans held a joint training session with English Super League team Warrington.

The Wolves paid a visit to the Swans' training base at Moore Park as part of a pre-season training camp in Sydney leading up to a trial with NRL club South Sydney.

The Swans and Wolves players held a two-hour joint session where they spent time working on tackling technique and ball skills, as well as fitness and conditioning.

Swans co-captain Adam Goodes hopes he can become a better tackler after the sessions,

but is quite happy to stick with AFL as his sport of choice.

The Wolves players found the Swans' running drills – especially the 150m shuttle run with a one-handed push-up at each end – a killer workout on a humid Sydney day, while the Swans players found out just how hard the Wolves hit when they got out the tackle bags.

## Great experience

Adam said it was a great experience to train with a group of professional athletes from another code.

"I learnt to stay out of their way when they want to tackle you, that's for sure," Goodes said.

"I was holding the tackle bag for a few of their boys when they were tackling, and I'm sure they weren't hitting as hard as they can and I still got a couple through to the stomach that winded me."

But it was the Wolves who had the wind taken out of their sails when it came to the AFL-style running drills.

"I think we stitched them up with a few of the 150m run-throughs when they had to drop down with one hand on their chest. It took them a little while to get up," Goodes said.

"But they are great

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competitors and great athletes and they didn't whinge or complain, they just got out there and got the job done.

"I think they appreciate the running and athleticism in our game and we appreciate the strength and the hit and the tackling ability that they have."

Goodes said he'd learnt a few things which he will incorporate into his tackling.

"Especially with the tackling and how low those guys get in the tackle," Goodes said.

"They get in nice and close and really take another step before they make the tackle. In our sport we probably reach too much with our arms so it's more tackling with the shoulders and that's one thing I got from their boys today."

Warrington captain Adrian Morley, the 46-Test veteran who spent six years with the Sydney Roosters before returning to the UK in 2006, also enjoyed the AFL sessions.

"It certainly gives us an appreciation of just how fit these boys are and how much skill they've got," Morley said.

"Our boys got a lot out of it. It was great to come to a different code and just experience what they do."

"I think the Swans enjoyed it as well, a good exercise for both teams."

Morley even went so far as to say that some of the drills would be incorporated into Warrington's training.

"Some of the drills were really enjoyable and we might include them in our warm-up, but we

probably won't do the 150m run throughs," Morley laughed.

"The AFL boys are very fit and very lean. They obviously can't do the tackling stuff we do, and we can't do some of the things they do, but it is great to have an understanding and appreciation of a different code and the Swans made us feel so welcome."

Experiments like these are just another example of coaches using every method and opportunity to find a competitive edge on his opponents.

This is not just restricted to the physical and skills-based aspects of the game.

## Follow trends

Coaches are avid readers of psychology books, new-age philosophies and biographies of successful people all in the incessant search for the new idea that will take the team one step further on the road to success.

At the end of the day, however, when the Swans meet GWS in the season opener, tackle technique may well be important but it will still be the passion behind the tackle that makes the difference.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!

# Opening day had it all

By ALF WILSON



RAIN and sunshine were in plentiful supply on day one of the world's biggest cricket carnival – the Goldfield Ashes at Charters Towers where Indigenous players were in early form.

The three-day Ashes started last Friday with 226 teams in six grades, and on day one, rain stopped play at many grounds several times.

But Mother Nature showed how she could change quickly and that was followed by bright sunshine and a matching 35-degree temperature.

There were men's A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2 and social grades as well as a women's division played on 72 fields across Charters Towers and surrounds.

Women's side Black Bream, which included Aboriginal women and girls, scored a handsome win on day one against Biggalo Babes at the Charters Towers State High School.

Black Bream scored 308 after dismissing the Babes for just 26 and led the seven-team women's division on 7.99 points.

Running second was Mount Isa on 7.41.

"It did rain here this morning before we started, but the ground is in good condition," Black Breams captain Chris Hero told the Koori Mail.

Black Bream won the women's division two years ago, but did not enter last year.

Over at one of the main pitches being used at the Towers Aerodrome reserve, the West Indigies scored a 165-to-140-run win over Leftovers XI.

The West Indigies XI included seven brothers or cousins of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent with the surname of Ross.

"It is very hot out here although the fields are nice and green because of all the recent rain," said West Indigies captain Glenn Butler.

The Koori Mail visited many games and a summary of the carnival will appear in the next edition.



Clockwise, from left: ● From left, West Indigies players in uniform are Noel Ross, Justin Ross, Jordan Ross, Drew Ross, Dean Ross, Gordon Ross and Jermaine Ross. The youngsters are Rex Ross, and Jermaine Ross Jnr.

●Black Bream's Kylie Dallachy had a towel over her head for relief from the scorching sun.

●West Indigies players cooling down in the sun were Noel Ross with ice, and Drew Ross.

●Black Bream players, from left, Missy Moore, Erica Budby and captain Christine Hero.





# All Stars credibility

I CAN remember when we were promoting the concept of the All Stars – sharing the concerns of many as to whether the game would be embraced by the non-Indigenous players and fans as well as getting the all-important support of the clubs.

Michael Searle and I had a meeting arranged with Wayne Bennett to seek his involvement and I can remember being a little over-awed in meeting the great coach for the first time.

But I should never have been worried because Wayne is a true rugby league man who understood the important place the game has played in our communities and he was supportive from the start.

He has gone out of his way to promote the game from day one, and given his sometimes testy relationship with the media, has done wonderful things to spread the message.

But just as importantly, the game has been embraced by the non-Indigenous players in a manner that ensures the game is more than the exhibition concept which was the tag given to it by sceptics of the clash.

Almost to a man, you can find quotes about the honour and importance placed on the game by all these players.

Without this support, the game would die an early death.

The selection of Cooper

Cronk to replace Darren Lockyer is a case in point.

Queensland and Australian selectors will get their first look at Cooper Cronk stepping into Darren Lockyer's boots next month when the Melbourne halfback links up with Benji Marshall for the NRL All Stars.

For the first time since the All Stars concept arrived, Marshall will not be lining up in the No 7 jersey alongside the champion five-eighth, who retired at the end of last season.

## Vacancies

Lockyer's exit leaves vacancies in the Australian and Queensland sides, with Cronk heavily favoured to slot in to partner Indigenous All Stars halfback Johnathan Thurston, who will shift to five-eighth.

Cronk, one of ten debutants in the NRL All Stars team, was selected by the fans to line up for the All Stars in the annual clash, with Bennett endorsing the selection and Cronk's long-term future in representative football.

"Cooper is one of the top NRL players and is starting to play a fair bit of rep football now and obviously with Darren's retirement he'll play a lot more," Bennett said.

"I'm looking forward to working with him. He's a real professional I reckon."

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The Indigenous All Stars boast potent attacking weapons Thurston and Parramatta's Chris Sandow in the halves, but Bennett backed his duo to lead the way.

"Benji at five eighth and (Cronk) at halfback... they've got a couple of halves themselves who are very good but we can match them in that area," Bennett said.

Marshall, who like Australian captain Cameron Smith was an

automatic selection, admitted to being excited by the prospect of playing alongside another one of the game's smartest playmakers – having played with Lockyer in the first two All Stars games.

Benji's attitude basically reflects the reason why an All Stars jersey is just as important to the non-Indigenous guys.

Not only are they given the honour of being selected by the toughest judges of all (the fans), but they also have the opportunity to play alongside some of the greats in the game.

Legends they may only have played against if the game did not exist.

"Getting the privilege to play with guys like Darren Lockyer pretty much made it for me being a part of this concept," said Marshall, who will skipper the side.

"But when you see guys like Cooper coming through, who will probably take over from Locky, I'm excited."

For the second year in a row, Cronulla skipper Paul Gallen led the fan voting with over 8000 votes, while fan favourite Nathan Hindmarsh and Gold Coast veteran Luke Bailey round out an experienced pack.

Bennett used one of his coach's picks to select newly-appointed Penrith captain Luke Lewis – noting that Lewis's

versatility and skilful play at lock made him an ideal bench player in the exhibition match.

Lewis only missed out on the initial voting because Panthers team-mate Michael Jennings was called up following the late withdrawal of Wests Tigers centre Chris Lawrence.

"I've always had a lot of time for him as a player," Bennett said.

"I think he brings a lot of things to teams."

St George Illawarra halfback Ben Hornby earned the other coach's selection, for his ability to cover the halves, hooker and fullback – with Newcastle's Kurt Gidley unavailable for selection.

## Credibility

All of these players are the type of players you would love to play alongside on a regular basis.

They bring credibility to a contest that is based on passion and pride.

The winner will take a lead in bragging rights with both sides currently sitting on a win apiece.

We should always acknowledge the support of all these players while continuing to cheer our boys on.

I certainly know who I want to win in what is a true test of the best talent our great game has to offer.

Let the contest begin!

## NRL reaches out to Pacific contingent



THE National Rugby League (NRL) hopes to empower Pacific Islander players to better balance the demands of top-level rugby league with cultural expectations in a 'ground-breaking' leadership camp.

Nearly 50 NRL stars and team officials, all of Pacific Islander heritage, assembled in Sydney last Friday for the three-day camp initiated by the NRL welfare and education officer, former Kiwi Test centre Nigel Vagana.

The camp was focusing on strengthening the players' connection to their culture as well as managing the expectations of being an elite NRL player.

"In Pacific culture family is number one and a lot of our players have to make decisions between a family commitment and a club commitment," Vagana said.

"That's a big area that I guess a lot of other cultures don't understand and I think for us it's about working out that balance to exist in this environment but at the same time maintaining our cultural connections.

"We want them to be leaders in the game and leaders in the community, but we've got to make sure they understand their own identity first.

"Anyone who understands themselves and their history acts accordingly and a lot of our boys, they are removed from their cultures a lot. "We want to make sure they understand that the game's supporting them."

Almost 30 per cent of current NRL players have Pacific Island heritage. – AAP

# Still the benchmark for Joel Thompson



RAIDERS utility Joel Thompson has come a long way from the isolation of bush football to carve a successful National Rugby League (NRL) career in the national capital – but victory by the Indigenous team in the inaugural All Stars clash in 2010 remains his rugby league benchmark.

The 23-year-old, who grew up in far-western New South Wales, said he's counting the days until this year's game at Skilled Park on 4 February.

"It's awesome being around such quality players, learning from them and also going up there with all my family and friends... it should be good," Thompson told *NRL.com*.

"When we go up there it's such a good vibe, everyone I talk to is looking forward to it. Hopefully we get a sell-out crowd again."

The Indigenous All Stars' other popular 'JT' revealed he had a fragmented rugby league upbringing.

"My family is from Ivanhoe... out near Wilcannia, Broken Hill. It's pretty remote. My mum's Aboriginal and I grew up with my Aboriginal family out there," he said.

"I started playing when I was pretty young, like eight, but I moved around a fair bit so there's a lot of years I didn't play and then there was the years I did

play, so I didn't consistently play rugby league until I was about 16."

Thompson said that although league was a popular sport in Ivanhoe, he was among the Indigenous minority to leave their mark on the game.

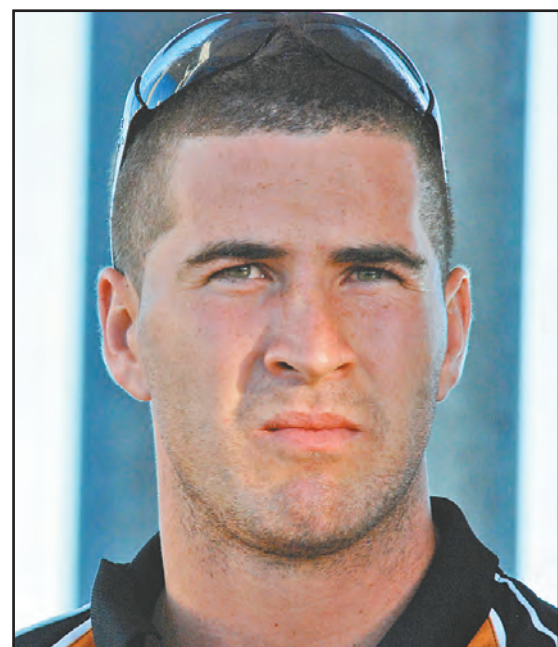
"Yeah, it's a big sport but not really many Aboriginal players are from out there... our closest town was like Griffith. No, there's not many coming from that way," he said.

The centre/second-rower nominated the week leading up to the All Stars clash as every bit as satisfying as the game itself.

"I like mixing with the fans when we do our jumper presentation (at the All Stars Festival) – it's good to see so many people that love it and the kids and stuff," he said.

"All the smiles and everything, seeing their favourite players like JT and other players and Princey... it's all pretty good."

Also, he's looking forward to reuniting with Indigenous team halfback Chris Sandow, who he hasn't played alongside since his teenage years.



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And he loves the team's new jersey design – although he suspects an ulterior motive.

"I love them actually... the black look – I don't know if they're trying to make big Georgie Rose look a bit slimmer or what's going on there, but I like them. It's a cool design."



# Kyah Simon off to US



THE Boston Breakers, looking to add more explosiveness to their soccer attack in 2012, have signed Australian Indigenous international Kyah Simon.

The 20-year-old striker, who plays for Sydney FC in the Westfield W-League, also is a member of the Westfield Matildas.

Simon helped lead the Matildas into the knockout stage of the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany. She scored two goals in a 2-1 win over Norway, which sent Australia to the quarter-finals.

She became the first Indigenous Australian (male or female) to score a goal in a World Cup tournament.

Simon made her national team debut in August 2007, at the age of 16, against Hong Kong. She scored her first goal with Australia in a win over Brazil in the 2008 Peace Cup.

## 29 caps

To date, Simon has 29 caps and seven goals in international play. She also scored the winning penalty for Australia to win the 2010 Asian Cup.

Simon has played in the Westfield W-League since its inception, debuting with the Central Coast Mariners in the inaugural 2008/2009 campaign.

The following season, she won the championship with Sydney.

In the 2010-11 season with Sydney, Simon earned numerous awards and accolades after a tremendous W-League season, one in which Sydney finished first in the regular season table.

Not only did Simon win the Golden Boot for leading the League in scoring with 12 goals in 12 matches, she also won the



Australian striker Kyah Simon celebrates after scoring an equalising 1-1 goal as Norway's midfielder Gry Tofte Ims looks on during the Group D match of the FIFA Women's Football World Cup on 6 July, 2011 in Leverkusen, western Germany. – AFP photo

Player of the Year, the Young Player of the Year, and the Players' Player of the Year award.

Boston Breakers associate general manager Lee Billiard said: "We are continuing to strengthen our team."

"Kyah will be a valuable player for us on and off the field as we look to build stronger relationships with youth soccer programs and bring more world-class players for

our supporters to cheer on."

The WPS deal is another step in Simon's meteoric rise through football's ranks.

"I am delighted that we have come to terms for Kyah to become part of the Boston Breakers," Simon's manager Bill Drossos said.

"Not only is Kyah a fantastic player, she is also a great person, role model and ambassador for

women's football and I have no doubt that she will be a great asset to Boston Breakers on and off the field."

## Playing the best

Twenty-year-old Simon said she was delighted at the opportunity to play against the best in the business in the lucrative WPS.

"I am really excited to have the

opportunity to play for the Boston Breakers", she said.

"It has been a dream of mine since I started playing football to play overseas and in one of the best women's football competitions in the world and I am stoked that I will be living my dream with the Boston Breakers."

– Source: Football

Federation Australia website

## NSW women to tune up with Hastings games



THE NSW women's cricket team competing in the Imparja Cup carnival in Alice Springs next month will tune up

with two matches this weekend at Port Macquarie.

The NSW team will take on the North Coast Seagulls at Oxley Oval on Saturday and the North Coast Dolphins on Sunday.

The Seagulls should prove worthy opponents with the inclusion of State players Kara Sutherland and Angela Reakes (NSW Breakers) and Sammy-Jo Johnson (Queensland Fire). The Seagulls also will be boosted by ACT under 18 player Janny Taffs, NSW Country representative Georgina Redmayne and NSW under 15 player Jessica Marks.

The North Coast Dolphins also will boast some quality players: Former NSW Breakers Kate Jackson, Gabrielle Easey and Kim Broderock, ACT under 18 representative Melissa Norup and Manning's under 15 NSW representative Maitlan Brown.

## Chambers comes back to league



WILL Chambers will return to his former National Rugby League (NRL) club Melbourne after a

two-year dalliance with rugby union.

The tall centre has signed a three-year deal with the Storm, who the 23-year-old played 42 games with between 2007 and 2009 before switching codes to play with the Queensland Reds.

Chambers had a topsy-turvy stint in Brisbane, making a quick impression in his first season to be touted as a Wallabies contender before a shoulder injury halted his development.

However, on return from surgery, Chambers spent more time on the bench than on the field as the Reds swept to the Super Rugby title last year.

Chambers was subsequently released by the Reds and joined Irish club Munster on a short-term deal before the Storm's operations manager, Frank Ponissi, travelled

to Limerick to discuss a return to Melbourne.

"I have been following Will's progress over the past two years and when I caught up with him in Limerick, it was clear he had a desire to come back to rugby league," said Ponissi.

"Pleasingly, we (have completed) our 2012 roster, adding quality depth to our centre position with Dane Nielsen, Maurice Blair and Justin O'Neill."

## Excited to be back

Chambers, whose last game for Melbourne was in the 2009 grand final-winning team who beat Parramatta – a title later stripped due to the Storm's salary cap rorting – is excited to have sealed a long-term deal following the uncertainty of recent months.

"This was a very difficult decision with several things to consider. The overriding factor was a return to Melbourne to be coached by Craig (Bellamy) and being part of the Melbourne Storm culture once again," he said. – AAP

## Matt Hayden bats up for auction

FOUR hand-painted cricket bats used by Brisbane Heat batsman Matt Hayden in the KFC T20 Big Bash League are being auctioned to raise money to support Tiwi College.

The bats were painted by Tiwi artists Raelene Kerinauia, Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri, Brian Farmer Illortamini and Pedro Wonaeamirri.

Each bat has a reserve of \$5000.

Online bidding for the bats is open and closes on 30 January at midday for the first bat, 12.05pm for the second bat, 12.10pm for the third bat and 12.15pm for the fourth bat.

Hayden, through his foundation the Hayden Way, has been a long-time supporter of youth development on Bathurst and Melville islands.

Every year he and Allan Border captain teams in a cricket match involving

Tiwi islanders.

The Hayden Way seeks to improve the general health and well-being of disadvantaged youth by addressing health challenges and improving educational opportunities at the Tiwi College.

Tiwi College, at Pickertaramoor, on Melville Island, provides secondary education for Tiwi young people.

Tiwi College is a remote Aboriginal secondary boarding school and a day school for a small number of primary children. The students are picked up from communities across Melville and Bathurst island each Monday and brought to the college. They return each Friday, many crossing Apsley Strait by ferry to Bathurst Island, after a 40-minute 4WD vehicle trip.

Auction details: <http://tiwicollegeproject.com/auction/>



# Leader at 18



Worrin Williams, right, being interviewed during the 2009 tour of England by the Australian Indigenous cricket team.

## Williams at the helm for Q'land



**ALL-ROUNDER** Worrin Williams will lead the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI for the first time next month in the annual clash with the Queensland Academy of Sport at Allan Border Field.

Williams, 24, will lead an experienced line-up that includes former Queensland Bulls batsman Daniel Payne, Queensland Country batsman Bradley Stout and fellow Australian Indigenous squad members Cameron Trask and Preston White.

A former Queensland Bulls rookie contracted player and Queensland Second XI player, Williams toured England with the Australian Indigenous side in 2009 along with Trask (Wynnum-Manly) and White (Toombul). Both all-rounders have gone on to establish themselves as first-grade regulars in the XXXX GOLD Brisbane Premier Grade competition.

Williams, who has been in strong form for Beenleigh-Logan in the Premier Grade competition, will also lead the Queensland Imparja Cup campaign in Alice Springs next month.

The Imparja Cup squad fulfils a development role in Queensland Cricket's Indigenous player strategy, with the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI taking on flagship status though its annual match against the Queensland Academy of Sport.

First-time selections for the match on 3 February against the QAS include Wests all-rounder John Hay and Gold Coast Dolphins player Robert Miller.

Hay earns selection in the wake of some impressive performances for Queensland in last year's Imparja Cup titles in Alice Springs, where he was named in the team of the championships.

Queensland Thunder indoor cricket player Adam McDermott, a participant in the recent Cricket Superstar series on FOX8, will make his second appearance in the QA&TSI XI.

Williams, Hay, McDermott, Miller, Stout, Toombul paceman Mark Thompson and experienced all-rounder Glen Martin will all use the game as preparation for their Imparja Cup campaign from 5-12 February in Alice Springs.

The 2011-12 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI to play the Queensland Academy of Sport at Allan Border Field on 3 February: Worrin Williams (c – Beenleigh-Logan), John Hay (Western Suburbs), Glen Martin (Rovers Cricket Club – Cairns), Adam McDermott (Wynnum-Manly), Robert Miller (Gold Coast Dolphins), Daniel Payne (Redlands), Ashley Renouf (Sunshine Coast Scorchers), Bradley Stout (North – Townsville), Mark Thompson (Toombul), Cameron Trask (Wynnum-Manly), Preston White (Toombul). Coaches, Michael Mainhardt (Northern Suburbs), Mark Dingle (Queensland Cricket).

By PETER ARGENT



BEN Abbatangelo may be just 18, but Victorian cricket officials say he has a maturity beyond his years.

Such are his credentials that Abbatangelo has been named captain of Victoria's Imparja Cup cricket team to take on the best Indigenous State teams at Cricket Australia's week-long carnival in Alice Springs next month.

The Victorian Cricket Association (VCA) Northcote youngster has just played in the 2012 Cricket Australia national under 19 championships in Adelaide.

Having debuted at district A grade level in round three against Casey, Abbatangelo was quickly among the runs, making a handsome 60 in the next round against Ringwood.

Although he started his cricket with Yarrambat at the tender age of eight, he regards the Plenty Cricket Club, in the Diamond Valley Association, as his foundation club after playing four years of junior cricket there.

"I have been involved in the Victorian Academy Pathway programs over the years, but this is the first time I've made a State team through the grades," Abbatangelo said after the Adelaide carnival.

### Second Imparja Cup

"This year will be my second trip to the Imparja Cup, although I had a pretty average tournament last year.

"We have a young group and I'm looking forward to the role of captain."

Ben Abbatangelo in action for Victoria at the 2012 national under 19 cricket carnival in Adelaide.  
Picture: Peter Argent



The coaching staff at the Victorian Cricket Academy have been impressed with Abbatangelo's improvement, especially over the past 12 months.

"Ben is a technically correct batsman, who is always looking to turn the strike over," his Victorian under 19 coach, Shawn Flegler, said.

"He has been involved with our academy program through the winter, loving the environment and improving with each session.

"There is no doubt he has the ability to score runs at this level, as his 28 (run out) again South Australia showed.

"Ben is certainly his own man – he speaks confidently and has strong leadership qualities – along with being outgoing and well-liked.

"He is also a very good fielder.

"Another aspect is his developing off-spinners."

There is also some cricketing heritage in the family as Abbatangelo's cousin is former Victorian batting all-rounder Grant Gardiner, a left hander who played 20 first-class matches with his State between 1994-5 and 1997-8, collecting a century and four half-centuries.

## Imparja Cup caps presented

**SOME** of Australia's biggest sporting names were at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Thursday night where players in the Victorian Imparja Cup cricket team were presented with their caps.

Among the high-profile people were Melbourne Stars president Eddie McGuire and Melbourne Heart striker David Williams, who presented the caps to the team, along with Australian fast bowler James Pattinson.

"Congrats to all the boys here. Stick with it and hard work will get you places," Williams said.

In front of the MCG crowd, Wurundjeri Elder Auntie Joy Wandin-Murphy began the formalities with the welcome to country.

"I was so proud to be out on the ground today. To have the cap presentation on the MCG before this important game is the biggest feather in the cap," she said.

With skipper Ben Abbatangelo in Adelaide competing in the under 19 national championships, vice-captain Fletcher Stewart filled in.

"It's a special night. Everyone aspires to play cricket on the MCG and although we didn't get to play today, receiving the cap is just as special," he said.

"Indigenous cricket is in the shadows of AFL football. A lot of time and effort from Cricket Victoria through people like Annie Hateley and Stuart Clark goes into Indigenous cricket and things like this bring it to attention.

"Hopefully, it won't be long until we see the likes of Daniel Christian get their Test caps."



Melbourne Heart soccer A-League striker David Williams presents Victorian Imparja Cup players with their caps at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



### Learn Earn Legend! S2W Program

The Learn Earn Legend! School to Work Program was developed to create pathways to successful careers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in years 11 and 12 in participating schools across the ACT and surrounding regions. The aim is to support students in the program complete their senior schooling and move into further education, training, or meaningful employment.

The Canberra Raiders, DEEWR are rolling out the program to Canberra and surrounding region schools and are taking applications for the following position:

#### Aboriginal Project Officer

The Aboriginal Project Officer will be responsible for the establishment and ongoing engagement of all participating schools and eligible students in a culturally appropriate and timely manner.

**As the successful candidate you will have proven knowledge, skills and experience in the following essential criteria:**

- Demonstrated understanding of the contemporary issues facing Indigenous Australians and the impacts these issues have on Indigenous Australian societies and cultures
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous Australians
- Working with and delivering programs to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- Experience in managing complex projects with multiple stakeholders
- Relationship Management
- Proven track record in delivering results
- Computer literate
- Drivers license

All successful applicants will be required to undergo a mandatory Working with Children background check.

Email your resume and a covering letter addressing the criteria above to [jroarty@raiders.com.au](mailto:jroarty@raiders.com.au) quoting the position title. If you require further information and a job description, contact Jake on 6253 3515 or by email.

**Applications close by cob Wednesday 8th February 2012.**



# Lowanna impressive on the ice



MEET young Aboriginal woman Lowanna Gibson, who has returned from Istanbul, Turkey, where she finished 13th in an international figure skating event.

It was a case of Christmas coming early for Lowanna, when the 19-year-old was told she would represent Australia at the 2011 Istanbul Cup.

Lowanna is a senior level ice skater and in Turkey she performed to *Bombay Vice* in her short program, and *Nights in the Garden of Spain* in her long program.

She was the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia in figure skating.

Lowanna skates with the Penrith Valley Figure Skating Club.

She took up the sport at the age of four in 1996 and has represented her State for the past ten years.

Away from skating, she is a student at the University of Sydney, where she has completed her first year of a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Archaeology.

She was recently awarded an archaeology cadetship with the NSW Government department of Roads and Maritime Services.

## Hodges hopes for a full season



JUSTIN HODGES

A BRONCOS training session without Darren Lockyer might still take some getting used to.

But Brisbane's six representative rugby league stars witnessed another rare sight when they returned to Broncos duty – Justin Hodges in full flight at pre-season training.

And it seems Broncos fans will get to see a lot more of Hodges in 2012 after the injury-plagued centre completes his first full pre-season in years.

Indeed, Hodges is so happy with his progress that he might yet tinker with a plan to regularly rest throughout the upcoming season.

Back-related hamstring injuries ensured Hodges endured a stop-start 2011, prompting a plan to rest every eight to ten games this season.

However, Hodges was confident of an extended run in 2012, possibly starting with an All Stars debut next month.

"It's been four or five years since I have done a full pre-season," Hodges said on the Broncos website. "It is going to be different having some fitness behind me. I am looking forward to a good year where I can stay on the park for the full season."

Hodges admits there was a time when he could have been accused of not feeling guilty about missing a training session.

But the 29-year-old reckons he now can't get enough of them as he tries to eke out as many games as he can from his sometimes fragile frame.

"Every year it gets harder," Hodges said.

"This is something I wanted to do. I really wanted to get the best out of my pre-season."

"I have been pushed the hardest I have been for a long time."

"Now I can build on top of that and hopefully not get any injuries."

— AAP

# Thunder gathers for new season



THE Northern Territory Thunder have started their journey towards back-to-back North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) premierships when the Southern and Northern region squads resumed training this

month.

New head coach Daniel Archer has relocated to Darwin and is putting the Darwin-based squad through their paces in the lead-up to the grand final rematch against the Morningside Panthers in round one on 24 March at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

The Darwin-based players are training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights with players given individual weights programs to complete on their non-training days.

Coach Archer said: "It's really exciting to be getting ourselves back on the track and preparing for the season ahead."

"The squad is starting to come together, with the continued signings of a good mix of talented Northern Territory and interstate players to complement the core group

returning after the club's successful 2011 campaign.

"Focus is now purely on preparing each individual physically along with preparing a team that plays football the Thunder way."

Meanwhile, Thunder has announced that Stan Coombe will be the full-time talent co-ordinator in Alice Springs for 2012.

The primary focus of his position is to assist in the development of talented players from the Central Australia and Barkly regions to participate in AFLNT programs.

### Alice Springs training

NT Thunder's Southern region players began their pre-season training on Monday 16 January.

Training sessions are overseen by Southern region coaches Scott Weily and Rob Clarke.

The Thunder have also announced they have signed Palmerston player Braedon McLean for 2012.

He is regarded as having enormous potential.

He played two senior games for Thunder in 2011 as a 23rd player.

McLean is a medium-sized outside running midfielder who spent his junior years playing for local club Waratahs before moving out to Palmerston for the 2011-12 NTFL season. He has been involved in the Thunder program since under 16s and this year will still be eligible to play in the under 18 Thunder side at the AFL national championships.

McLean has been an NTIS scholarship holder for the past two years and was involved in the Boomerangs tour of South Africa in 2010. McLean's highest achievement to date was winning the AFLNT Rising Star Award for his performance in the 2010-11 NTFL season.

The latest signing joins Jason Roe, Jake Dignan, Darren Ewing, Kenrick Tyrrell, Shaun Tapp, Matthew Argus, Lachlan Argus, Jack McEwin, Brad Vassal, Cameron Ilett, Josh Chaplin, Kevin Vearncombe, Matthew Rosier, Kieren Smith, Chris Dunne, Jai Pumphrey, Gareth Remfrey, Kelvin Williams, Dean Staunton, William Farrer and Ash Duncan who have already committed to the 2012 season.



## AFLNT sets its sights on Palmerston



THE Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) is to relocate two of its Darwin football development officers to nearby Palmerston.

It is part of the AFLNT's strategy to capitalise on the population growth of Palmerston.

AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley said placing full-time staff in Palmerston

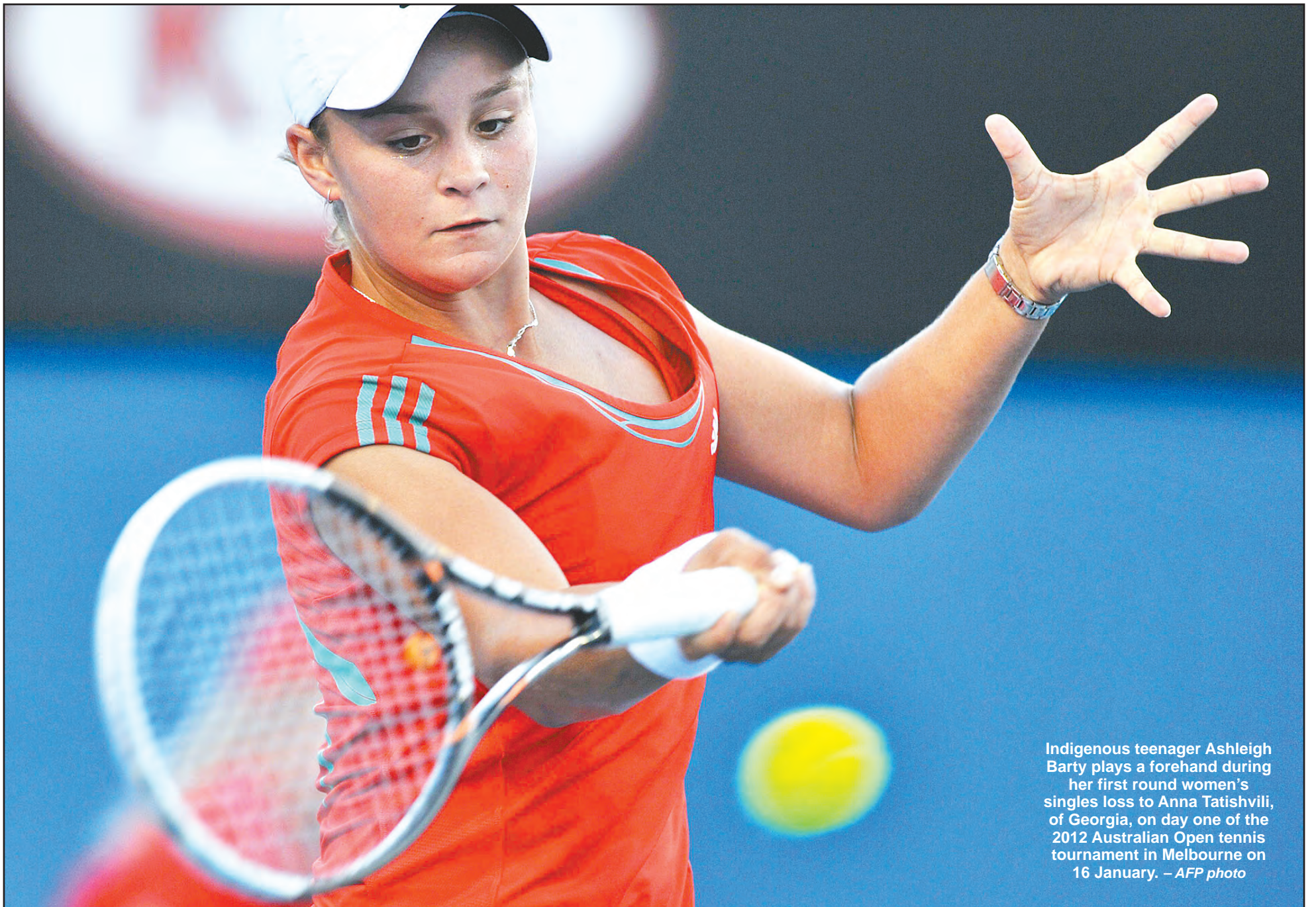
was a clear example of AFLNT's intent to further develop the game at every opportunity.

"The predicted growth of Palmerston is astonishing and it would be remiss of AFLNT not to capitalise on this growth for the good of the game," he said.

"We are also committed to ensuring that structured football programs are accessible to all Territorians. Palmerston is a football-loving city and

we believe that placing two full-time game development staff in the city is further demonstration of our commitment to growing the game and driving up participation in Palmerston.

"Having full-time staff based in Palmerston will provide an opportunity for us to work more closely with local schools and the Palmerston Magpies with a view to increasing junior participation numbers."



Indigenous teenager Ashleigh Barty plays a forehand during her first round women's singles loss to Anna Tatishvili, of Georgia, on day one of the 2012 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 16 January. – AFP photo

# Ashleigh bows out



TEENAGE Indigenous tennis sensation Ashleigh Barton bowed out in the first round of the Australian Open in Melbourne last week with a straight-sets loss to Georgian world number 56 Anna Tatishvili.

The 15-year-old from Ipswich, near Brisbane, went down 6-2 7-6 (7-4).

She was the youngest player in the tournament.

About 3000 fans watched the Wimbledon junior girls singles champion make her Grand Slam debut.

For Barty, it was about testing the water. She struggled with her serve and made too many mistakes, but served seven aces and hit a few winners.

Trailing 4-5 in the second set, she broke Tatishvili's service to take it into a second-set tie-breaker.

But the Georgian, a comparative veteran

at 21, was too cool in the tie-breaker.

Barty earned her place in the Open by winning the wildcard play-off.

"I just made a few too many errors. But she's not 80 (ranked in the world) for nothing," she said of Tatishvili.

Just over half (51 per cent) of Barty's first serves were faults, while her Georgian opponent had a 73 per cent first-serve success rate.

### Seven aces

While Barty served seven aces, her opponent failed to produce one.

But the young Australian made 43 unforced errors, compared with Tatishvili's 17.

In total, Barty won 62 points. Tatishvili won 76.

A week earlier, experienced American Bathanie Mattek-Sands beat Barty in the Queenslander's debut World Tennis Association (WTA) tour match at the

Moorilla Hobart International.

Barty fell 6-2 6-2 to the world No 56.

She opened by holding her serve, then broke her 26-year-old opponent to lead 2-0 before the American's power and experience came to the fore with three service breaks in the first and two in the second set.

Barty said she'd enjoyed the experience.

"I hit a few winners and I made a few errors, but I thought I gave her a pretty good run for her money," she said.

"She's been on tour a lot longer, she's got a lot more experience and she's a lot stronger than me, and I think that was the main difference."

Barty's Australian ranking at the end of last year was 24.

She had a world ranking of 682.

In preparation for her match, Barty practised with 'old girls' in the lead-up to the Australian Open so she could get a feel for what was ahead of her.

"I've been trying to get used to the way they operate... what it's like to play in Grand Slam and what it's like to be a part of it," she said.

Wimbledon success has made her the latest Australian junior to get the 'tag' as next saviour of the game, the next Martina Hingis, the next Evonne Goolagong.

The latter she likes best.

### Close friends

Goolagong Cawley was one of the first to congratulate her after she won at Wimbledon and the pair, who share Indigenous heritage, have remained close since.

"Evonne and I are very similar personalities," Barty said.

"We have a pretty solid relationship, not always talking about tennis – about fishing and other things.

"It's a good relationship and I hope it continues." – AAP and other sources





Three winners in three years... from left, Queensland, Western Australia and NSW. Who will win the Imparja Cup this year? It is shaping as being one of the most open on record, with these three teams strongly in the mix, and other teams taking their preparation to new levels. The Imparja Cup opens in Alice Springs on 5 February and continues until 11 February. It features a mixture of Twenty20 and 40-over games.

# Imparja Cup boom

## Record entries for Indigenous cricket showcase



WITH record entries, this year's Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs is setting new standards.

Organisers are delighted with the growing interest in the carnival at its various levels and say competition will be 'hot'.

From humble beginnings in 2001, the Imparja Cup has grown and every State and Territory now is represented in the main event.

Three-times Imparja Cup winners NSW will be back to defend their title in the men's States and Territories division.

New South Wales took the title last year from Queensland, who were chasing their sixth title.

Who will win this year is anyone's guess. NSW, Western Australia and

Queensland – the past three winners – are sure to be in the mix, but they can expect tough opposition from the other States and Territories.

Teams will play each other in Twenty20 games and will meet again in 40-over matches.

The two teams with the most points at the completion of those matches will meet in the final at Traeger Park on Saturday 11 February.

### NSW double

NSW also took out the women's States and Territories division last year in a three-way contest also involving the Northern Territory and the ACT.

The 2011 Major Centres division saw Maranoa Murrumbidgee beat Alkauptija for the title and both teams will return this year to fight it out against the Katherine Kangas, Darwin and Alice Springs.

Officials say huge strides have been made in the development of the game across the Northern Territory, and 2012 registrations for the men's Community division reflect this and teams will converge on Alice Springs from all parts.

## Past winners

**FOR the record, here is a list of previous Imparja Cup winners:**  
2001 Tasmania, 2002 Northern Territory, 2003 NSW, 2004 Queensland, 2005 Queensland, 2006 Queensland, 2007 NSW, 2008 Queensland, 2009 Queensland, 2010 Western Australia, 2011 NSW.

Gap Angels, re-incarnated as Brothers in Arms, will be back as holders, while last year's beaten finalists the Stuart Highway Mob will be joined by the Clontarf Eagles, CAAAPU, the Truckeez, Tangentyere Tigers and Amoonguna Crows in seeking to take the title.

The Kalkarindji Kingfishers, who were waylaid by Cyclone Yasi last year, will be back in force this year.

Yaka Ngali Miwatj will be journeying from Nhulunbuy and the Tiwi Islands will be represented, as will Tennant Creek.

Three new teams from Alice will also take part. Congress will be playing under

the banner of Safe and Sober, Nywente will make their Imparja Cup debut and the Alice Springs Correctional Centre will also be debuting in this year's tournament.

The Women's Community division has four entrants – an increase of one team on last year.

The Bush Potatoes will be the team to beat, but will face stiff opposition from the seasoned Congress side, the Tiwi Islands and Tennant Creek.

Officials say the growth in women's cricket in the region is plain to see.

### Game against Masters

Another highlight will be the game at Traeger Park on 5 February between the Australian Cricket Association (ACA) Masters and the Indigenous Black Caps.

The ACA Masters team will consist of a mixture of former Test and first-class cricketers and Alice Springs players.

The Black Caps team will consist of Imparja Cup players from past years who have been selected in Black Cap teams.

Black Cap teams are made up of players judged to have been the best of the carnival.

# South Australia opts for youth

By PETER ARGENT



THE Southern Boomerangs have backed youth for their 2012 Imparja Cup campaign, which starts in Alice Springs next month.

With development in mind, the selectors have included a number of teenagers.

The young guns include debutant Brodie Cameron, from Tea Tree Gully, Western Eagles player Ethan Ericson, quicks Luke Lavender and Chris Schilling, Marcus McGregor-Cassady, his younger sibling Ayden McGregor-Baptista, and Matt Ness.

"Pete Thomas will be our captain-coach again, and Tanya McGregor is our team manager," said assistant coach/SACA representative Michael Case.

"We're looking for continued growth during this championship with an eye to the future.

"In a couple of years this squad will be

primed for a serious tilt at winning the title."

Case believes the Southern Boomerangs have a group of exciting youngsters who will be looking to make their mark.

"Brodie Cameron is middle-order bat who is new to the squad and plays SACA under 16 Reds for Tea Tree Gully," Case said.

"Luke Lavender is just 15 years old and already 188cm, being a fast bowler for the future if his body can hold together.

"Chris Schilling is playing for Southern Districts and was a member of their country representative squad at a recent SACA age group carnival.

"Marcus McGregor-Cassady played NT under 17 State team in Hobart in December, while Ayden (McGregor-Baptista) is in SA's under 15 squad."

Last year's South Australian player of the carnival Willie Searle will again lead the bowling attack, while dual Vince Copley medallist Jamie McCafferty is another to watch.

"We only have four blokes over 18 in this year's team," veteran of the Imparja Cup for more than a decade Peter Thomas said.

"This year is about building for the future.

"At least seven of this group are now playing at SACA district clubs in Adelaide."

If the Southern Boomerangs can gain some early confidence, anything can happen at this year's Imparja Cup.

The squad: Matthew Bedgegood (Rose & Crown), Brodie Cameron (Tea Tree Gully), Jordan Charles (Tea Tree Gully), Ethan Ericson (West Torrens), Luke Lavender (Adelaide), Jamie McCafferty (Gawler Central), Marcus McGregor-Cassady (East Torrens), Chris Schilling (Southern Districts), Willie Serle (Gawler Central), Raymond Smith (Eastern Park), Dayne Hancock (Salisbury West), Ayden McGregor-Baptista (East Torrens), Matt Ness (Gawler Central), Peter Thomas (capt-coach – Gawler Central).

MARCUS MCGREGOR-CASSADY



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# Yet another tribute to Arthur Beetson



AN Arthur Beetson tribute will be featured on the jumpers of both teams lining up for the Harvey Norman National Rugby League (NRL) All

Stars Rugby League match at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on Saturday 4 February.

Former Indigenous All Stars captain and 2012 All Stars Ambassador Preston Campbell was at the unveiling of the Beetson jumper tribute.

Each jersey includes the late rugby league immortal's signature, along with the inscription, Arthur Beetson 1945 – 2011 'Tonight we play in your honour', on the chest.

"The tribute to Artie adds special significance; you can't deny the



The Arthur Beetson tribute on the NRL All Stars and Indigenous All Stars jumpers.

impact that he had on rugby league," Campbell said.

"He inspired Indigenous and non-Indigenous players as well as thousands of fans and I believe the tribute will see both sides play with a little extra heart



when they take to the field at Skilled Park"

Meanwhile, All Stars Ambassador Darren Lockyer has unveiled the 2012 NRL All Stars jersey which, for the first time, features individual player NRL club logos on each playing strip.

The jersey was showcased at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast, where it was revealed that the newly incorporated club logos on the shoulder of the playing strips were an initiative voted for by NRL club CEOs.

Lockyer, who captained the NRL team in the first two All Stars events in 2010 and 2011, will take on a new role in 2012 as NRL All Stars Ambassador, spending the week in camp with coach Wayne Bennett's side, named last Thursday.

"All Stars has a different feel about it to other representative matches and I am really happy that I can still play a part in the match," Lockyer said.

"It's a great idea to include the club logos – you are here representing your club and I think it gives the jersey a real All Stars feel to it."

# It runs in the family

CANBERRA utility forward Travis Waddell is looking forward to adding to his extended family's impressive list of sporting achievements when he takes the field for the Indigenous All Stars rugby league team in the season opener at Skilled Park on 4 February.

Waddell, who has retained the starting hooker role in the Indigenous side after playing both All Stars clashes to date, boasts impressive sporting links – with Broncos fullback Josh Hoffman and AFL duo Daniel and Stephen Motlop among his talented cousins.

Waddell told *NRL.com* his fondest

## Getting to the game

PEOPLE attending the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game at Skilled Park on 4 February are encouraged to catch public transport, with additional buses scheduled for the match and Robina Station being only a short walk from the stadium.

For more information on public transport to the match

visit: <http://translink.com.au/events>

There are still tickets available to the match through Ticketek outlets, on 132 849 or [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

Past results  
2010 – Indigenous All Stars 16 d NRL All Stars 12  
2011 – NRL All Stars 28 d Indigenous All Stars 12.

memories were of playing backyard football with his relatives.

"I grew up in Proserpine, up in the Whitsundays – my mum's from Badu

Island in the Torres Strait, and my dad's Aboriginal; he's from Darwin," Waddell said.

"I started playing for the Proserpine Brahmins, under-6s until under-17s, and then I moved away and had one year with Souths Logan and then to the Canberra Raiders."

Waddell said he was happy to get the chance to represent his Indigenous heritage again, but admitted he would be churning inside with nerves in the lead-up.

"I'm very proud to represent my family and my people, so, just glad to be in the side again," he said.

"It's very exciting, very nervous... I got a very weird feeling before the game

because I'd never played in something so big before... to play it again is awesome, to play with Johnathan Thurston and Scotty Prince and all the big names in the League."

Waddell said Thurston would have no problems adjusting to his new role at five-eighth and expected the Cowboys and Queensland superstar to lead by example.

"Of course, he plays awesome every game – I haven't seen him play a bad game, so everyone's expecting him to play good," he said.



TRAVIS WADDELL

## 'Six to go' rule gets thumbs up

RUGBY league coach Wayne Bennett believes one of the three rules trialled in next week's All Stars clash should be introduced into the National Rugby League (NRL) as soon as possible.

Under the 'six again' rule, which will be trialled at the annual clash between the NRL All Stars and Indigenous All Stars on 4 February, differential penalties will result in an immediate call of six more tackles from the referee – a move which is expected to speed up the game and create more attacking possibilities.

Bennett, who is coaching the NRL All Stars team for the third time and has joined Newcastle for the 2012 season, says the rule has great potential and he would like to see it being implemented in the regular season in the near future.

"It won't happen this year, but I think it will be a rule the game will adopt in the future," he said.

"It's a great idea (because) it enhances the game.

"Our game is about the physicality of it and the intensity, and all of a sudden someone is getting six to go

again from an infringement which might be as simple as being a little bit offside at marker or a hand on the ball.

"And all of a sudden rather than stopping the game and going for a kick the referee is going to signal six to go and you're going to have to defend another six.

"That's really going to put some pressure on."

Bennett said the rule had the potential to have an instant impact on the way the game was played – suggesting coaches would change their approach to defensive sets.

"I can tell you now, if it becomes a rule of the future, (coaches) will make sure players cut out a lot of those infringements that do spoil the game a little bit," he said.

"Because they won't tolerate having to do six in a row and another six maybe after that as well. That's going to kill your football team."

All Stars skipper Benji Marshall was also in favour of introducing the rule immediately.

"(It) is a great idea and maybe one they can stick in the game now," Marshall said. – AAP

## Elsja about to step on to the big stage

WHEN the players run on to the field for the women's All Stars rugby league match at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on 4 February, there's a fair chance Elsja Mosby will be the most nervous.

Elsja, 22, is from the Bamaga-Injinoo community near the tip of Cape York, and will be making her representative debut.

She will turn out for the Indigenous All Stars in the women's match against the National Rugby League Jillaroos.

She will make the 2500 km car trip to the Gold Coast and has kept a high level of excitement since being told she had been selected in the Indigenous team.

"I'm so honoured to be playing alongside girls of this level," she said.

"And I'm proud to be representing my people.

"I get more nervous each day. I keep imagining myself stepping out on to that field."

Elsja began playing competition rugby league four years ago, but has been around the sport a lot longer than that – playing with her brothers and cousins in Bamaga.

She works as an assistant community teacher.

## All is set for All Stars blockbuster

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me to work with, but to balance out an interchange bench that is well-stocked with forwards, I wanted to include a player like Ben Hornby who gives me some insurance in the halves and at fullback," Bennett said.

"Ben is someone who has never let me down in my three years coaching him at the Dragons and is perfectly suited to All Stars.

"Likewise, Luke Lewis is another very experienced utility player who will give me a number of options. He represents everything that is good about the game and deserves a spot in the team."

If one of the NRL All Stars players announced last Thursday withdraws from the team due to injury, he will be replaced by someone from the bench. The open bench spot will then be replaced by someone from the injured player's club.

More than 45,000 rugby league fans took part in the voting for the NRL All Stars and Learn Earn Legend! Indigenous All Stars teams.





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Ben Barba scoring for the Indigenous All Stars in last year's match against the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars at Skilled Park. *NRL photo*

# All set for All Stars



THE teams have been chosen and excitement is building towards the annual Harvey Norman National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars game at Skilled

Park, on the Gold Coast, next Saturday 4 February.

As expected, New South Wales and Cronulla captain Paul Gallen topped the voting for the second straight year to be named at lock in the NRL All Stars team announced last Thursday.

Gallen finished 333 votes ahead of Melbourne halfback Cooper Cronk to be recognised as the most popular player amongst fans, who picked 16 of the 20 players for the match against the Indigenous All Stars at Skilled Park.

## Coach's choices

For his two coach's selections, NRL All Stars mentor Wayne Bennett nominated the captain of his former club St George-Illawarra, Ben Hornby, and fellow utility, Penrith's Luke Lewis.

Australian captain Cameron Smith and New Zealand skipper Benji Marshall were automatic selections.

Bennett said he was happy Marshall, who played at halfback for the All Stars last year, had replaced the retired Darren Lockyer at five-eighth.



"I'm pleased Benji is playing five-eighth because it is his natural position," said Bennett.

Almost 30,000 rugby League fans had their say via two online voting stages to select a representative from each of the 16 NRL clubs in the 20-man squad, which includes ten NRL All Stars debutants.

The NRL All Stars: Josh Dugan (Canberra), Jason Nightingale (St George-Illawarra), Jack Reed (Brisbane), Michael Jennings (Penrith), Manu Vatuvei (NZ Warriors), Benji Marshall (Wests Tigers, capt), Cooper Cronk (Melbourne), Kade Snowden (Newcastle), Cameron Smith (Melbourne), Luke Bailey (Gold Coast), Nathan Hindmarsh (Parramatta),

Dave Taylor (South Sydney), Paul Gallen (Cronulla). Interchange: Adam Blair (Wests Tigers), Frank Pritchard (Canterbury), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney Roosters), Tony Williams (Manly), Brent Tate (North Queensland).

Two coach's selections: Luke Lewis (Penrith), Ben Hornby (St George-Illawarra).

Gallen was again the most popular player, gaining more than 8000 votes to be the public favourite for the second successive year, finishing ahead of debutant Cooper Cronk.

This final stage of voting, which closed at midnight last Wednesday, also saw the closest margin in the three-year history of

All Stars deliver a fairytale 'representative' comeback to the Cowboys' former international Brent Tate with a spot on the interchange bench.

Tate, who pipped team-mate Dallas Johnson by just two votes for the one North Queensland spot, was almost forced into retirement in November 2010 when he underwent his third knee reconstruction following his injury in the Four Nations final.

Hornby's selection also marks a fairytale return to the representative stage, with Bennett selecting him from outside of the 64-man shortlist (four players from each club) chosen by the public in December.

## Lewis lifeline

Bennett also delivered a lifeline to Lewis, who was set to be in the team until Wests Tigers centre Chris Lawrence withdrew on Monday. This saw the next highest-ranked centre, Michael Jennings, replace Lawrence and take up the one Panthers spot in the public voting stage.

The public had to choose only one player from each of the 16 NRL Clubs in position to join automatic selections Benji Marshall and Cameron Smith and two coach's picks to make up the 20-man squad.

"The fans have selected a great team for

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# 40 years of the Tent Embassy



THE mid-1960s and early 70s were a tumultuous time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Grassroots activism had begun to take hold a decade earlier as black and white Australians rallied together under the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI), which would become the main driver of the push for the 1967 Referendum.

In 1965, Charles Perkins led the Freedom Rides through outback New South Wales, protesting widespread discrimination and racism.

A year later, the Gurindji people's dignified walk-off from Wave Hill cattle station in the Northern Territory in a quest for equal pay and conditions launched the modern land rights movement.

Taking some cues from a similar movement amongst African Americans in the mid to late 60s, Black Power activism was also gathering force in Australia.

Local chapters of the radical Black Panther Party formed in various capital cities with some of their pronouncements proving unsettling for the white establishment, Australian media and even some Indigenous people. But, notwithstanding provocative statements from some key party members, Black Power in Australia centred less on black violence and anarchy and more on Aboriginal control of Aboriginal affairs.

Black organisations were beginning to flower, especially in Redfern, which had become something of a beacon for Aboriginal people eager for change, especially the young. The Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) and the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) were established there in 1970 and 1971 respectively – the first of their kind in the country.

A further catalyst for the formation of the Aboriginal Embassy in 1972 was an NT Supreme Court ruling the year before, against the Aboriginal people of Yirrkala in their case against bauxite miner Nabalco and the Commonwealth of Australia.

On 27 April 1971, Justice Blackburn concluded that Australian common law did not recognise Aboriginal land rights.

Shocked at the decision, the people of Yirrkala sent three representatives to Canberra to present a statement to Liberal Prime Minister William McMahon on 6 May.

The statement, in Gupapunyngu language, asked for title to their land, royalties from Nabalco and other businesses operating on their land, the right to consent – or not – to other industries on their land, and for land to be returned to them after mining had finished.

McMahon promised that a ministerial committee would look at ways to protect Aboriginal reserve lands for ceremonial, religious and recreational use, give residents the tenure necessary for their commercial enterprises, and purchase land for Aboriginal people.

Nine months later, on the eve of 'Australia Day' in 1972, the Prime Minister announced that, instead of granting Aboriginal people title to their land, his government would encourage Aboriginal people to apply for new 50-year general purpose leases over such land, as long as they could prove they would put that land to 'reasonable' economic and social use. All mineral and forest rights were to be reserved to the Crown.

"As a result of these measures, Aboriginal groups and communities will have increased opportunities in

## Birth of an icon



Demonstrators called for land rights during a march upon Parliament House in Canberra, 30 July 1972. Photo by Ken Middleton, National Library of Australia Collection.

acquiring land leases in a form recognisable in Australian law," McMahon said.

That same afternoon, Aboriginal people angered by the announcement gathered in Sydney outside the NSW Parliament and later at the home of one of the group to plan their response.

The next day, four Aboriginal men aged barely in their 20s – Michael Anderson from Walgett, Billy Craigie from Moree, Bert Williams from Cowra, and Tony Coorey from Tweed Heads – were despatched to Canberra to stage a protest.

### Placards

Driven there by a Communist Party photographer, they arrived at about one o'clock in the morning on 27 January and erected a beach umbrella surrounded by placards on the lawns of Parliament House, proclaiming it the 'Aboriginal Embassy'.

"They declared that Prime Minister McMahon's statement the day before had effectively relegated Indigenous people to the status of 'aliens in our own land', thus as aliens 'we would have an embassy of our own'," fellow activist Gary Foley, later told *The Australian* newspaper.

To the Government's growing consternation, others made their way to Canberra in the ensuing days and weeks – taking advantage

of a loophole in ACT laws that effectively allowed camping on the lawns of Parliament House as long as there were less than 12 tents.

One of the first to arrive was seasoned activist Chicka Dixon. "I was a wharfie at the time and joined them on the Friday," Dixon would later recall. "The Member for the ACT, Kep Enderby, informed me that there was no legislation under the Federal Act to remove campers, so we put up eight tents and gave ourselves portfolios." Dixon was the Embassy's Defence Minister, Michael Anderson its High Commissioner.

Over the weekend of 5-6 February, members of the Embassy drew up a petition to present to the Parliament. It outlined a five-point plan for land rights, namely:

1. Control of the Northern Territory as a State within the Commonwealth of Australia; the Parliament in the NT to be predominantly Aboriginal with title and mining rights to all land within the Territory.
2. Legal title and mining rights to all other presently existing reserve lands and settlements throughout Australia.
3. The preservation of all sacred sites throughout Australia.
4. Legal title and mining rights to areas in and around all Australian capital cities.
5. Compensation monies for lands not returnable to take the

form of a down-payment of six billion dollars and an annual percentage of the gross national income.

On 8 February, Opposition Leader Gough Whitlam visited the Aboriginal Embassy to discuss the petition. The occasion was described by Embassy member, Aboriginal journalist John Newfong, as 'one of the greatest coups ever for the Aboriginal advancement movement'.

### Promises

Amongst other things, Whitlam promised 'a properly representative body in the Northern Territory with full legislative powers', to reverse the McMahon Government's land rights policy, and to protect all Aboriginal spiritual and sacred sites.

Over the next few months, as the number of tents at the site grew, the McMahon Government pondered ways that it might move on those camped at the Aboriginal Embassy. The Minister for the Interior Ralph Hunt flagged a new law making it an offence to camp on unleased Commonwealth land within the city.

The moves were resisted by Labor MPs including the aforementioned Enderby who told the Parliament: 'The Aborigines are exercising one of the most fundamental ancient rights recognised by British law. This is

the right of peaceful assembly for the purpose of communicating a political point of view and informing the Parliament of a grievance they claimed to have'.

But on 20 July, just hours after the gazettal of an amended Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance, dozens of Federal Police officers moved in and forcibly removed tents. They arrested eight people, including Roberta Sykes and Gary Foley.

Within days, the Aboriginal Embassy population swelled to several hundred protesters. Representatives asked the Department of Interior for permission to re-erect the tents. When this was denied, protesters tried to do so anyway – only to be confronted by an even bigger phalanx of police.

### Confrontation

Bloody confrontation ensued – it was later described by Chicka Dixon as the most violent demonstration he'd ever participated in. Eighteen people were arrested and many more were injured.

There followed calls for an even bigger protest and, by 30 July, more than 2000 Indigenous people and their supporters had amassed at the Embassy and re-erected the tents. Police were again out in force and things weren't looking good for a peaceful resolution until Embassy leaders decided that they would permit several officers to walk in and remove the tents. It was a 'major victory' for Aboriginal people, Dixon said later. "We proved the point."

On 13 September, the ACT Supreme Court declared that the removal of the Aboriginal Embassy had been illegal because the law that underpinned it had not been notified 'in the prescribed manner'.

In December, the Labor Party won government and new Prime Minister Gough Whitlam reaffirmed his earlier commitment to a legislated land rights regime.

On 25 January 1973, exactly a year after McMahon announced that his government would not grant Aboriginal land rights, the Whitlam Government announced that all charges arising from the removal of the Aboriginal Embassy in July 1972 would be dropped.

The Embassy was subsequently re-established and remained on the lawns of Parliament House until 13 February 1975, when then Assistant Secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs Charles Perkins and Minister for the Capital Territory Gordon Bryant negotiated its removal.

On 26 January 1992 – its 20th anniversary – the Embassy was re-established and the by-then vacant Old Parliament House was occupied by about 60 protesters including Billy Craigie, Charles Perkins, Mum Shirl, Kevin Gilbert and Lyall Munro.

Craigie told media the action was necessary because, 20 years after the establishment of the Aboriginal Embassy, Aboriginal affairs was starting to stagnate back to the position prior to 1972.

Sources: *Sydney Morning Herald* (January 1973); *Identity* magazine (July 1972); *Koori Mail* (February 1992 and July 2009); *Aboriginal Tent Embassy: Icon or Eyesore?*, Parliamentary Library (April 2000); *Black Power in Redfern 1968–1972*, Gary Foley (October 2001); *Collaborating for Indigenous Rights 1957–1973*, National Museum of Australia (2007–2008); *A nation within a nation*, 2SER-FM, the Community Broadcasting Foundation and the CB Online Project (January, 2009).





# A lasting symbol of Indigenous unity

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On a cold and rainy morning 40 years ago, four young Koori men erected a beach umbrella on the manicured lawns outside Parliament House in Canberra and dubbed the modest structure 'the Aboriginal Embassy'.

In doing so, they sent a blunt and powerful message to politicians, the media and news watchers around the country and the world: That, although the then McMahon Liberal Government had effectively rendered them landless, Australia's First Peoples had never ceded their sovereignty. And that Australia – with its violent colonial past and the ongoing dispossession, discrimination and disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal people – had a black history.

This week, only one of those four men, Michael Anderson, will be at the Aboriginal Embassy (or the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, as it has since become widely known). Tragically, the other three – Billy Craigie, Bert Williams and Tony Coorey – are gone, a stark reminder that even today black Australians can generally expect to live much shorter lives than their fellow, white Australians.

But their legacy will live on, with thousands of people expected to make the pilgrimage to the nation's capital to mark 40 years of the Embassy, making it Australia's longest standing site of political agitation.

They'll attend a three-day 'Corroboree for Sovereignty' celebration beginning tomorrow, 26 January.

Amongst the crowd will be others who were there in the very beginning, and their descendents. And, like 40 years ago, there'll be supporters from the unions, churches, student bodies and more.

Uttered in deferential tones will be names like the late Chicka Dixon, Gary Foley, Paul Coe, Isabell Coe, Dennis Walker, the late Pearl Gibbs, Gary Williams, the late Kevin Gilbert, the late John Newfong, the late Shirley Smith (Mum Shirl), Pat Eatock, Gordon Briscoe, Cheryl Buchanan, Alana Doolan, the late Roberta (Bobbi) Sykes, TIGA Bayles and Sam Watson.

The efforts of those behind the Aboriginal



Embassy stalwart Lyall Munro, right, leads protesters at the Canberra Convergence opposing the NT Intervention, especially the setting aside of the Racial Discrimination Act. The convergence took place on 12 February 2008, the day before the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. Photo by Wayne Quilliam, Koori Mail

Embassy will also be remembered at Sovereignty Day, Invasion Day, Survival Day and even Australia Day events elsewhere around the country.

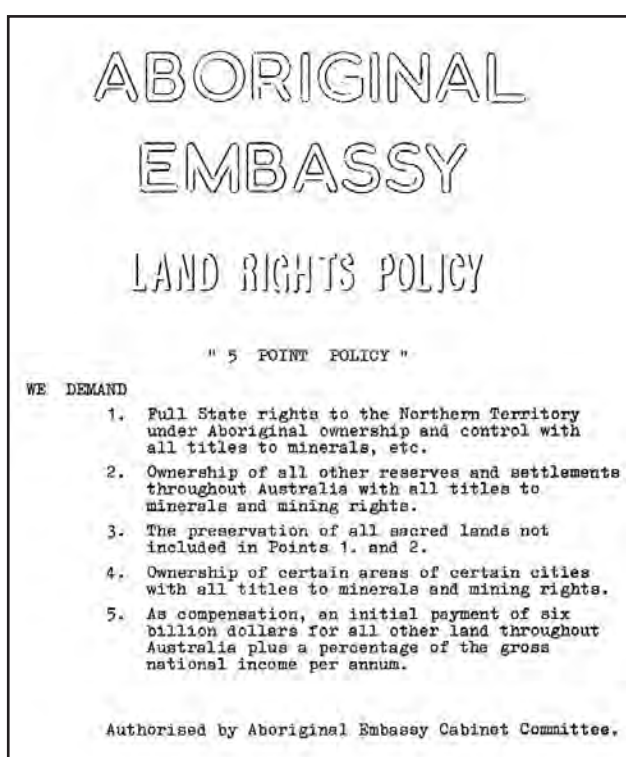
"The Embassy has played a huge role in the introduction of Aboriginal Land Rights and the struggle to end racial discrimination in this country," Pat Eatock's daughter Cathy, now a member of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th Anniversary Organising Committee, said last week.

"There really is no equal in terms of an Aboriginal icon. The Embassy is an international symbol for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people alike.

"When you think about the path Land Rights has taken in places like the Northern Territory and the successful model that now operates in New South Wales... that was all born out of the Embassy.

"It's these sorts of advancements that have helped shape the lives of Aboriginal people for the better, and it all began with four young Aboriginal men camping under a beach umbrella 40 years ago.

"I think we need to remember also; the Aboriginal Tent Embassy site is a living one. Activists have manned the site permanently for many, many years. This year's Corroboree for



Above: A copy of the original statement of demands from the Aboriginal Embassy in 1972.

Source: AIATSIS, Canberra

Sovereignty is also in honour of their continuing fight for Aboriginal justice and a tribute to their tenacity."

Over time, the Aboriginal Embassy has also inspired others elsewhere, including at Mrs Macquarie's Chair on the Sydney Harbour foreshore in the lead-up to the 1988 Bicentenary, Sandon Point on the NSW south coast, Victoria Park at

the University of Sydney, and in Brisbane and Melbourne.

Since 1992, when the Embassy was formally re-established in Canberra, the site has weathered both political and literal attacks, as well as criticism from within the Aboriginal community.

Some local traditional owners of the Canberra region have objected to the

Embassy's appearance, insisting that it disrespects them. Respective governments have conducted reviews on the site's future and made varying proposals, from replacing the Embassy with a presumably more palatable information centre to getting rid of it altogether.

Even when the Aboriginal Tent Embassy site was registered on the National Estate by the Australian Heritage Commission on 9 April 1995, the then Federal Opposition spokesman for Regional Development, Senator Ian Macdonald, said he found the listing 'incredible' declaring that 'nothing should be done to make permanent that collection of ramshackle and illegal buildings'.

And over time, cowardly arson attacks have damaged or destroyed some key buildings and other structures on the site.

Nevertheless, the Aboriginal Embassy today remains a lasting symbol of Indigenous unity on land rights and sovereignty. And it has morphed into a broader platform to protest, campaign and lobby in relation to other issues too.

Ongoing disadvantage in health, housing and child mortality, discrimination and racism, deaths in custody, mining on Aboriginal land, native title, threats to

Aboriginal heritage and sacred sites, the mainstreaming of Aboriginal programs and – most recently – the Northern Territory Intervention have all been dissected and passionately debated there. Current moves to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia's Constitution will no doubt get the same treatment.

In the past, some amongst the Embassy 'old guard' have expressed concerns that the vision of the place has been lost or the fire in the belly has gone out in some Indigenous people. During the Embassy's 30th anniversary celebrations in 1992, Michael Anderson ventured that some Aboriginal people would describe him and other activists as 'just troublemakers' or 'leftovers from the 1960s and 1970s', criticising them for 'not advancing our thinking'.

"The trouble is our way of thinking back in the 1970s, which put this Embassy up, hasn't been caught up to by the rest of Indigenous Australia," Anderson told the Koori Mail back then.

"I think the sad thing is that not enough Aboriginal people in this country are as politically aware as they were in the 70s."

There can be no doubt that the Indigenous political landscape in Australia has changed markedly in the past four decades. And there are plenty of people who argue that the fight has become more sophisticated and nuanced than in days gone by. But no matter whether that fight is fought in the streets, boardrooms, sporting fields, or parliamentary chambers, those stepping up should know and respect our collective history.

The 2012 National NAIDOC celebrations will also honour the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, with the theme *Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on*.

**WARNING: This feature on the Aboriginal Tent Embassy may contain photos of people who are now deceased. We apologise in advance for any distress or offence that this may cause. Photos have been published because they're considered an important or illustrative record of important historical events.**





# 40 years of the Tent Embassy



## What's on in Canberra

**T**HE 2012 Corroboree for Sovereignty Opening Ceremony kicks off at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy (directly opposite Old Parliament House in Canberra) at 11am tomorrow, 26 January.

A march for national land rights and sovereignty will precede the opening ceremony. It leaves from the Australian National University (ANU) café at 9am.

The three-day program will feature a flag-raising, speeches, tributes and presentations, separate men's and women's talking circles and development of a charter of demands. The Corroboree for Sovereignty will be preceded by a two-day 'People's Forum' being organised by the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, also at the ANU.

A highlight of the Congress event will be the screening of *Ningla-a-Na* ('We are hungry for our land'), a 1972 film made by Alessandro Cavadini, documenting the activism of black Australia in the 1970s.

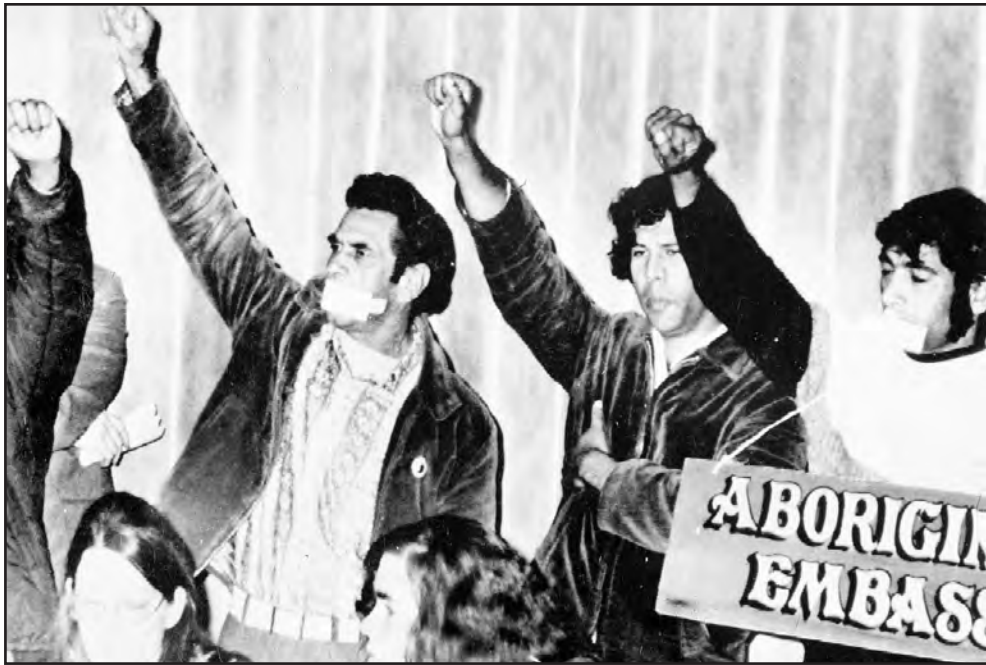
For more info, go to the Congress website at [nationalcongress.com.au](http://nationalcongress.com.au)

## Got any photos?

**O**VER the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40-year history, thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have connected with the historic site. Do you have good quality photos of you and/or your family, friends or colleagues at the Embassy?

If so, send them in high-resolution or large format as soon as possible to us here at the *Koori Mail*, via email to [editor@koorimail.com](mailto:editor@koorimail.com) (or post to PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480) and we'll endeavour to publish them.

Make sure you own the copyright to any photos you send or can point us in the right direction. And please don't send originals, as we can't accept responsibility for ensuring their return.



Chicka Dixon, Paul Coe and Bob McLeod give the Black Power salute during protests at the Aboriginal Embassy in July 1972. Dixon and McLeod's gags refer to what they saw as insincerity on the part of Government ministers in their dealings with Embassy spokespeople. Source: Jackomos Collection, AIATSIS, Canberra. Permission Canberra Times



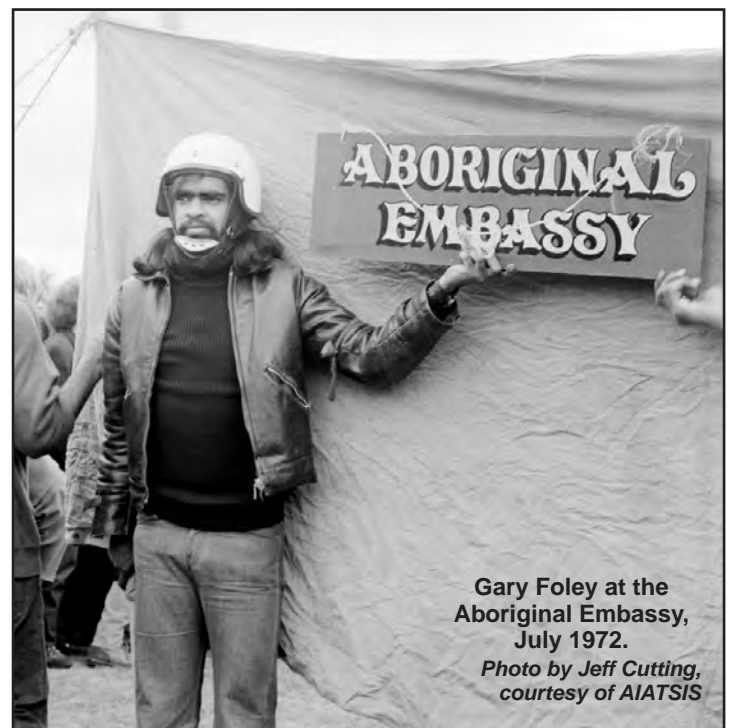
Dennis Walker (seated) with Bob McLeod looking on in the background. Photo by Jeff Cutting, courtesy of AIATSIS



Bruce Morris, 22, of Kempsey, NSW, and Sammy Watson Jr, 19, of Brisbane at the Embassy in March 1972. Tribune / SEARCH Foundation / State Library of NSW



Alan Sharpley (holding 'We want land not handouts' placard), Bob Perry (in *Ningla-a-Na* shirt) and John Newfong at the Embassy on 30 July 1972. Photo by Ken Middleton, National Library of Australia Collection



Gary Foley at the Aboriginal Embassy, July 1972. Photo by Jeff Cutting, courtesy of AIATSIS



● Above left: Ambrose Brown, John Newfong and Billy Harrison give the Black Power salute at the Aboriginal Embassy on 11 May 1972. Source: AIATSIS, Canberra. Permission Canberra Times

● Left: Bob Perry and Michael Anderson with an unidentified child, July 1972. Photo by Jeff Cutting, courtesy of AIATSIS

● Right: Bertie Williams (kneeling), Tony Coorey and Ambrose Brown with supporters at the Aboriginal Embassy. Source: AIATSIS, Canberra. Permission L Malezer.







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Police and protesters line up against each other outside Parliament House in Canberra on 30 July 1972. Photo by Ken Middleton, National Library of Australia Collection



Pat Eatock, second from left, during clashes between Embassy protesters and Federal Police, July 1972. Source: AIATSIS, Canberra. Permission Canberra Times.

## What they said

"If people think this is an eyesore, well it is the way it is on Government settlements. The place is beginning to look as tired as we are... we all wish we were in other places doing other things. But we know we have to stay here until we get what we want."

— **John Newfong**,  
*Sydney Morning Herald*  
(16 May 1972)

"The thing is we're going to need a very broad cross section of the community working on this because we'll have to get into the communities. We want to make people aware that black people are ready to do something about their situation and that they'll organise ..."

— **Dennis Walker**, at a meeting the week before the violent confrontations at the Aboriginal Embassy at the end of July 1972.

"If I was going to think of a sign along the road of my life that marked, for me, the beginning of militant Black Power politics, that sign would have printed on it – Aboriginal Embassy."

— **Shirley Smith (Mum Shirl)**, *Mum Shirl – An autobiography* (1992)

"By being involved in the Aboriginal Embassy, I had learned a great deal about how one makes history, and the nature of history itself, in terms of perspective, power and the ability for the powerful to impose their interpretation on the rest of us."

— **Gary Foley**, *Koori Mail*, 8 September 1999.

"It was on the lawns that I learnt much of my politics and it was on the lawns that I also shed blood in defence of our most sacred place of protest."

— **Sam Watson** at the Aboriginal Embassy Symposium, ANU, 10 June 2011.

"...We thought instead of passing resolutions it was time to create more of a confrontational situation to let everyone know that we were serious about wanting change. It was a frightening time because a lot of us had no idea of what lay ahead, but we got the job done and we got the world to listen."

— **Michael Anderson**, *Deadly Vibe Magazine*, 15 December 2011.



Charles Perkins, then Assistant Secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, sits with his daughter Rachel, 4, left, and son Adam, 6, and Aboriginal Embassy member Vincent Williams, back right, outside a tent at the Embassy in Canberra, 18 November 1974. SMH Picture by FAIRFAX ARCHIVES



Breakfast at the Aboriginal Embassy, 1996. Photo by Loui Seselja, National Library of Australia Collection.



Wiradjuri man Neville 'Chappy' Williams (second from right) and others during a ceremony marking the 30th anniversary of the Embassy in 2002. Photo by Loui Seselja, National Library of Australia Collection



Arabunna Elder Kevin Buzzacott removes the coat of arms from Old Parliament House during the Aboriginal Embassy's 30th anniversary gathering in January 2002.





# 40 years of the Tent Embassy



## The Aboriginal Tent Embassy

(Originally published in the *Koori Mail*, 7 May 2003)

The Senator says it looks

Ramshackle.  
Well Senator, it is a tent  
It's asking white Australia  
To pay the bloody rent.

They told the bully boys in blue  
To pull it down in '72  
But Aboriginal activists  
Just resurrected it anew.

They claim it is an eyesore  
It stops them seeing sore eyes  
The trachoma that still blinds  
Needs only clean water supplies.

They think blacks should find another  
Way  
To express their gratitude  
For 18 times more incarceration  
For white Australia's rectitude  
Dying 20 years younger than whites  
And dispossession of such Magnitude.

They say the tent's been there too  
Long  
Too long by 30 years  
Decades shedding bitter tears  
As babies die too young  
Too few concessions wrung  
The aching long years spent  
Knowing 'it's time' for white Australia  
To pay the bloody rent.

But...  
Now there's a brilliant new idea:  
After all, it's just a tent.  
Forget about the symbolism  
Replace it with an ornament.

What about an Aborigine  
On one leg holding a spear?  
We could have 30 of them  
One for every year...

For Every year the Embassy has  
Stood  
For each year racists never Understood  
More than 214 years since our Arrival.

It's in the parliamentary triangle  
We need some fancy dingle dangle  
Something that would look 'quite nice'  
And not too great a price.  
Something fitting – to adorn  
The oh-so-green parliamentary lawn  
With a message almost mute  
Now wouldn't that be cute?

JOHN TOMLINSON and PENNY HARRINGTON



Anti-NT Intervention campaigner Barbara Shaw from Alice Springs (left) and Aboriginal Embassy founder Michael Anderson flank Northern Territory Elders during a march to Parliament House as part of the Canberra Convergence. Photo by Wayne Quilliam, *Koori Mail*



The Aboriginal Embassy's sovereignty message is clear.



Sam Watson during the Canberra Convergence rally in February 2008. The Brisbane activist also participated in Aboriginal Embassy activities in its early years.



The Aboriginal flag flies above the Aboriginal Embassy's sacred fire. The Australian War Memorial can be seen in the background.



Signage at the Aboriginal Embassy expresses concern over ongoing injustice experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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# 40 years of the Tent Embassy



# From the archives

Resistance and resilience... The Aboriginal Tent Embassy has survived threats and celebrated milestones during the past four decades. Here are just four of them as reported in the pages of the *Koori Mail*.



February 1992 ... Protesters establish Aboriginal 'Embassy'.



February 1999 ... The fire they can't put out.



February 2002 ... 30 years on, and our Embassy still stands.



December 2005 ... 'We'll fight on' after threat to Embassy.



This image has been produced by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to mark the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.





## ABORIGINAL EMBASSY AT CANBERRA, 1972



Picture by Daryl Cross, The Courier Newspaper, Canberra

# Advance Australia Where?

## NATIONAL ABORIGINES' DAY FRIDAY JULY 14, 1972

### COMMEMORATING 40 YEARS OF THE TENT EMBASSY

NATIONAL ABORIGINES' AND ISLANDERS' DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE (NAIDOC)

Bearing a photo of the Aboriginal Embassy, this official poster for National Aborigines' Day on 14 July 1972 asked 'Advance Australia Where?' See this and subsequent NAIDOC posters at [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)

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