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Tent Embassy's Perfect Storm

A Prime Ministerial security 'scare' ... the Australian flag burnt ... claims of violence ... The Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40th anniversary celebrations were more than many expected. And it looks like there's more to come in Parliament this week.

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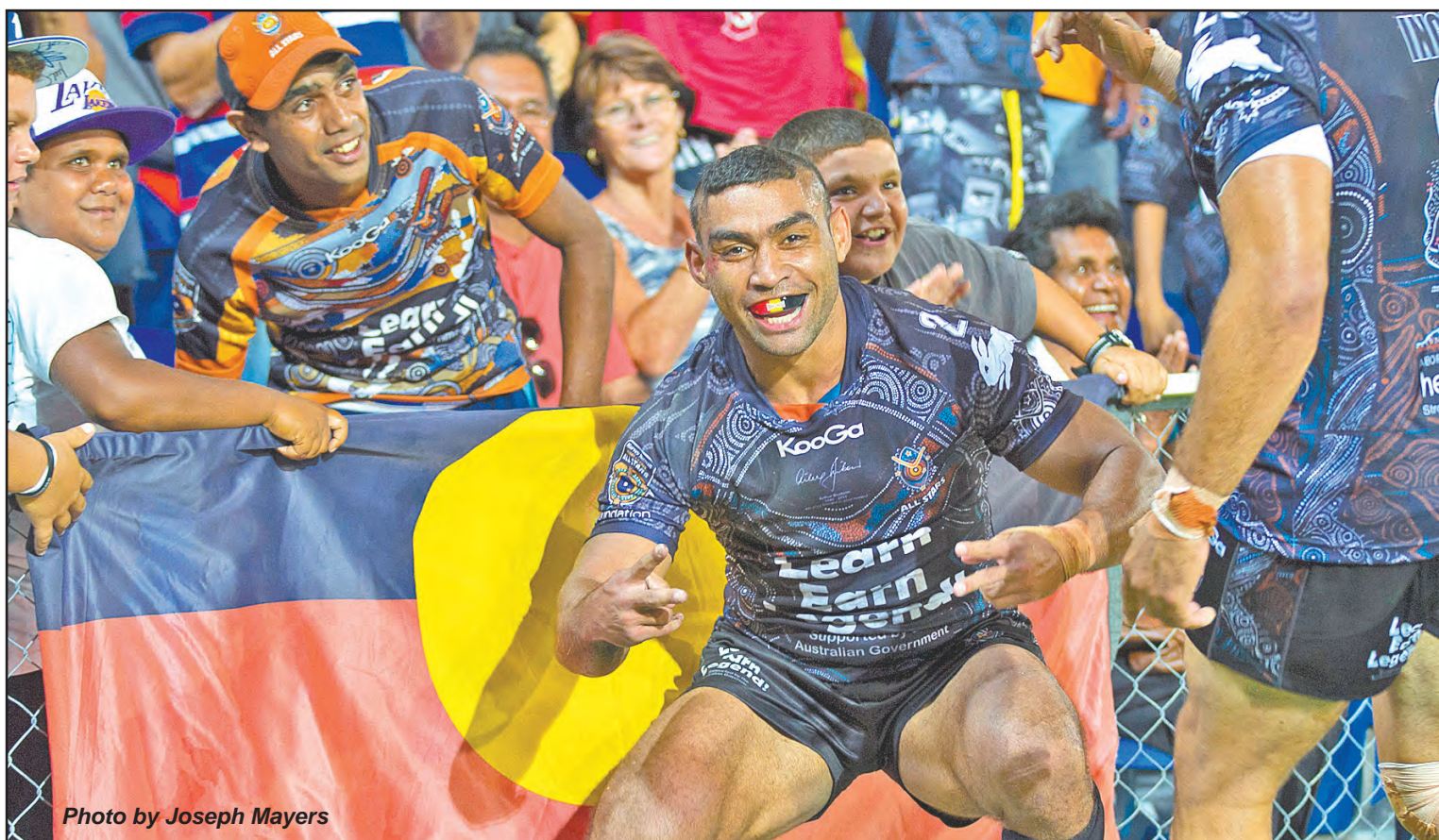


Photo by Joseph Mayers



NATHAN Merritt shows his joy after scoring a try for the Indigenous All

Stars in their clash with the NRL All Stars on Saturday night. And don't the fans just love it!

But sadly it wasn't enough for Merritt's team, with the NRL side downing their Indigenous opponents 36-28 in what has been praised as the best of the three All Stars games played so far.

More than 26,000 fans – a great many of them Indigenous and proudly wearing their colours – packed Skilled Park stadium on the Gold Coast for the annual event.

They enjoyed top-class football as well as some great Indigenous entertainment. A tribute to the late great Arthur Beetson was a feature of the event.

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My FAMILY BIANCA BEETSON – Lawnton, Qld



● ABOVE: From left, Cormac Finn (9), Bianca Beetson, Aidan Finn (11) and Darryl Finn.

HERE I am with my two sons Aidan and Cormac and my husband Darryl. We're all together at the Dreaming Gallery where I had a stall.

I'm an artist and my brand is called Sugarbag. I work in a whole variety of mediums. I've probably been coming to the Dreaming for the last five or six years. I'm an old hand.

Our family does Woodford and the Dreaming every year – it's when we get to spend family time together.

Aidan likes reading and both boys do martial arts.

Darryl is a sales representative for the picture framing industry. He was a picture framer up until last year. We met at an exhibition opening.

I've been a visual artist for 15 years – officially. I was doing it long before that, but I graduated from uni 15 years ago. I teach full-time as well as trying to be a full-time artist and mother.

I'm Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi (that's my grandmother's country), as well as

Wiradjuri. I was born in Roma, in west Queensland, but I lived in Scotland as a child. My dad Barry Beetson (who's the late NRL champion Artie Beetson's brother) was working in the North Sea on the oil rigs at the time. Then we came to back to Lawnton in Queensland when I was about 10-years-old.

In the last year and a half I've started doing photography and started stitching onto canvases, which has not been done much before in Aboriginal art. It's very labour intensive and takes a good 80 hours to do one piece.

I teach on the Bachelor of Contemporary Indigenous Australian Art course at Griffith University and I commute on the train, which gives me a chance to do some of my work.

By hand sewing the stripes onto the canvas as opposed to painting them, it's a reference to the role my grandmother played as a domestic after she left Cherbourg Mission, where she lived under the Act.

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OUR CHILDREN



Jay-Dee Jackson, Annika Scott, Steele Mansell, Jabe Marriott, Brooke Bourke, Tooarn Brown, Temuera Mansell, Natika Hughes, Kiora Hogan and Tyenna Hogan are pictured here in the best climbing tree at the annual Preminghana camp, in Tasmania, organised to coincide with Invasion Day. Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY

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THE crowd shows their approval during this high-flying act by the Indigenous Hip Hop Projects during the Yalukit Willam Ngargee festival in Melbourne on Saturday. The event, which attracted a good crowd to enjoy a line-up of Indigenous acts, marked the first day of the annual St Kilda Festival. Turn to Pages 30-31 for our coverage, including more pictures. *Photo by James Henry*

Four years on, apology celebrated



SCHOOLS around Australia have been asked to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the apology to members of the Stolen Generations on 13 February. Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the nation to members of the Stolen Generations on 13 February 2008.

The National Sorry Day Committee said it was delighted by the interest and support of so many schools throughout Australia.

NSDC Indigenous co-chair Helen Moran said schools were also being invited to join the Australian Schools National Sorry Day Program.

Sorry Day is held on 26 May to mark the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report in Parliament.

"For Australia's First Nations Peoples, this day of



HELEN MORAN

remembrance holds deep meaning," the NSDC said.

"Marking this day with respect is vital to building real connections between schools and communities.

"The Australian Parliament has now resolved to fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander flags on the anniversary of the National Apology and National Sorry Day, and made it a formal protocol for all Australian Government buildings.

"We are encouraging all students of different ages to learn about the experiences of Stolen Generations members on these significant days."

Meanwhile, the apology was marked at the Rugby League All Stars game on the Gold Coast at the weekend.

Healing Foundation chair Florence Onus also spoke about some of the positive changes that had taken place since the apology, and the ongoing needs of the Stolen Generations and their descendants.

"Now that the apology has occurred it is time for healing," she said.

"This game symbolises a coming together to heal ourselves and the nation. We have to do this together."



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Minister in APY promise



THE South Australian Government says it remains committed to improving life in the APY Lands, where a nine-year old girl last week committed

suicide.

SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Caica called the death at Indulkana in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands 'tragic'.

"I remain committed to working across government with my ministerial colleagues and with the Anangu and the Commonwealth Government, particularly in relation to meeting our commitments arising from the Mullighan inquiry," he said in a statement.

Commissioner Ted Mullighan's inquiry into child abuse on the

APY Lands uncovered disturbing gaps and weaknesses in the delivery of counselling and therapeutic services to Aboriginal children who had been sexually abused.

Mr Mullighan, a former SA Supreme Court judge, made 46 recommendations, urging empowerment strategies such as education, child protection and more police.

One of them included a child protection worker at Indulkana community, but there has not been anyone in the job since April last year although the position was filled in December. —AAP

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Jordan Yates and Josh Gardner stand with their recently completed graffiti art-style mural at Launceston's Young Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service.

Launceston mural is good medicine

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL artist Josh Gardner, his crew and three teenagers have brought the walls the Young Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service's (yAdas) courtyard in Launceston to life with two, colourful 21 square metre murals.

The health-themed murals completed last month by Josh and his offshoots Clay Crosier and Jordan Yates will not only make the previously unused space friendlier to yAdas clients, but gave the crew and three young mentees a bunch of valuable skills.

"It was awesome, the mentees had a ball, hopefully it inspires them to do something creative and positive," Josh said of the three teenagers who are either in care or the youth justice

system. "It was a long design process and a good learning process."

Josh said the participants learnt about project planning and management, budgeting, negotiating, scheduling, approvals, managing outcomes and occupational health and safety.

Large-scale

It was the crew's second commissioned piece of large-scale graffiti-style art, or graf for short. The other is a mural in a Launceston inner city laneway.

Josh and his crew are part of the social enterprise arm of meenah mienne, an arts mentoring and literacy building program for young Aboriginal people in northern Tasmania.

Meenah mienne aims to improve emotional health and well-being, and literacy and life skills, as well as fostering a more confident cultural and

community connection, increasing opportunities for social/economic participation and supporting educational achievement.

yAdas works with meenah mienne's management and team of mentors to provide holistic health care and well-being support.

yAdas delivers a proactive, integrated and culturally relevant program to engage young Aboriginal people, with a focus on prevention, education, early intervention, clinical treatment and approaches encompassing harm minimisation of substance misuse.

The service utilises Headspace's doctor, nurse and counsellors.

Headspace specialises in helping young people deal with a range of health issues, including mental, sexual and general physical health, relationships and substance use.



Sydney dance part of big day

DANCERS perform during the Woggan-gule (meeting of the waters) ceremony at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens as part of the Australia Day festivities in Sydney on 26 January. The ceremony is said to awaken, cleanse and honour the spirits of those who have passed, commemorating the past and celebrating the future.

● See pages 39 to 50 for a wrap-up of Survival Day events in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart, Perth and elsewhere.



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NAPLAN gap results in pledge to do more



FEDERAL Education Minister Peter Garrett has promised to do more after conceding that the

education gaps between Indigenous and other students across the country was 'still quite high'. The latest results from the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has shown that while there has been some improvements in the reading results of Indigenous primary and secondary school students, almost 35 per cent of those in Year 5 were still reading below the national minimum standard.

The report reveals an increase of almost 12 per cent in the number of Indigenous Year 3 students reading above the national minimum standard. However, the situation in the Northern Territory, where just 40 per cent of Year 3 kids achieved the minimum standard, was much less promising.

Indigenous students in Year 9 across the county also showed a significant decline in writing skills, with an almost 8 per cent drop in test results.

At Year 9 level, only 55 per cent of Indigenous students were reading above the national minimum standard, compared with just over 86 per cent for other students.

Northern Territory Indigenous

Program 'paying off'

A FEDERAL Government program aimed at improving school attendance for children from income-managed families is having a positive result in the Northern Territory and Queensland, according to a report.

Federal Education Minister Peter Garrett and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last week released the Improving School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure (SEAM) Evaluation Report for 2010.

Under SEAM, parents who do not respond to attempts to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school may have their income support payments suspended.

The scheme has been trialled in communities covering 14 schools in the Northern Territory and 30 schools in Queensland. Most have high rates of Indigenous students.

students are struggling the most, with less than half achieving the national minimum standard in each of the areas tested, except in numeracy where it was almost two-thirds.

Difference

"While the difference in achievement between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students is substantial across Australia, it is greatest in the Northern Territory, and it is less in numeracy than it is in reading, persuasive writing,

spelling, and in grammar and punctuation," the report said.

WA Education Minister Elizabeth Constable said WA Indigenous students had made some important gains, with significant improvements in mean scores in Year 3 spelling and Year 9 reading between 2010-11; and for Year 3 and 7 reading, spelling and grammar and punctuation and Year 9 spelling between 2008-11.

"In 2011 the achievements of WA's students in very remote locations was well above the

The ministers said that under the scheme, overall attendance rates for students increased from 74.4 per cent to 79.9 per cent in the NT and from 84.7 per cent to 88.7 per cent in Queensland.

They said where an enrolment notice was sent, 82 per cent of families in the NT and 84 per cent in Queensland provided enrolment details without the need for a welfare suspension.

Ms Macklin said the SEAM results were encouraging, and more work was needed to improve school attendance and enrolment rates in many communities in Australia.

"The Gillard Government is serious about giving every Australian child a great education, which is why we announced last year that SEAM will be expanded to 16 more locations in the Northern Territory, where attendance levels are particularly poor," she said.

Australian mean for very remote students, across all year groups and in almost all tests," Dr Constable said.

After releasing the results, Mr Garrett conceded that the gap between Indigenous and other students was still high, especially in remote areas, and required a concerted effort to address.

"... for Aboriginal education generally we have a national education action plan with the states," he said.

"We need to really focus on the

things that can work for schools and school communities and we need to stick with it."

Meanwhile, in New South Wales, Education Minister Adrian Piccoli is expected to release a discussion paper outlining changes to the way remote Indigenous schools operate.

Under the proposed changes, principals, to be known as directors, would have more autonomy over their budgets.

Incentives

They would be able to offer more pay and incentives to attract quality staff, as well as change the way school facilities are being used.

Mr Garrett also pointed to increased investment in early childhood development, along with additional funding to the Stronger Smarter Institute led by Dr Chris Sarra.

"It's about having a good relationship with the community and engaging in a genuine way," Mr Garrett said.

"It's about making sure you've got personalised learning plans for kids so you can follow them through the school year and even if they change schools.

"It's about valuing their culture, but having a very high emphasis on the benchmark skills of literacy and numeracy which are so critical to these kids once they get out of school and get into the workforce."



Tent Embassy's



Sovereignty remains the Embassy's key message.
Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

By Managing Editor
KIRSTIE PARKER



MAINSTREAM news cycles appeared to move on somewhat last week, following the extraordinary chain of events that unfolded in Canberra on 26 January.

But that will likely change this week, as Federal Parliament resumes with the Opposition reportedly planning to give the Gillard Government stick over the investigation into Labor MP Craig Thomson and what is already being dubbed by some as 'the Tent Embassy fiasco'.

In the meantime, the seismic activity that largely began with the misinterpretation of comments by Opposition Leader Tony Abbott on his views about the future of the historic Aboriginal Tent Embassy continues to ripple far beyond Canberra's manicured gardens and parliamentary chambers.

Questions still abound about the wisdom of arranging a medal presentation ceremony attended by the nation's two highest-ranking non-Indigenous leaders at the Lobby restaurant just a stone's throw from Australia's oldest site of continuous protest.

There, about 1500 people were going about the business of commemorating the now heritage-listed site's establishment in 1972 in the name of Aboriginal sovereignty and land rights.

Some members of the crowd were on the same grassy patch in 1972, battling it out with police who pulled down tents at the McMahon Government's insistence.

There have been accusations and counter-accusations about who really lit the fuse on 26 January.

From the journo who asked the Opposition Leader on the morning of Australia Day whether the Tent



Michael Anderson, Selina Daveys-Newry, Barb Shaw and Paul Coe at an Embassy press conference on 27 January. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Embassy was still 'relevant' and then paraphrased Mr Abbott's answer to suggest he'd said it was 'time to move' the Tent Embassy, rather than for people to move on from the issues it represented.

To Mr Abbott himself for being, in the eyes of activists, deliberately provocative on a sensitive and often distressing day for the Indigenous community marking, as it does, the arrival of the First Fleet in Sydney.

From PM's media adviser Tony Hodges for contacting unionist and Tent Embassy supporter Kim Sattler, telling her of Mr Abbott's location, and suggesting Tent Embassy representatives attend the restaurant to question him.

To Ms Sattler for passing that message on to people at the Tent Embassy.

And to those attending the 40th anniversary celebrations for not checking the information passed on to them, and for their subsequent rowdy behaviour.

While no-one appears to have accused the Australian Federal Police (AFP) of starting it all, there are plenty who say the situation only escalated as it did because its officers and the PM's security detail misjudged things and mishandled their response.

Protesters insist there was never any threat to anyone inside the restaurant and that the only violence came from police, some of

whom allegedly brandished batons and unholstered tasers. Video footage of one especially aggressive officer, who is clearly heard repeatedly telling media to f*** off, has been doing the rounds online and on social media.

In the past, police have appealed court decisions, including by ACT judge Terrence Higgins and Aboriginal Sydney magistrate Pat O'Shane, dismissing offensive behaviour charges against individuals for swearing or gesturing at police.

The AFP has reportedly conceded that its officers lost control of the protest.

"Our members did focus on trying to de-conflict and de-escalate

that problem during the event and they were unsuccessful," the *Canberra Times* quoted the AFP's national manager of protection Michael Outram the next day.

There have been calls for various inquiries. Liberal senator George Brandis wants an AFP investigation into the role the PM's office played in the whole affair. But, as the *Koori Mail* went to print, the AFP was still evaluating the senator's request.

And it was still deciding whether to lay public order charges against any protesters, and reviewing the actions of officers.

"...Standard AFP procedure when any use of force option is employed is to review those actions, and the circumstances of this matter, to ensure they were appropriate and proportionate to the circumstances involved in the incident," an AFP spokesperson told the *Koori Mail*.

Asked whether there was any truth to a rumour that the aforementioned officer was related to a high-ranking police official, the spokesperson said it would be 'inappropriate' to comment further while its various processes were under way.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) last week called for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda to lead an inquiry into the actions of police.

That call was backed by Embassy founder Michael Anderson, who then declared that he'd changed his mind – given Mr Gooda's early and vehement condemnation the 'aggressive, frightening and divisive protest'.

"I would have thought someone like him should have been more objective," Mr Anderson told the *Koori Mail* from his home near

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perfect storm

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flood-stricken Goodooga, in northern NSW, on Sunday.

"I (now) think the Human Rights Commission should conduct the investigation and Gooda should stand down."

The whole protest affair has garnered more media attention than Mr Anderson and other organisers of the Tent Embassy celebrations – still strongly championing sovereignty – could ever have wished for.

But, along the way, two pre-existing 'wounds' have split back open; the first being the distrustful relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians – despite the efforts of organisations like Reconciliation Australia (RA), former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's 2008 apology to the Stolen Generations, and a sizeable injection of government funds towards closing the gaps in Indigenous disadvantage.

A lack of trust has been chronicled in respective reconciliation 'barometers' on black-white attitudes towards each other.

But this paled in comparison with some comments posted in online forums in the wake of the protests.

One Queenslander emailed the *Koori Mail*, calling the protesters racist and saying he would 'hospitalise the ones with the biggest mouths', given the chance. Another anonymous letter asked 'What can you expect from stupid backward, brainless, braindead and brainwashed bloody black bastards?'

The second scab picked on 26 January was that which had been covering, to some extent, the divisions within our own communities – in simplistic terms, so-called 'grassroots blackfellas' versus what are now being referred to as 'mainstream Aborigines'.

'Aggressive'

Former ALP national president Warren Mundine also condemned the protesters' 'aggressive' behaviour, declaring 'they don't speak for me, and they don't speak for thousands of our people across the country.'

"I'm a big believer in robust debate, and that democratic tradition is part of what makes Australia great, but there is never room for violence and intimidation to be part of that dialogue," Mr Mundine said.

Disturbed by a 15-year-old Aboriginal girl's burning of the Australian flag as her father looked on were the likes of the NT's Northern and Central Land Councils.

Some people have privately described the episode of the PM's lost shoe – which was taken back to the Tent Embassy, passed around during a press conference and flagged for auction on eBay before being handed to Parliament House security staff – as comedic and embarrassing.

Others wondered what the fuss over Tony Abbott's comments was about anyway, given that others such as Wilson 'Ironbar' Tuckey had called for the abolition of the Tent Embassy long ago.

Despite fears expressed by some Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike that the affair will set the Indigenous cause back years, the sole survivor of the four has an entirely different take.

"I think we've done ourselves and our people proud and the fact that I'm still around and still able to fight and finish the task that has to be finished... it makes me feel very proud indeed," Michael Anderson said on Sunday.

"I feel absolutely overwhelmed by the people's turnout (at the Tent Embassy anniversary) because they made it a celebration and a time to remember.

"All the people there, young and old, will remember it for the rest of their lives. People are saying 'but it will go down being



Protesters are pushed aside as police and security staff erupt from the Lobby restaurant with Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



1972 Embassy member Pat Eatock remonstrates with a member of the PM's security detail, seeking entrance to the medal ceremony. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



remembered for the wrong reason' but, quite frankly from what occurred, I think the spirits are working with us because we got worldwide attention.

"I think people have to realise, when you

push people to the brink, they'll fight back.

"It appears people object to Aboriginal people fighting back."

As for the burning of the Australian flag, Mr Anderson suggested that 'people need

to get over it'.

"Flags are burned every day around the world," he said.

"And if you look at the youth suicide rate around Australia and the juvenile justice problems we have, I think the kids have the right to be very angry because they are pulled up by the police every day in towns all around the country."

Pat Dodson is the former chairperson of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and, more recently, co-chair of an expert panel that has recommended to the Federal Government ways that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples might be recognised in the Australian Constitution.

Giving the inaugural Mahatma Gandhi address at the University of NSW in Sydney early last week, Mr Dodson urged Australians to consider why the Canberra protesters acted the way they did.

He condemned 'bad manners and unnecessarily aggressive behaviour by whomever' but said it would be simplistic to condemn the protesters' behaviour outright, that many Indigenous people still felt oppressed and there was a lot of anxiety around Australia Day.

He said he didn't really believe the protests would derail the campaign for Indigenous recognition in the Constitution.

"Let's see the ugliness of what it was, and let's move on to dealing with the constructive things that we're capable of that can help diminish the necessity for that kind of behaviour in the future."

But Michael Anderson said he'd be 'very happy' if the protests helped to put an end moves for constitutional change.

"I don't think it will get up and I'd be very happy if the protests helped with that," he said.

"They need to be talking about a treaty, not constitutional amendments.

"I think we should be heading towards being a republic, not a constitutional monarchy where a foreign person is the head of state."

One of the earliest media outlets to misinterpret Tony Abbott's original comments

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Tent Embassy Protests



A protester and a police officer trade words during the stand-off. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Pictured outside the Lobby restaurant before the protest began were, from left, Trevor Gallagher holding his daughter Billie, Tayla Andrews, Trevor's sister Jill Gallagher holding her nephew Jack, and Cherie Waight. They were hoping for the kids to have their photo taken with the Prime Minister wearing their shirts with the message 'No room for racism'. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



A blue suede trophy. Paul Coe holds aloft the Prime Minister's shoe during a press conference on 27 January. Mr Coe and Michael Anderson declare they'd willingly give the Prime Minister back her shoe if she attended the Aboriginal Embassy to meet with members of the newly re-established First Nations Parliament. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER

A perfect storm

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was the syndication agency Australian Associated Press (AAP), which is used by the likes of news.com.au

The agency's editor-in-chief Tony Gillies told the *Koori Mail* on Saturday that a delay in correcting the copy once a sub-editor identified the problem was 'regrettable' and AAP had since counselled its reporters, bureau chiefs and editors on accuracy 'above all else', care with tone when paraphrasing, and responding quickly when problems were identified with copy.

However, with little over an hour between the time the story went up on the wire and when the protesters converged on the Lobby restaurant, the horse had effectively bolted.

"For an agency like AAP that produces and wholesales its news to a number of news outlets, there's a responsibility for us to get it right," Mr Gillies said.

"When it's not right, that's absolutely regrettable and it affects our reputation.

"We accept the consequence of the role we played, undoubtedly. But, by the same token, I don't think anyone could excuse the appalling behaviour that ensued on that day... that's just unforgivable."

During the past fortnight, terms like 'Jacky jacky', 'coconut' and 'mission manager' have been banded freely about within Indigenous circles.

On Wednesday, Mick Gooda issued a



A crowded press conference at the Embassy on day two of the celebrations.

Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

media release saying it was time for Indigenous people 'to come together and include all views and opinions in the debates we have been having and must continue to have'.

"But we must do this in a robust way and in a safe way where all of our people are

able to voice their opinions, no matter what end of the spectrum they come from, without fear of abuse or harassment," he said.

Meanwhile, there's another rumour doing the rounds that the only damage to the Lobby restaurant was to the side door flung

open by police for the PM's escape.

The National Capital Authority, which has responsibility for the ACT's parliamentary triangle, said on Friday that it had no knowledge of damage and, if there were any, it'd be an issue for the restaurant's tenants. The restaurant's manager refused to either confirm or deny there'd been damage to the door and said the *Koori Mail* should speak to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). The Prime Minister's office simply said the question was one best addressed to the restaurant. The plot thickens.

Michael Anderson suggests there's a lot more to come out and some might dismiss this as paranoia or dramatics.

But stranger things have happened. A Hollywood scriptwriter shopping a fictional version of what happened in Canberra on 26 January and the days that followed would probably have been told to go back to the drawing board and come up with something more believable.

Ironically, the only person involved in the whole Tent Embassy protests affair to admit outright – albeit behind closed doors – that they blundered is a now unemployed government spin-doctor. But Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia has undoubtedly paid a higher price.

Australia does have a black history. And likely a rough road ahead.

● Kirstie Parker is also a board member of Reconciliation Australia.



Tent Embassy Protests



Aboriginal women from the Tent Embassy return the PM's shoe.



"See this flag? You know what I'm going to do? I'm going to burn it." An Aboriginal teenager tells about 200 protesters outside Parliament House that her people were murdered and raped under permission of the Australian flag. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Michael Anderson (left) negotiates with ACT Police Sergeant Chris Marr for both sides to retreat.

Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



The flag burns. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Prime Minister Julia Gillard speaking at the Lobby restaurant, before protesters arrived. Before presenting the inaugural Australia Day National Emergency Medals, Ms Gillard acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.



Isabell Coe is helped up to Parliament house on day two of the Embassy anniversary celebrations. On her right is another Embassy activist Darren Bloomfield.

Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



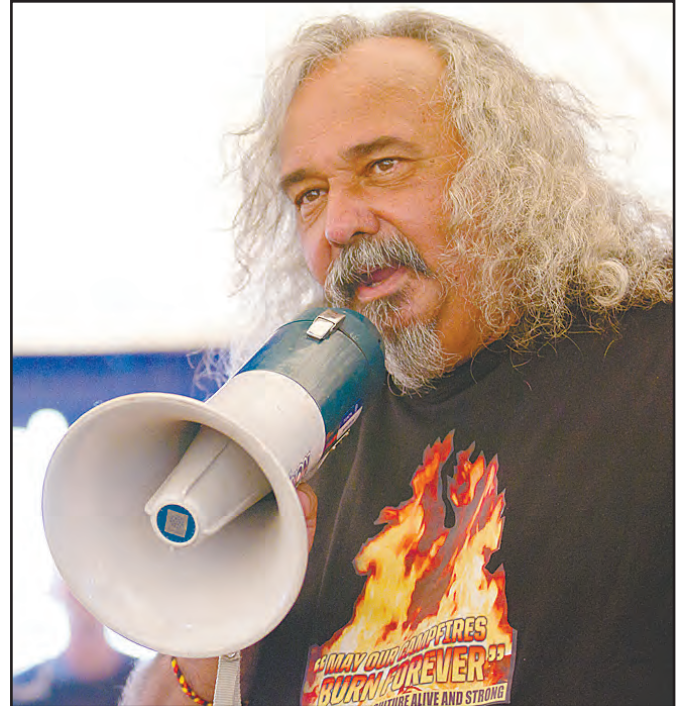
A street marcher flies the Aboriginal flag. The Parliament House flagpole, with the Australian flag, is seen in the background. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



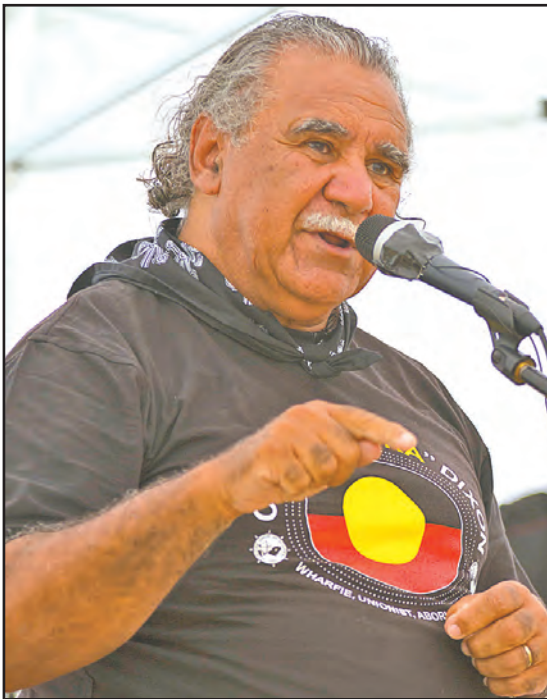
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Kerry Reed-Gilbert, with Isabell Coe at the sacred fire. The ashes of Reed-Gilbert's late dad, poet and activist Kevin Gilbert, were scattered at the Embassy in 1993. *Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS*



CEO of Perth's Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation Robert Eggington. He and Selina Eggington showed a DVD about youth suicide and the Stolen Generations. *Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS*



Michael Anderson makes a point. *Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS*

Focus on people

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters came from around Australia for the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Tent Embassy. Many caught up after long absences, others enjoyed being with family and friends. But all took the time to remember and honour the Embassy – a lasting symbol of Indigenous unity. *Koori Mail* Managing Editor Kirstie Parker and photographer Joseph Mayers caught these images, published on the next four pages, over the three days.



Monica Morgan led a minute's silence for those who'd passed away. *Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS*



Isabell Coe. Speaking during the gathering, she told people they needed to remember all of those involved with the Embassy over the years. "Because they didn't do it for money; they did it because they loved their country," she said. *Photo: KIRSTIE PARKER*



Marching from Parliament House down the hill to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the morning of Survival Day. *Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS*



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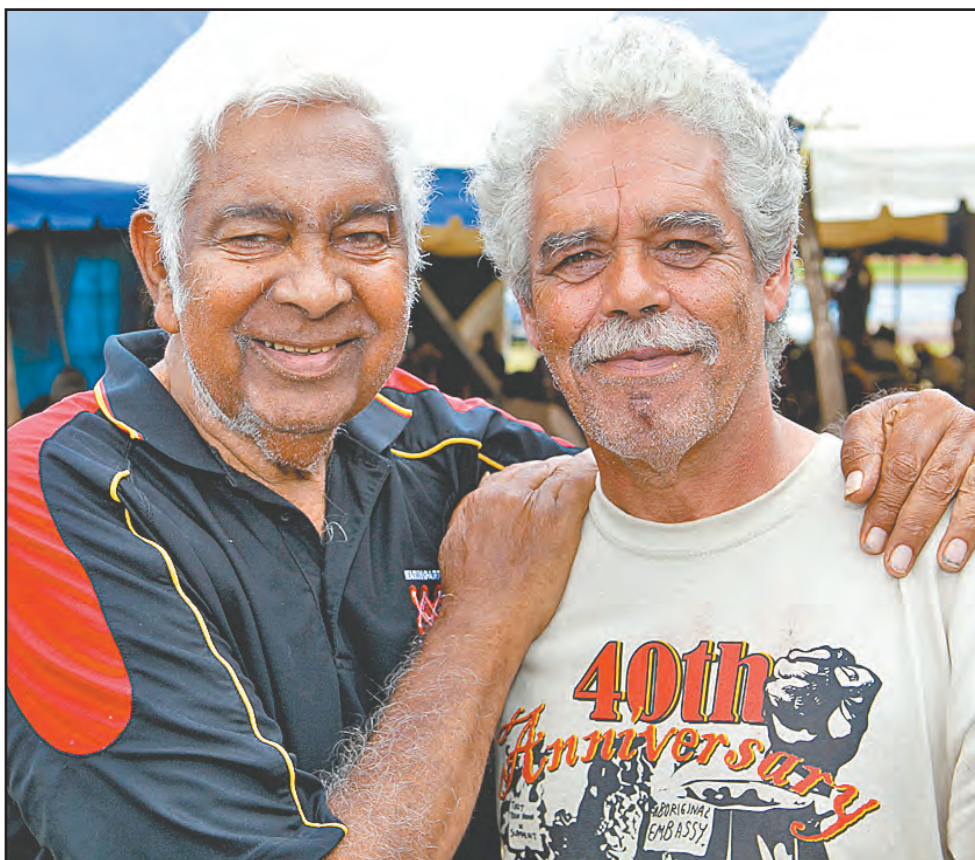
Dwayne Street from Yarrabah skillfully wields an Aboriginal flag while performing at the start of the street march.
Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Selina Daveys-Newry, left, didge player Jason Miles, right, and others outside Old Parliament House during the march on day one. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



National Congress co-chair Les Malezer (left) and John Harding during the street march to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Uncle Jimmy Little and Lyall Munro at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy anniversary celebrations. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Three generations of the Weldon family at the Embassy. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Peter Freeman, Calca Freeman and Moesha Freeman. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



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Travis and Jason Munro. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Erambie kids from Cowra. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Four-year-old Stanley Coombes astride his dad Anthony's shoulders during the street march. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



The street march was the start of a three-day gathering commemorating 40 years of the Aboriginal Embassy, established in 1972 by Billy Craigie, Michael Anderson, Bertie Williams and Tony Coorey. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Four generations of the Coe family at the Embassy. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Koori Mail photographer Joseph Mayers had the Aboriginal flag in his sights. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



The Aboriginal Embassy demountable office had a facelift for the occasion. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Tracy Whetnall, Christine Donnelly, Eleanor Duncan and Ross Flower during anniversary celebrations. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Debbie Bell, Kay Hookey and Bowie Hickey. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Lakoda Robideau and Channon Robideau from The Dakota First Nation with 1972 Embassy member Tiga Bayles. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Vivienne Duncan and Jude Kelly waved the marchers on with Aboriginal flags as they passed by on Commonwealth Avenue, en route to Parliament House. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



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Ray Peckham, of Dubbo. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Agnes Coe addresses the crowd with, from left, Ray Swan, Matilda House, Jenny Munro and Lyall Munro Sr. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Barbara Shaw speaks. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



One of the most poignant parts of the celebrations was when Jenny Munro read the names of more than 300 people associated with the Embassy in its early years. More than a third of them are dead. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Maryanne Hausia, Naomi Mayers and Kaye Bellel kept cool in the NSWALC Tent. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Matilda House welcomed Embassy visitors to country. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Neville 'Chappy' Williams. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Lee Willis, Eric Curwin, Dee Bugmy and Derek Hardman traveled down from Dubbo and surrounds. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Lydia George and Patrica Corowa. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

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Palm council turmoil

By ALF WILSON



THE Palm Island Council is in turmoil, following a week of drama and threats by three of its five members to resign.

The trouble began in the north Queensland Aboriginal community when Mayor Alf Lacey was allegedly a passenger on a boat that was intercepted by police with an illegal amount of alcohol during a 27 January raid.

One councillor, Hal Walsh, resigned over the matter last Thursday, while two others – Cr Ruth Gorringer and Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley – have indicated they intend to follow suit.

Mayor Lacey and Cr Zina Prior are the remaining councillors. Cr Prior supports Mayor Lacey.

It is understood that, if three of the five councillors resigned, the Queensland Department of Local Government and Planning would dissolve the council and appoint an administrator.

On Friday, council CEO Ross Norman told the *Koori Mail* the department had advised him that resignations could only be received during ordinary business hours from Monday to Friday.

Officially resigned

He said that only Cr Walsh had officially resigned before the weekend, as the *Koori Mail* was going to print. There were reports in the community that Cr Gorringer had also resigned, but Mr Norman said that until he'd received notice from Cr Gorringer personally, she had not officially resigned.

Cr Sibley told the *Koori Mail* on Friday that he intended resigning on Monday of this week. However, he also indicated he would stand as mayor at the 28 April election.

The controversy arose after police reportedly seized eight 30 packs of mid-strength beer, 12 cans of pre-mixed spirits, a 375ml bottle of bourbon and 18 single mid-strength beer cans.

Under strict Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) laws,



Trouble in paradise ... An aerial view of Palm Island.



ALF LACEY



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residents are only allowed to take 30 cans of mid- or light-strength beer onto Palm.

The AMP boundary is reportedly the low tide mark on Palm Island or any of the other islands in the Great Palm group.

The boat was checked by police on the mainland, 30kms away from Palm at Forrest Beach, near Ingham.

The *Koori Mail* has information that the seven people on board the boat were each allowed to continue

to Palm with one carton of mid-strength beer each under the AMP.

On Friday, Mayor Lacey told the *Koori Mail* there had been no charges laid against him and he would not succumb to 'opportunistic' pressure from anybody to resign.

'Dirt campaign'

"Quite a few people have been running a dirt campaign against me. They should have waited until the 28 April elections to test their

own credibility," he said.

"These are leaderless people or mutineers and Palm Islanders don't want those on council who jump off cliffs and resign."

Mayor Lacey said he would continue to stand up against the AMP laws despite these critics.

"I'm as strong as the hills and these three people won't move me and neither will the people standing behind them. I will serve out my full term and recontest the mayoralty," he said.

Mayor Lacey declined to comment on the circumstances regarding the boat intercepted by police, because 'police haven't said what they're going to do yet'. But he said he remained a staunch opponent of AMPs.

"I'll continue to say what I've been saying for the last 15 years," he said. "I don't support these laws because they don't work in the best interests of our people."

"On Palm in the past 12 months, almost 800 residents have fronted the court on charges under the AMP. Over this ridiculous law that doesn't apply anywhere else in the country, only in Aboriginal communities."

'Paternalistic, racist'

"The Queensland Government tells us the AMP is there to protect us but I will call it for what it is: paternalistic and racist. If it's there to protect us, why do we see 800 of our people charged and criminalised?"

Despite being at odds with Mr Lacey, Deputy Mayor Sibley considers police searches of the bags of ferry passengers headed from Townsville to Palm Island an invasion of privacy.

He was amongst about 200 passengers about to board the Sealink Ferry Breakwater Terminal beside Townsville's Ross Creek on 26 January, when police searched bags.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to Cr Sibley when the ferry arrived at Palm's jetty that afternoon.

"This is Invasion Day and police have invaded our privacy," Cr Sibley declared angrily.

"This not right, passengers were a bit shaken up... I have contacted local mainstream media (about it)."

"I think Premier Anna Bligh needs to concentrate on the real issues that are affecting Indigenous people everywhere, especially on Palm Island, like affordable housing, modern housing, jobs and education in our community."

— With additional reporting by KIRSTIE PARKER

Why the AMP is so unpopular

WHILE not completely without supporters, the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) system introduced by the Queensland Government six years ago is highly unpopular amongst Palm Islanders.

Palm's controversial plan limits residents to taking one 30-pack carton of mid- or light-strength beer to the north Queensland community and bans full-strength beer, wine and spirits.

Locals travelling to mainland Townsville on one of the four weekly ferry services often return with cartons of legal mid-strength beer. The ferry trip takes between 90 minutes and two hours depending on winds, currents and tides.

On the cruise from Palm to Townsville, sales of full strength beer start once the vessel is 20 minutes from Palm's Reel Women Jetty. On the return journey, only light- or mid-strength beer is sold from the ferry bar once the catamaran is about 20 minutes from the jetty.

The *Koori Mail* was on one such ferry trip when police came alongside to check what passengers were consuming. Drinkers imbibing mid-strength beer, permitted under the AMP, gave officers what can be described as the two-fingered salute.

From the *Koori Mail's* observations over a

WITH Queensland State elections scheduled for late March and local government elections a month later on 28 April, Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) look set to be a major issue for voters in Indigenous communities. ALF WILSON reports

long period, the AMP is unpopular with the vast majority of Palm Islanders. Devout Christians are amongst the exceptions but, as one local said, "Most people on Palm go to church but they don't want excessive religion shoved down their necks."

The unpopularity of the AMP is probably not surprising, given the fact that an estimated 600-800 locals out of about 2500 have fronted court on mostly minor and, occasionally, major breaches.

Police search

Police regularly search passengers' bags at both ends of the Townsville and Palm ferry terminals. Many Palm islanders object to the practice, which they see as having one rule for them and another for mainlanders. The words 'racist', 'draconian', and 'wrong' are often used by islanders in relation to the searches.

Many locals travel to Townsville for a few days' break whenever they can but can't afford to stay in hotels. Instead, they purchase alcohol and drink it the city's parks.

Another, more expensive form of transport to and from Palm is by light plane. A one-way flight costs around \$110, although residents sometimes snag half-price fares on selected flights. Flight company West Wing won't carry alcohol on any planes.

Bone of contention

Another bone of contention regarding the AMP is the interpretation of the law. Some locals feel the law means that only one carton of mid-strength or light beer can be taken to Palm per boat, no matter how many passengers travel on it, but this is incorrect. Every adult passenger on a ferry is permitted to take a 30-pack of the mid-strength or light beer to Palm.

Any alcohol outside legal limits is seized by police and destroyed. One senior police officer on Palm told the *Koori Mail* last month that any seizures which were disposed of were usually done in front of local Elders or community leaders for accountability and credibility purposes.

Sly-grogging on Palm has hit mainstream

media headlines recently and, despite a zero-tolerance approach by police, there's no doubt it is being transported on to the island and sold at inflated prices. Some sly-grog sellers are even regarded as virtual heroes because of the AMP's unpopularity.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt said last month there was no plan to change the Palm AMP.

Supplies of sly grog reaching Palm are believed to be affecting patronage at Palm's Coolgaree Bar and Grill.

The venue offers membership for a nominal fee but visitors can obtain entrance by request. Indeed, many of the off-duty police stationed on Palm are regular customers.

Under the AMP, patrons can buy six mid-strength beers at \$5 each before going on to super light cans referred to by some locals as 'green death'.

They can also purchase a takeaway six-pack of mid or light-strength beer for \$20 on leaving.

Of course, Palm Island is not the only Queensland Aboriginal community affected by AMPs, and the regime is likely to influence how residents vote in the upcoming elections.

Police station victory



The vacant former Malabar Police Station in Sydney's south.

File photos from February 2010, courtesy of LPLALC



The rear of the former Malabar Police Station premises, title of which will be transferred to the La Perouse Aboriginal community.



THE NSW Land and Environment Court has cleared the way for the former Malabar Police Station in southern Sydney to be handed to the La Perouse Aboriginal community.

An initial La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LPLALC) land claim over the site in 2009 was unsuccessful.

However, the land council lodged an appeal after the State Government, which had flagged an intention to sell the site, left it abandoned.

"Following the original claim being refused, the property was clearly not being used for its intended purpose and we've acted on that," said LPLALC CEO Chris Ingrey.

The land council has suggested something of a further Machiavellian twist in relation to the site.

"We believe a deliberate strategy was put in place to occupy the site for the sole purpose of fighting the merits of the land claim," Mr Ingrey said.

"This included re-connecting telecommunications lines, site inspections by police and the installation of new signage."

This was backed up by LPLALC chairperson Marcia Ella Duncan, who said the local community had been misinformed thus far.

"It's clear the Government always wanted to sell this property. Unfortunately the community appears to have been misled regarding the future of the station."

"There was no attempt to reverse a ministerial decision to divest the property in this case."

"The method of acquiring land by lodging Aboriginal land claims is conducted within the provisions of NSW law and the land must be claimable Crown land under state legislation."

"The presiding judge determined that the Minister failed to establish

that the property was being lawfully used and occupied at the date of claim."

"Once the title is transferred to the LPLALC, future use of the site will be determined by the LPLALC's board and members."

Sydney/Newcastle councillor for the

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Roy Ah See said all parties should respect the fact that the site was claimed under NSW law.

"Land rights in this state were fought for and developed for a specific purpose, and NSW legislation has been exercised correctly in this case," Cr Ah See said.

"The Aboriginal community will determine the future of this site and discussions around its fate should take place as soon as practicable."



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Toe-tappin' time in Tamworth



JANUARY means just one thing if you're a country and western fan – the Tamworth Country Music Festival. And this year's 40th anniversary event didn't fail to impress, with thousands flocking to the northern NSW city for a feast of entertainment. There was the usual strong Indigenous presence, with plenty of attention focused on the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase. Pictured above at left is Quarralia Knox, a descendent of two icons of Aboriginal music. Her paternal grandfather is Roger Knox while her maternal grandmother is Auriel Andrew. She is seen here performing at the showcase finale. In the middle are members of the Tamworth-based Gomeroi Dancers, while at right is country music star Warren H Williams, who was the special guest at the Cultural Showcase finale. Turn to Pages 60-61 for our coverage. *Photos by Peter Williams*

History change for curriculums



STUDENTS in schools across Australia will soon learn more about the Stolen Generations and other aspects of Indigenous history under changes to the national curriculum.

The National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) has been lobbying for changes to the curriculum, which were announced recently by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

As a result of the changes, students in Grade Three will now study the significance of National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week and the anniversary of the Apology.

As well, there will be more references to the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history throughout primary school years.

NSDC Indigenous co-chair Helen Moran said NSDC had campaigned for the changes because such topics weren't covered previously until Grade 10.

"Australian children deserve to be taught the full picture of Australian history from the beginning with age-appropriate resources that inform, challenge and inspire them," Ms Moran said.

Other changes include amending a section of the Grade Four curriculum so that Indigenous people were not grouped with

'flora and fauna' when considering the impact of British colonisation.

Colonial history teaching in Grade Five will include clear references to the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and in Grade Six the experience of members of the Stolen Generations will be considered when studying democracy and citizenship.

"The forcible removal of children from their families leading to the Stolen

in-depth study in Grade 10 on the rights and freedoms of Australia's First Nations peoples in the 20th century is mandatory," Ms Moran said. "This includes the Bringing Them Home report and Stolen Generations.

"NSDC encourages all teachers and parents to learn about these changes, and to also think about what they will do to celebrate the anniversary of the National Apology on 13 February 2012."

Ms Moran said schools could join the Australian Schools National Sorry Day Program through the NSDC website at www.nsd.org.au to receive free information and resources to support school activities.

NSDC non-Indigenous co-chair Sally Fitzpatrick said the changes were an important gesture of 'goodwill and compromise'.

"We were very pleased ACARA were open to improvements and that education ministers approved the changes," she said.

"Nevertheless, many education leaders may feel these changes don't go far enough, with Aboriginal references being slotted in rather than influencing the curriculum at a deeper level.

"We hope that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and curriculum experts are now involved in the design, writing and review of all subject areas."

A copy of the updated History Curriculum will be available at www.nsd.org.au



A Sorry Day event in Perth in 2007 (file photo).

Generations is included as an example of the lack of citizenship rights of Australia's First Nations Peoples," Ms Moran said.

"The significance of the 1962 right to vote federally and the 1967 referendum are also now included."

As well, in Grade Nine, an elective study now considers the motivations for the laws and practices that led to the forcible removal of Indigenous children.

"ACARA has also confirmed that an

Greens urge youth jail rate action



A JUMP in the number of Indigenous youth in detention should be a wake-up call for the Government to urgently implement

policies to address Indigenous overrepresentation in the criminal justice system, the Greens say.

Greens spokesperson for legal affairs Penny Wright said the Productivity Commission's report on Government services showed that juvenile detention rates for Indigenous people aged between 10 and 17 increased by more than 20 per cent in 2009-2010 compared to the previous year.

"The high rate of Indigenous young people in detention is a tragedy," Senator Wright said.

"It deprives Indigenous communities of the hope and potential that young people represent.

"This report shows that Indigenous detention rates are not decreasing, in fact, they are worsening.

"High levels of incarceration are both a symptom and cause of Indigenous disadvantage.

"All levels of government must commit to reform which will rapidly reduce imprisonment rates.

"As a first step, COAG must urgently agree to 'Closing the Gap' targets to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system.

"The Greens also call on the Federal Government to implement justice reinvestment policies, a proven approach for redirecting funds away from imprisonment costs towards localised programs and services which address the underlying causes of crime and disadvantage."

Mr Briscoe laid to rest

Cops laughed on night he died, witness claims



FOUR police officers laughed as one overpowered Terrance Briscoe on the night he died in custody, says a man arrested with him. Mr Briscoe, whose death in Alice Springs made headlines amid claims of police brutality, was farewelled at a funeral on Friday and afterwards Oscar White, 21, described what he says happened to his cousin on the night he died.

Speaking to a reporter for the first time since the incident, Mr White said he, Mr Briscoe and three other men who had been arrested for drunkenness were in a room with four police officers on 4 January when Mr Briscoe refused to give his name. After becoming agitated, Mr Briscoe swung his fist at one of the officers. Although Mr Briscoe was drunk and the swing was only half-hearted, the policeman pushed Mr Briscoe hard on to the ground and held him face down and sat on his back while other officers put their feet on him, Mr White told AAP via an interpreter from his native Warlpiri language.

While on the ground, Mr Briscoe



A photo of Alice Springs, where Mr Briscoe died in custody.

struggled to breathe and a cut above his eye that had been stitched opened and began to bleed, Mr White said.

"They were really rough, and they were laughing at the same time," Mr White said.

"They were making a mockery out of him.

"He was short of breath too, because he was actually really, really suffocated."

Mr White denied earlier reports that the group of officers, who included a policewoman, bashed Mr Briscoe, but said they were needlessly rough.

He said Mr Briscoe was like a rag when police picked him up off the ground and dragged him to his cell.

Another man who had been arrested and was in the room, Lance Dixon, briefly spoke with AAP and agreed with Mr White's description of events but did not wish to elaborate.

Mr Briscoe was discovered unconscious in his cell during a routine check just after 2am (CST) on 5 January and was later pronounced dead at Alice Springs Hospital.

After his death, protests against police brutality were held in Alice Springs and hundreds attended candlelight vigils.

At the funeral last Friday, Lutheran pastor Basil Schild said Alice Springs needed peace.

"There are many difficult deaths in Alice Springs and many people die too young," Pastor Schild said.

"The death of this young man has been surrounded by controversy.

"We pray for a special blessing of peace and for calmness to say goodbye to him."

Pastor Schild said Alice Springs needed spiritual healing.

"That means reflection and that means making friends out of enemies," he said.

Messages from Mr Briscoe's family were read out at the service.

A sister said: "Not a day goes by that either a tear is not shed or a smile with your memory of what a generous man you were is not held."

Ahead of the funeral another sister, Louise Daniels, said her brother had been a happy man who was proud that his girlfriend was pregnant.

Ms Daniels backed claims that police had beaten up Mr Briscoe on previous occasions and said he had a cut above his eye prior to his death.

"He told me that cut was from the police," she said. "One of the policemen hurt him for no reason."

An investigation into the death of Mr Briscoe is under way, and NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson says he is confident it will be thorough. – AAP

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NADC member Shelley Reys, Dr Bentley James representing Senior Australian of the Year Laurie Baymarrwangga, SA Young Australian of the Year Rebecca Richards and Act Local Hero Julie Tongs.



In a sea of Australian flags, the *Koori Mail* spotted this mob with the Aboriginal flag. From left, Meiko Bell holding four-year-old Leroy Chatfield, Anita Chatfield holding two-year-old Takai Chatfield, Luke Donnelly and Marley Chatfield, all from Canberra.

Elder named Senior Australian of Year

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A NORTHERN Territory Aboriginal Elder and passionate advocate of Aboriginal homelands has been named Senior Australian of the Year. Laurie

Baymarrwangga was recognised for her commitment to cultural maintenance and caring for her traditional country.

However, the nonagenarian from Murrungga, the largest of the outer Crocodile Islands off Arnhem Land, was unable to attend the ceremony held in Canberra on 25 January to announce the 2012 Australian of the Year.

Acclaimed actor and arts supporter Geoffrey Rush was named this year's Australian of the Year, while Women in Engineering advocate Marita Cheng was named Young Australian of the Year and NSW foster parent Lynne Sawyers was honoured as Australia's Local Hero 2012.

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) said Ms Baymarrwangga had shown 'extraordinary commitment to maintaining her culture, the environment of her beloved Crocodile Islands and ensuring younger generations continue to keep their heritage alive'.

"During her lifetime, Laurie has seen the arrival of missionaries, exploitation by Japanese and European fishermen, war and tumultuous change," said an NADC statement. "Undaunted, she has almost single-handedly nurtured the inter-generational transmission of local ecological knowledge through a lifelong commitment to caring for kin, culture and country."

"In the 1960s, Laurie established a housing project on her homelands that has benefitted generations of kin. Speaking no English, with no access to funding, resources or expertise, she initiated the Yan-nhangu dictionary project."

Ms Baymarrwangga's cultural maintenance projects include the Crocodile Islands Rangers, a junior rangers group and an online Yan-nhangu dictionary for school children.

"In 2010, after a struggle stretching back



The 2012 Senior Australian of the Year, Crocodile Islands Elder Laurie Baymarrwangga. AAP Image

to 1945, Laurie finally received back payments for rents owed to her as the land and sea owner of her father's estate, the statement said.

"The great-great-grandmother donated it all, around \$400,000, to improve education and employment opportunities on the island and to establish a 1000-square-kilometre turtle sanctuary on her marine estate."

Dr Bentley James, an anthropologist with the Crocodile Islands Rangers, accepted Ms Baymarrwangga's award on her behalf.

He described the award as 'a fundamental reminder to the nation of its heritage' – especially the enormous contribution made by Australia's First Peoples – and noted with irony that Ms Baymarrwangga's latest accolade came at a time of threat for homelands.

"Her ability to live on her country, speak her language is what Australia is now celebrating, (so) how can we stand by and support the closure of her homelands and the destruction of bilingual education for her kin and country?" Dr James asked.

"...As she states on regular occasion: 'We (Indigenous people) continue to live on our land and care for our culture, our law, tell our stories and sing our songs'."

'Support'

"As the Australian of the Year awards have recognised, we must support nation-building leaders like her who work to save Australia's unique languages and culture, champion the deep knowledge of country, give courage and conviction to those who live on their homelands and struggle against the injustice of assimilation. This unique language and



Making a family day of it were, back (from left) David O'Neil holding 10-month-old Tiana Button Wright, Maureen Wright holding two-year-old Nataya Huckle (obscured) and three-year-old Lachey Button Wright, Jason Huckle, and Georgina O'Neil holding five-year-old Tashaun Button-Wright. In front are Tara Wright and Nathan Button.

culture of our country is a gift of over 50,000 years in the making."

Praise for Ms Baymarrwangga also flowed from Reconciliation Australia, the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), Federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler and Acting ACT Chief Minister Delia Laurie.

Other Aboriginal contenders for the awards were ACT Local Hero Julie Tongs, who is the CEO of Canberra-based Aboriginal health service Winnunga Nimmityjah, and South Australian Young Person of the Year Rebecca Richards, an anthropologist and Rhodes Scholar.

More than 5000 nominations were received from the public for the 2012 Awards and nominations are already being accepted for the 2013 Australian of the Year Awards. Nominations can be made via www.australianoftheyear.org.au

RAPs doing the job

Successes highlighted in report

By DARREN COYNE



MORE than 13,300 jobs have been filled out of 21,000 promised by Australian companies that have adopted Reconciliation Action Plans (RAP). A new report

highlighting the achievements of RAPs, released on Monday, also said that organisations with culturally safe environments were more likely to have sustainable outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The first RAP Impact Measurement Report evaluates the effectiveness of the RAP program, which was launched just over five years ago.

Since then, 280 organisations have implemented a RAP, with more than 1.6 million people now working or studying in organisations with a stated commitment to achieving reconciliation.

As well, almost 1000 apprenticeships and traineeships have been filled, and RAP organisations have purchased \$26 million worth of goods and services from suppliers certified with the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC).

More than \$9 million has been provided by RAP organisations to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarships. RAP organisations have committed to put 170,000 people through cultural awareness training and 22,000 have already taken this up.

Reconciliation Australia co-chairs Dr Tom Calma and Melinda Cilento said the report findings were extremely positive for reconciliation.

"RAPs are helping to build a nation that understands its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural roots – and that's something that benefits all Australians," Dr Calma said.

"Creating a culture of respect in the workplace is fundamental to delivering sustainable opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"RAPs provide a framework for organisations to pursue reconciliation through clear actions and commitments focused on respect, relationships and opportunities – and this is producing results."

Ms Cilento added that the RAP program was successful because it encouraged organisations to build genuine partnerships



● Above: Fred Chaney, a member of the Panel for Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with Noongar Elder Dr Richard Walley and Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong at Rio Tinto's RAP community event in Perth.

Photo courtesy of Rio Tinto and Reconciliation Australia



● Left: Reconciliation Australia co-chair Melinda Cilento getting ready for her first dance at the Garma Festival with the help of fellow Reconciliation Australia board director and Yolngu Elder Djapirri Mununggirritj.

Photo by Ara Cresswell and courtesy of Reconciliation Australia.

and strategies that fitted well with an organisation's core business.

"RAPs are ambitious because they seek to drive positive change by focusing on showing respect and building relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," she said.

"Our research shows that once a workplace has developed actions based on respect, and formed positive relationships

with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities, better opportunities in employment, education and business follow. RAPs also make good business sense. They help organisations develop a consistent approach to enabling better opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In short they turn good intentions into actions.

"And they encourage organisations to

engage with employees, customers, and suppliers which support greater diversity and new opportunities for growth."

Some of Australia's largest peak organisations, universities, schools, sporting bodies, government agencies and corporations, including 10 of Australia's top 20 businesses, have adopted RAPs.

● Koori Mail Managing Editor Kirstie Parker is a director of Reconciliation Australia.



North Queensland Cowboys players with National Rugby League CEO David Gallop at the NRL's second RAP launch. Photo by Claire Toepfer and courtesy of Reconciliation Australia

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Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo tails.

Favourite other food?
Lasagne.

Favourite drink?
Tomato juice or Coke.

What are you watching?
Anything to do with Westerns – you know, cowboys etc.

What are you reading?
Same as what I'm watching.

What do you like in life?
I like helping people. I've been involved with youth for some time now. My Mum raised 43 kids, so I guess it's in me to help.

What don't you like?
False people.

Favourite sport?
I bet people would think I'd say AFL. And they'd be right. But I like all sports. I follow Liverpool in the English soccer, Celtic in the Scottish soccer, the Celtics in the US basketball, New York Yankees in the US baseball and the Rabbitohs (South Sydney) in the NRL.

Who would you have with you for a night around the campfire?
The late Pastor Doug Nichols, Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Real Santa Claus. I'm still waiting for that bike I wanted, Santa.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I'd ensure the money allocated to help our people gets to where it's needed. That sure isn't happening at the moment.

Quote



'The Queensland Government tells us the Alcohol Management Plan is there to protect us, but I will call it for what it is: paternalistic and racist'.

– Palm Island Mayor
Alf Lacey

● See Page 14

Unquote

Abuse is never the answer

THE aftermath of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy protest in Canberra on 26 January is far from over. Politicians will make what they can of it when Federal Parliament resumes this week. But, while that circus rolls on, it's crucial that we as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people avoid one of our own.

Collectively and individually, we have to process the affair and work through the myriad of issues it has thrown up.

The start of that process has got to be the establishment of some ground rules about how we will treat each other. The whole 'Jacky jacky, 'coconut' business is getting old and there's no doubt, in our minds, that it's a form of abuse.

It is very, very easy to shut someone down with that kind of language, but thoroughly undignified and not the way of someone interested in real dialogue.

That's not to say that we can't say things another person won't like or agree with. Of course we can. For example, we could reflect upon Tony Abbott's actual comments and declare that we can understand why some people might be unsettled by rowdy and, yes, aggressive behaviour. But it really is time to move on from a 'white blindfold' view of history. Many non-Indigenous Australians have done this, and are today true friends of our people.

Protest is legitimate and, sometimes, people won't listen until you make a noise. But everyone needs to finish with their dignity intact. That's the way our ancestors did it.

Lateral violence – the tendency of oppressed people to turn on their own and engage in unhealthy and unconstructive criticism – is not just some



OUR SAY

trendy concept. And it's not exclusive to us in Australia.

Media wire AAP reported at the weekend that New Zealand Prime Minister John Key was hustled into a car after a Maori welcome 'turned ugly'.

Protesters demonstrating, as they're entitled to do, against deep sea drilling reportedly also called Maori Affairs Minister Pita Sharples 'Mr Key's nigger'. It's this abuse that rankles us.

At the Rugby League All Stars match on the Gold Coast on Saturday night, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation chairperson Florence Onus declared family violence to be the biggest challenge facing our communities today. On social media, she was bagged for bringing people down from their rugby league induced high. It was even suggested her comments might have led the Indigenous All Star's on-field loss. In fact, she was brave.

In closing, we like to add our voice to calls for an inquiry into how things unfolded in Canberra on 26 January but only one that's truly independent. No police investigating police, for example.

Well-respected individuals have been appointed in exceptional circumstances to lead enquiries into floods, fires and other emergencies. Why not here, too?

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Where to now in push for sovereignty?

Michael Anderson, the sole survivor amongst four Aboriginal men who established the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in 1972. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

ESSENTIALLY what we found when we went to England late last year was that the Aborigines were never considered in any of the bills and papers leading up to the 1875 amendment to the 1872 *Pacific Islanders Protection Act*. So, having looked at those bills and papers, I tried to find out how the issue of Aboriginal affairs had first raised its head.

Then, having visited the office of Parliamentary Counsel in Whitehall, we talked with members of the House of Commons in London and asked 'How did that get into the Act?' and found that Queen Victoria exercised the Crown's prerogative in late July/early August 1875 and then when the Act came out in August of that year, it had Sections Seven and Ten written into it and we found out that they were actual Orders in Council and that came through as a result of the prerogative powers of the Crown.

And when we asked 'Well, what does an Order in Council do?' we were advised that when an Order in Council is exercised by the Crown, it becomes absolute law. Sections Seven and Ten were about saving the rights of the tribes.

Queen Victoria said words to the effect of 'I do not claim, nor do my heirs or successors claim, sovereignty and dominion over the Aboriginal people and their places'. So she has basically said 'Your sovereignty is intact'.

Section Ten was the second Order in Council, which said the governments of each of the colonial states of Australia had to have those orders proclaimed in each of the states. Whether they did or didn't, the fact is it related to those colonies identified in the principal Act, and they identified New South Wales, Queensland, New Zealand, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Now, all of that has been hidden from us all of these years, we've never known about it. Everyone, all the lawyers and politicians argue those have been repealed both in Australia and England and then we looked at this and we looked at the 1964 and 1986 Statute of Appeals Act in England and they say there that the Acts are being repealed but they're basically saying the law that has been created is preserved.

Not only do they say that, they also say that other alternative arrangements must be

THE dust is only now beginning to settle after the clash in Canberra on 26 January between Aboriginal Tent Embassy protesters, police and the Prime Minister's security officers. There's been plenty of coverage of the protests and what preceded and followed them but less on what underpinned the Embassy's 40th anniversary celebrations. *Koori Mail* Managing Editor Kirstie Parker spoke to sole surviving Tent Embassy founder Michael Anderson in Canberra about a revitalised push for sovereignty and plans to take that case to international courts. Here's an edited version of what Mr Anderson said...

put in place. And then you go down to 1996 and they say in that repeal of the English law that the Acts are repealed but the law that was established in the countries outside of England, Ireland and Wales remain. Then there's another part when they essentially said 'But the law that has been created by those Acts can only be replaced by another Order in Council by the monarch – ie the Queen. And when they issue that Order in Council, then that law that was established finishes on the date and time that they say in that Order in Council. And that relates to the former colonies of England.

We then went to the *Australia Act* of 1996, being the act that Gareth Evans when he was Foreign Minister negotiated with England and what they did was separate the political powers of England from Australia, which meant the Parliament of England could not make any laws for Australia. And we cannot appeal any High Court decisions to the Privy Council.

And we looked to see if the *Australia Act* had any reference to taking away the law that was created by that Order in Council by Queen Victoria but there's no reference to it.

Orders in Council

There's a section, though, that's created there that allows for the states and territories to pass their own laws to create a repeal and a rescinding of the laws created by these Orders in Council.

We pursued that and found that there's been no such Acts since 1996; the states and territories haven't pursued that.

The next reference we found for the 1872-1875 Act was in 1999 when John Howard passed the *Anti-Slavery and Sexual Servitude Act* in the Federal Parliament in 1999 and in that he repeals those Acts as well in Australian law.

Now, when we looked at what had happened here, because the Queen of

England is still the Australian head of the state, she still has powers that remained as a result of the 1996 *Australia Act*. But we've not found where John Howard or anyone else has asked her to overturn the law created by Queen Victoria's Orders in Council.

Now, I think one of the good reasons for them not doing that is, first of all, they will alert the Australian public to the fact that a law still exists in this country, within our legal system, that Aboriginal sovereignty is, and always has been, continuing. And that any attempt now for them to rescind that law will send the country broke in terms of the compensation that would be required to be paid. They can try, but the moment that they do, we'll have a legal action commencing from that date.

Top-notch lawyer

The lawyer we having coming to advise us is a retired prosecutor from England and he's also a life member of the Lincoln's Inn, where all the top-notch legal eagles in England have their club. Some would say that they are the fellows of the Knights Templar continuing.

And so what we have now, we have some serious matters that have to be discussed here. We know everyone says this is not true and it does sound too good to be true, but the fact is it's reality, and this is why the Australian Government has always been scared of dealing with Aboriginal affairs in a manner where we could assert a right of self-determination.

The current discussion around the Constitution, the attempt to include us in the Australian Constitution, is a very flawed way of saying that Aboriginal people have acquiesced and acceded their sovereignty. But they have to understand that this would never be achieved.

Sooner or later, and we'll make sure it's

sooner, they will deal with this issue. And I think a lot of people now, as you've seen from today and the discussion over the next two days, we'll form a national unity movement under the Aboriginal parliament. A lot of Aboriginal people will talk about it and will make their choices about how that unfolds. But essentially, we're all trying for the same thing. We may have different ways of achieving it, that's all.

One thing's for sure, they won't divide us any more. The Aboriginal people involved with Constitutional reform really don't have a constituency. Let them come out and identify who their constituents are. Les Malezer and Jodi Broun, who were on the Expert Panel, represented the National Indigenous Congress but (that organisation) represents less than one per cent of our population.

What I'm saying is the people will create their own mandate and we will get out there and circulate the information we have and will have community and regional meetings.

We started these sovereignty summits (the New Way Summits) and these were very successful. People want to know about it and we'll never do it on a telephone.

So we have a course of action and these courses of action are ones where we look at the legal aspects, the legal challenges and the other way is to talk about the political process. We have to then get into our communities and talk about the social and economic position so it's a three-tier operation and we have to fully inform our people in order for them to make their free, prior and informed consent to our actions.

We're not going out there to tell them what it is; we'll have a dialogue and develop our position. Our people say 'How're we gonna get that money?' Well, we've done a lot of things without money and I put it to the NIC that they should fund the national unity movement in order for us to come up with a document to put to the government, which will signify a peace accord.

Involved in that will be how we shall unite as a nation, respecting each other's cultures and traditions. And we get it out there. And when we take this to the people, I'm going to propose to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council that they also assist in funding this thing. They are sitting on a wad of money and we want them to assist in funding it.

The truth about Valentine's Day

HELLO all my beautiful black people! Gee, I have missed you over the holiday break! I hope you had a restful, love-filled time – sharing the love with your partner and generally having a great time while I have been away.

I had the best holiday ever! But now it is time to get ready for the best day of the year: Valentine's Day. See, everyone seems to think Valentine's Day was created after St Valentine, but that's not true.

Valentine's Day is named after an old blackfulla from back in the day called Valentine. You see, February 14 was his true love's birthday. Every year he would do something crazy and everyone on the mission would wait in anticipation to see what he'd do each year.

One year he painted all the camp dogs with 'I Love You

Bernice' on their sides. It didn't come off for seven months!

Another year he filled her humpy with bush flowers and gum nuts. To the roof! Even after Valentine died, on every February 14 there would be a bunch of flowers put at her front door.

No one in the camp ever forgot Valentine's Day. True story! Or maybe it was just a dream I had ...

You don't have to be all extravagant like old Valentine, but you can make the day just as special.

For you cashed-up blackfullas out there, buy your love something pretty. Buy them some beautiful opals, sapphires or pink diamonds. Nothing says 'I love you' like a pair of opal earrings or a single pink diamond earring. Jewels from our own country are what we should



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adorn our bodies with.

If you don't have the cash for jewels, your Koori Princess would love to get a piece or art

or a book about strong Aboriginal women wrapped in a silk-screen printed scarf. Get the beautiful scarf from your local Aboriginal artist co-op and your love will be all wrapped up in you!

Looking for a gift for your Murri Prince? Nothing says 'I love you' better than something football related. Splash out on tickets to watch their favourite footy team play, the team jersey, a football or just a subscription to Pay TV so they can watch the games.

If your Yorta Yorta boyfriend is more comfortable in the kitchen than the lounge watching footy, make up a foodie's feast basket. Get a basket and fill it with native spices, chutneys, teas and sauces. Throw in a CD of Archie Roach and you are done!

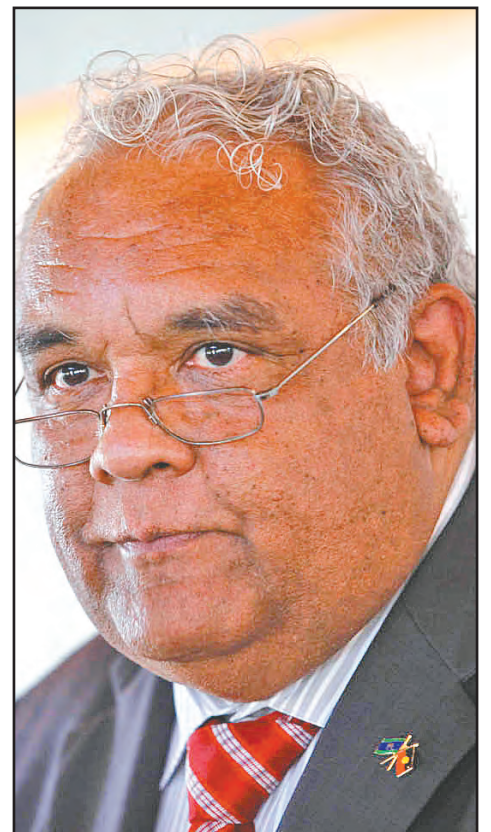
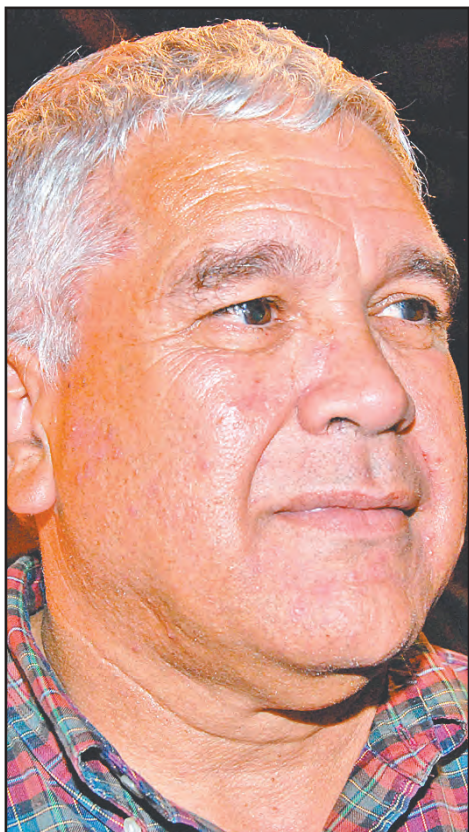
If your Weilwan Queen is more Mother Earth than Material Possessions, they would love a

special romantic dinner alone with you somewhere in the bush. Find a beautiful, quiet place somewhere close to home that can be 'your place'. Get ready some iced mint tea in a bottle (a cordial bottle is good enough!), some chocolate (a Cadbury plain block is a winner) and some chicken sandwiches (even Vegemite would be great).

Pack it all up into a bag and plan to pick them up from work. They will be so touched by your thoughtfulness and love that you will have a Very Memorable Night!

My beautiful black people, my message to you this year is plain and simple. Share this Valentine's Day with your love and give them something that shows how much you care about them.

Old Valentine wouldn't want it any other way.



Amongst nominees for National Living Treasure status are, from left, Mick Gooda, Mandawuy Yunupingu, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and Tom Calma.

National search on for more Living Treasures



WHAT does Close the Gap campaign chairman Tom Calma have in common with rocker Angry Anderson?

Or Indigenous social justice commissioner Mick Gooda with actor Brian Brown?

Or musos Mandawuy Yunupingu and Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu with cyclist Cadel Evans or film director Baz Luhrmann?

Perhaps not much, at first glance. But they're all amongst a select group nominated so far for National Living Treasure status.

Only 100 living Australians can claim that honour at a time and the deaths in recent years of the likes

of aviator Nancy-Bird Walton, writer Donald Horne, opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland and artist Margaret Olley have left seven vacancies to fill.

"The title National Living Treasure is conferred when someone accomplishes an

outstanding achievement, swelling the country's consciousness with admiration, pride and acknowledgement," said National Trust of Australia (NSW) CEO Brian Scarsbrick.

"It's an historic title, voted by the people, and one that only 100 living Australians can truly claim."

In fact, the National Living Treasures List is so prestigious it has only been reviewed once since it began in 1996.

Public votes will determine the

outcome and can be cast at the National Trust of Australia (NSW) website.

The names listed on the National Trust's List of 100 candidates (at

<http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/>) are intended only to 'start a conversation' so people can nominate someone from that list or make their own suggestion for a nominee.

Whoever is selected will join current Living Treasures, amongst

whom Indigenous Australians are already well-represented. Ernie Dingo, brothers Mick Dodson and Pat Dodson, Cathy Freeman, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Jimmy Little, Lowitja O'Donoghue,

Dr Pat O'Shane, Noel Pearson and Galarrwuy Yunupingu... they're all there.

On its website, the National Trust of Australia (NSW) says 'many of the Treasures have at times articulated personal views on a range of controversial topics, but those views are not necessarily those of the Trust'.

"We are a not-for-profit charity that believes in national unity, while advocating for conservation issues," the website says.

"We believe that everyone should be treated equally and fairly and do not support any view that does not respect these basic human rights."

'The title National Living Treasure is conferred when someone accomplishes an outstanding achievement, swelling the country's consciousness with admiration, pride and acknowledgement'



Shame on report claim

WE are writing in response to Paul Sheehan's opinion piece 'Ruckus puts referendum out of reach', published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 30 January.

It takes a pack of gutless wonders to stand up and be counted and a staffer who had the guts to let people know (Opposition Leader) Tony Abbott's agenda to derail and incite opposition to two important issues in the 21st century.

Firstly, the derailment of support of a referendum that recognises Aboriginal people in the Australian Constitution and, secondly, inciting people to vote against the Gillard Labor Government at the next election.

In our day, we knew where we stood, as the Coalition parties were seen by Aboriginal people as black bashing before an election and leading up to an election garnering

support from rednecks who don't know any better, yet haven't sat down and found out what they stand for.

Some Aboriginal people are conservative and vote Liberal, some vote Labor, and some vote Green and some don't vote at all as they are sick of the same old rhetoric by all political parties that always promise and don't deliver – regardless of their political affiliations.

How dare you report that the amendments are dead when you poll a crowd of rednecks just like you would rent a crowd of supporters.

Shame on you, Paul Sheehan and the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

The actions that have been portrayed over the course of Australia Day should only strengthen relations and provide a strong message of support including for Aboriginal people as the First People in our Constitution

and, whatever else, that does not allow political parties to suspend an act of racial vilification against one section of the community because of the colour of their skin or where they live.

Gatekeepers and those who are Aboriginal and close to government were referred to as Uncle Toms not so long ago.

Do you, the *SMH*, have the guts to print this word for word in your paper?

PS: Sovereignty is still unfinished business 40 years on. Yes, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy should be heritage-listed. And, finally, Aboriginal protesters have just as much right to protest as non-Indigenous Australians have done in recent past.

DAVID and JANELLE LANE
Cloncurry, Qld

POETRY

Father's Day

I said to her, Mummy it's Father's Day, but I ain't got no father to buy for.

What's that look in your eye for mummy, why you gotta cry for?

I should've said nothing, changed the subject, but I got no reason to lie for
Please answer me Ma, why'd he have to die for?

Now each day they say I look more and more like my father
But I'd rather he was there coz heaven's farther than I care to imagine,
And the scabs on my heart still bleed when I scratch them.

Like when I was little, trying to be a man,
trying to understand the plan that my life was hatching

Trying to be like the man, that I'll be honest I don't even remember
the man that was taken that night in December
the man taken barely out of his teens and I'm on the high side of thirty.
I ask why should it hurt me?

I tell you why, coz I got kids of my own
I don't want them to know the pain that I've known
I don't want them to say.....

Mummy it's Father's Day, but I ain't got no father to buy for.
What's that look in your eye for mummy, why you gotta cry for?

I should've said nothing, changed the subject, but I got no reason to lie for
Please answer me Ma, why'd he have to die for?

Father's day.....

ROBBIE WATERS
Armidale NSW

'Black'

A comfort of the night to rest a weary head
The mark of your skin a warrior born
Forever eyes closed 2 injustice
My people 2 mourn my strength 2 fight
Night will fall we will wake
Peace Love Respect

RHIANON WALSH
by email

Racism disgust

I FIND it disgusting the way people out there are acting and speaking about what happened down in Canberra at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

Over the weekend, some of the comments made about our whole race were disrespectful, degrading, and absolutely disgusting.

People need to learn to shut their mouths and not comment on something they have got no idea about. How can people have an opinion on a subject when they are dead-set clueless on the facts?

Over the weekend, a young man posted the attached image in Facebook and captioned it 'Your thoughts everyone?'

Some of the comments on it are a disgrace.

Racism is something that is so wrong but will never go away. Australia welcomes other

nationalities into this country and white Australians celebrate their culture, their food, their ways of life... but they don't even acknowledge the original owners of this land, or even participate in Aboriginal culture.

No one should ever be a victim of racism anywhere, but definitely not in their own country.

How can someone dare be racist to another human being in their own country? It's just wrong.

ASHLIE ROGERS
Via email

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The indignity of dispossession



An image from the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra.

THE indignity of dispossession and displacement from their traditional homelands is a real issue still for a majority of Australia's Indigenous population.

Yet with the Prime Minister getting a one-time feel for the indignity of oppression and her unexpectedly being forced to move on (from the Canberra restaurant), perhaps now that the shoe is on the other foot this letter will be published.

Thanks guys, that really has downloaded my expectations on this tissue... sob, sob.

And, again, I wish you well with editorial and publishing.

DARREN SIEMS
Indigenous Homeland Group
(IHG) secretariat
Quirindi, NSW

Embassy 'blunder'

MY name is Alice Haines and, in good faith, I was part of the organisation team for the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40th anniversary celebrations.

I spent around \$10,000 of my own in-kind resources, time and money to see this event take place. I and others all had intentions on putting on a celebrative event and discussions for the future of Aboriginal affairs.

I would like to send my apologies to the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard, for her having to endure an unsafe and a frightening situation.

I do question the Attorney General's office and ASIO for not adequately reviewing their policies on event risk assessment. I find there is negligence in allowing the event that the Prime Minister attended and the Embassy 40th celebrations to run only metres apart. This showed appalling judgment.

I would like to extend further apologies to Aboriginal people across our nations who were not able to be given an opportunity to attend discussions.

I would like to express disappointment in the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples for divisive behaviour and under-funding an event. The frustrations this caused contributed to the anger explosions in Canberra.

I have a further grievance with the Congress, funded by (Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin's office, of no accountability discussing sovereign issues at their own forums on a very healthy budget without bringing in respective nations' leaders from around the country.

Leadership in NSW has no jurisdiction over the voice coming from our nations around the country.

The constant bullying behaviour known as lateral violence is now the dysfunctional chemistry of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. At the time of the protest outside the Lobby restaurant, I was attending the Dumbartung presentation initially placed on the agenda to hear a sad presentation on youth suicide in Nyoongah Country. It is disrespectful to the Nyoongah people that this unplanned riot would be more important than hearing the stories of loss in community.

(Opposition Leader) Tony Abbott's comments were instrumental in feeding



Alice Haines, member of the organising committee for the Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th anniversary celebrations, with performer Joe Geia at the event.

fuel. However, our people still have a responsibility to respect cultural protocols that were completely ignored on this occasion.

Moving on to the security aspect of the event, there was a designated person to look after security who had good relations with the Australian Federal Police. Because of various people demanding control over the Embassy, this security role was completely ignored and ground floor organisers too lost any control over the event.

They were over-ridden and set up for failure by a member from the NSW Aboriginal Affairs and the National Congress, to be attacked through false allegations.

This particular member was

instrumental in feeding preposterous lies over finance and so-called control back to community members, causing ongoing heated lateral violence situations meaning that the ground floor team was forced to surrender. This person orchestrated Congress phone hook-ups over a six-week duration, creating a secondary administrative team with thousands of dollars to allocate. I was informed that \$6000 was set aside for 'Elder' accommodation and yet apparently 200 rooms were left empty and Elders were sleeping on the grass with no blanket or tents.

This team were negligent in not seeing responsibilities through to an action plan. This team spent thousands of dollars on a busload of people who arrived in Canberra

from Sydney with no tents. We were instructed without a budget to accommodate these people immediately. I was forced to go home with my baby in the car to bring in mattresses from my house, and tents were acquired from the tip to accommodate that situation.

I seek accountability from the Congress and NSW Aboriginal Affairs team for this financial and managerial blunder.

I myself was falsely accused over finances when, in fact, the Winnunga Nimmityjah Health Service was the chosen auspicing body and finance was not my responsibility with regards to this event.

Again, I will repeat that the ongoing intimidation on the ground floor forced organisers to surrender their stance. The agenda became surrendered through the process.

Had the agenda remained on track, there may not have been an opportunity for an unscheduled speaker to take to the stage to alert the audience of the Prime Minister's presence only metres away.

I am unaware of who authorised the Australian flag to be burnt. I would express disappointment to the 'Occupy' movement people for encouraging heated confrontations. Aboriginal Affairs is our business and not for members of the Occupy movement to stick their noses in.

Burning the Australian flag was never an intention nor part of an agenda.

I further would like to apologise to the Australian public abroad for public disruption.

I am asking the Government for urgent meetings with respected Aboriginal leaders from around the country. Government-appointed 'Indigenous leadership' is not representative of our people. Our voice was silenced and now explosions are erupting.

Please, can we be sensible enough to bring conversation to the table in a diplomatic manner?

I ask our Aboriginal people around the country to stay calm and be patient for a response from government and our respected leaders from around the nation.

ALICE HAINES
Canberra, ACT

Change the date

NOW that the dust has settled surrounding the controversy of Australia Day, I think it's time for a rational conversation about a more appropriate date.

On 26 January 1788, a flag was hoisted and all Aborigines from Cape York to Tasmania suddenly became subjects of King George III. From that day onwards, Aboriginal laws, customs, traditions, practices and languages were ignored.

In a country that Aborigines had occupied since time immemorial, there was now total dispossession and destabilisation of Aboriginal culture and way of life.

The consequences were horrific as Aborigines became trespassers on their own land, imprisoned in reserves or finding refuge as destitute fringe dwellers.

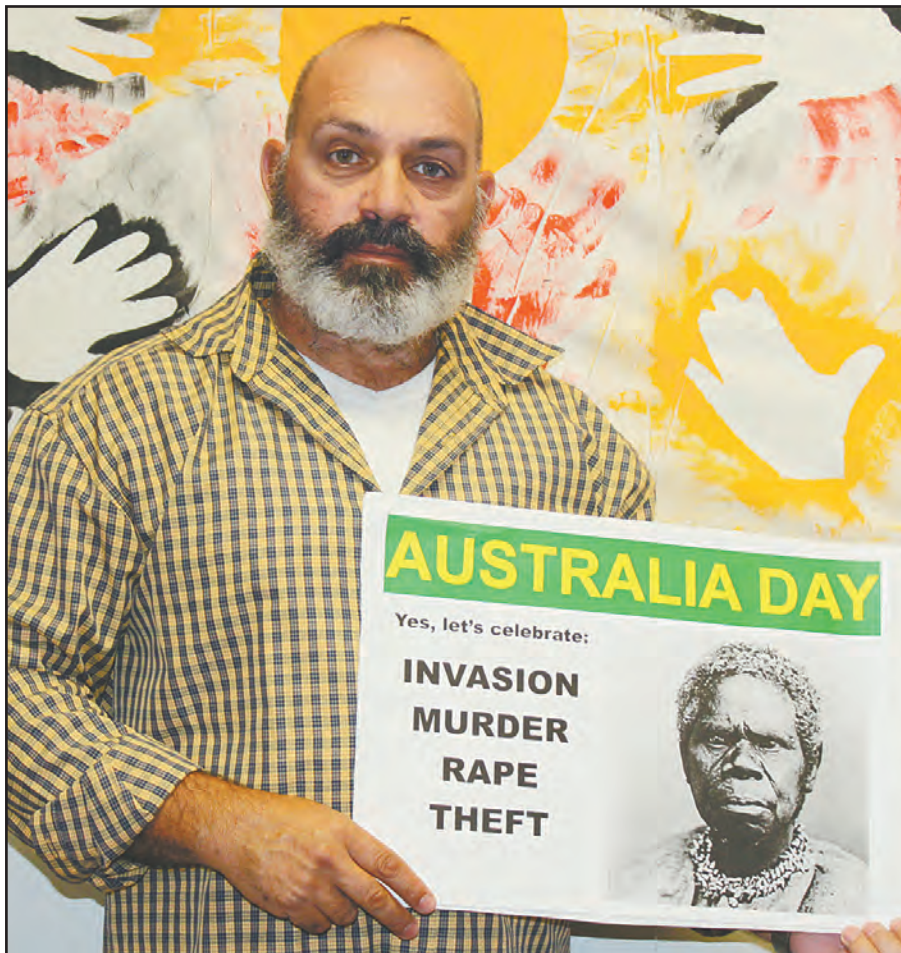
We can't simply gloss over what happened to Aborigines and call ourselves a fair nation that gives everyone a fair go.

An alternative date for a national celebration must be found, to continue to humiliate Aborigines is an abhorrent practice.

America celebrates 4 July, Canada on 1 July and New Zealand on 6 February, as their national days.

If other countries can manage not to celebrate the actual date of the overthrowing of another people, then surely we can find a way too.

RICKY J MAYNARD
Legal Manager
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc



Letter-writer Ricky J Maynard.



Mark of respect for all who have fought

MARK of respect today for our Elders in the past and those who fought the struggle for our survival, for our future and for future generations.

As the song goes 'We have survived the white man's world.'

Remember, white Australia has always had a black history.

Always was, always will be.

DAMIAN EADES
Via email

Support withdrawn

I WAS appalled and disgusted at the behaviour of the protesters in Canberra on 26 January. So much so that I would now withdraw any support for their cause.

Burning the Australian flag was the most stupid thing I've ever seen an Australian do. I believe their actions set them back 20 years. Where do they think they would be today if Japan was not stopped in World War II?

JT BURGESS
by email



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About your letters and poems

We welcome your letters and poems. Please send them to any of the addresses listed on Page 23. Make sure you include a daytime telephone contact for checking purposes. All submissions may be edited for length, clarity and legal reasons.



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Seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women to join Women's Legal Service SA Inc Management Committee

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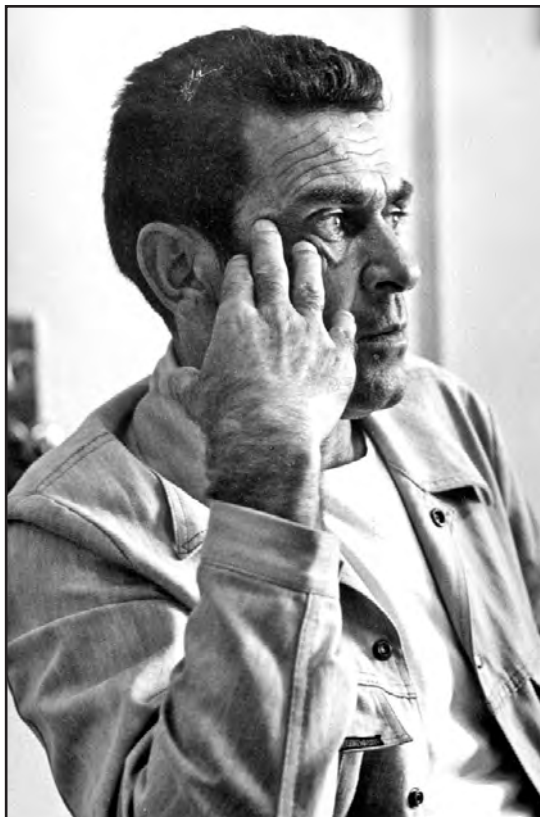
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Email: wls@wlssa.org.au

Book on Chicka



The late Chicka Dixon

I'm Chicka Dixon's sister. I write to set the record straight with the making of the book about my brother.

Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor's statement (*Koori Mail*, 11 January 2012) that Jonathan Bogais was no longer approved to write Chicka's Story, the book about my brother's life, is incorrect.

In fact, Jonathan has the full support of a large number of family, Elders and community members in completing Chicka's Story. Jonathan has always acted professionally and with respect for all of us.

I was Chicka's carer for eight months before his departure. I was present when my brother asked Jonathan to write his story. Chicka knew Jonathan's strong background and trusted him to write his story, as he wanted it written.

Every day over the last four months of his life, Chicka told Jonathan his perspective about the past, the present and how he saw the future for his people. He had much to say, exposing the flaws of the current leadership and explaining why Aboriginal people

had progressed so little in the last two decades.

His last words are important for Aboriginal and Australian history, and for our children to know where they are coming from.

Chicka also wanted an agreement to be signed between him and Jonathan for everyone to know that Jonathan was the only writer authorised by him to write his story.

I signed as a witness to this agreement between Chicka and Jonathan on 13 November 2009. Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor also signed the agreement as a second witness.

I ask for everyone who believes in my brother Chicka to take responsibility and join to help with the making of his story – and put divisions aside.

Most of all, I ask for my brother's wishes to be respected.

Information about the making of Chicka's story is available on Jonathan Bogais' website: www.thirdwaveconsulting.com.au

DALE MCLEOD
Sydney, NSW

Action imperative on death investigations

An open letter to Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Northern Territory Justice Minister Rob Knight.

On 5 January 2012, Aboriginal man Terrance Briscoe died in the Alice Springs Watchhouse after being arrested for drunkenness. Allegations have been made that he was bashed while alone in a cell with four male police officers and one female. Police claim that the injuries he sustained were caused when he 'fell'.

Police had first claimed a heart attack and later a lung complication. It is clear that he sustained injuries in custody and that the police failed to arrange medical assistance. His family has claimed that he was assaulted by police four weeks before his death.

While the death is being investigated by Coroner Greg Cavanagh, the people responsible for the collection of evidence and witness statements are the NT Police themselves.

Mr Briscoe's death highlights the failures of the NT Government (along with all others) to implement the

recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) and in particular Recommendations 79, 80 and 81, concerning the decriminalisation of public drunkenness.

Mr Briscoe's death is also a nationwide wake-up call for the urgent need now for the independent investigation of his death, as well as the deaths of others who die in police custody.

We note and support the calls already made by Mr Briscoe's family, Patricia Moreton-Thomas and Daniel Taylor, the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Service, the Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, and Indigenous Social Justice Association already on this issue.

This is a matter of considerable importance to all Australians. Mr Briscoe's death in police custody in suspicious circumstances is not the first, nor will it be the last.

It is imperative that this death be investigated independently so the community can have faith that the true facts and circumstances that led to his death have been uncovered, so that the

lessons to prevent such tragedies can be implemented and so that any police who have engaged in criminal, unlawful or negligent acts leading to Mr Briscoe's death can be effectively held to account.

It is imperative that all States and Territories act now to ensure that deaths in custody across Australia are independently investigated.

We note that following the three inquests into the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in Queensland, the coroner's staff now investigate deaths in custody rather than the Queensland Police.

There are other models from around the world that also set up alternatives to police as investigators in deaths in custody matters.

We look forward to your urgent response to this issue.

TAMAR HOPKINS and DAVID PORTER
Co-convenors
National Police Accountability Network
National Association of Community Legal Centres

Give Taree another opportunity

I WOULD like to express my disappointment about the cancellation of the Saltwater Freshwater Festival, which was to be held in Taree on Australia Day.

The festival was cancelled due to very poor weather and the safety of the people had to be considered.

In my discussions with locals and other people who were to be involved in the festival, all expressed their disappointment also.

The question that constantly arose

was whether the festival would return to Taree in 2013?

I know from early reports that this will be considered by the organising committee. However, given that the infrastructure and organisation had been in place, why can't the festival still be held in Taree during 2012? For example, during Easter?

Does it necessarily have to wait until 2013 Australia Day in this instance?

This would allow the festival to utilise

the main park area next to the library and it would bring the festival agenda back on par.

More importantly, it would allow the local Taree Aboriginal community, as hosts, to showcase their community and culture.

Come on, give Taree the opportunity to host the festival.

LES AHOY JP
Visiting Taree from Newcastle, NSW



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Family Advocacy is a state-wide advocacy agency concerned with the needs, interests and rights of people who have developmental disability.

Go away, Mr Johns

I AM writing in regards to (former Labor Minister) Gary Johns' piece 'Special treatment is the new black', published in *The Australian* newspaper on 1 February.

Once again, *The Australian* offers its pages to allow its white-blindfolded pundits to highlight their racist and WASP-ish views of an assimilationist Australia.

Johns opens his polemic with a twisted view of what the 1967 referendum was all about, 'a vote by the common man in a white-bread era for Aborigines to join the common weal'. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth of the reasons for the referendum.

The first point was to remove the racist clauses in the Constitution that disallowed us to be treated as full Australian citizens. The second point was to allow us to be equal with the cattle and the sheep of this country and be counted in the census. Simple as that.

For our mobs, little changed from 1967 to 1972 when Whitlam gained power and ended the Gurindji strike at Daggaragu by giving land, but only a small piece, to Vincent Lingiari and his mob.

But for the greater majority there was little change and the racism continued unbounded as we were mainly just left to rot.

There was most certainly no offer, real or imagined, of joining the common weal. The common weal was strictly reserved for white society even though it came from Aboriginal lands and resources.

Johns then moves on to analyse our rights as the traditional owners to our historic way of life, including language, culture and religion, as a claim for 'special attention', for 'positive advancement'.

Well, yes, we do want that, but it is not seeking to be different to other Australians, it is only a wish to be equal, and accepted, as the descendants of the pre-invasion Aborigines.

All people know that we are a multi-cultural country and we want nothing less than to be able to practice that culture without being expected or forced to assimilate. Totally. We draw the line at accepting the loss of our lands and their resources, of accepting some Clayton's-type of white-blindfold history whereby the assimilationist practices of the 19th and 20th century are brought to fruition, of accepting as fact that we will always be treated as second or third-class people in our own lands.

The Johns blindfold argument merely reinforces the old colonialist view, and one that was strongly supported by the religions of the day, that we being invaded was really a blessing in disguise and we should not only accept it but we must actually rejoice in that fact.



ISJA President Ray Jackson taking part in the march from the Australian National University (ANU), which kicked off the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40th anniversary celebrations on 26 January.

The United Nations has produced the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that puts paid to that buccaneer view. In a lather of righteousness and virtue, Johns quotes Rob Knight, a Northern Territory minister, who was upset about the burning of the Australian flag and Aboriginal youth spitting on it. Desecration! Gross and vile insult! How dare they!

We do dare. We dare to remind the governments and white society of what has been perpetrated against our people for 224 years. We have suffered the vile atrocity of genocide, of land theft, of resources theft, the theft of our children, the theft of our wages we slaved for, the continuing discrimination and racism that has been our historical lot and still continuous today. We dare to tell you this and so much more.

I know the anger and ongoing resentment of my people and I can understand the actions that were done on that day. For 224 years our people have grieved a collective trauma and we will go to actions that may appear to be self-defeating to a lot of people but will be accepted by most Aborigines.

The Australian flag is the flag of the invader and always will be until it is changed to exclude the Union Jack of England. It is as much of a sick and rancid joke to us as the misnamed national anthem or the celebration of the English invasion on 26 January 1788.

But! My personal view, as an Aborigine

and as an Australian, is that I would have preferred it not to have happened. What I see arising now will be red necked hate-mongers burning our flag as an Australia Day protest against us.

I am also personally disturbed by the burning of the flag. During the fighting between our soldiers and the Japanese forces on the Kokoda Track, my white Australian father died whilst protecting this country, and, by extension, his Aboriginal wife and children. This duty as he saw it was under the Australian flag.

Hundreds of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders who have fought in every foreign war since the Boer War have also died under the Australian flag. The Southern Cross in the flag of Australia is the same Southern Cross our ancestors lived under and told stories to explain its existence.

In several discussions I have had with friends about this episode, I have told them of my ambivalence about the burning, but one thing I am not ambivalent about is Aboriginal men using our youth in times of protest.

At the Embassy in Canberra some youths – I won't name them – were set up by unnamed adults to put on a show for a rabid media looking for something to excite the masses after the Rangarella incident at the coffee shop that was nothing more than a beat-up by the media bored with our

discussion processes towards sovereignty.

We do have those amongst us who tell us with all attempts at seriousness that 'it is all over brother' etc and *The Australian* gives them all the space required to do so. Noel Pearson springs to mind as do Warren Mundine, Marcia Langton and Sue Gordon. I do not see too much space being given to those who have an alternative view.

Please, Mr Johns, do not assimilate into our culture. We do not accept your racist identification processes that measures people by fractions of how much white blood we may have. We have our own vigorous identification processes and we will decide who is Aboriginal and how that identification is made.

Mr Johns, please go away and allow us to settle our outcomes in our own way. It is called self-determination and one day we will practice it as it should be and not as you think it should be.

You are still ruled by a British queen! and you raise issues of identification. Go away.

RAY JACKSON
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Sydney, NSW

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an edited version of Mr Jackson's opinion piece. His email address is isja01@internode.on.net

Violence? What violence?

NOT for as long as a blink were (Prime Minister) Julia Gillard and (Opposition Leader) Tony Abbott threatened, much less endangered, on the 26th of January by demonstrators from the 40th anniversary Aboriginal Embassy camp in Canberra.

Thank goodness these days everyone with a photography-and video-capable mobile can be a reporter so that the mainstream media can no longer bullshit us. They still try, though, as if they haven't caught up with the times.

All the demonstrator-sourced and some of the mainstream's images on the web are more than ample proof that the only violence was perpetrated by inept, clumsy, nervous, unprofessional coppers and prime ministerial bodyguards.

One sticks out: A young copper who

punched and choke-gripped a young painted-up Aboriginal man, a young Aboriginal woman, an SBS cameraman and I believe one other person standing harmlessly near the restaurant side exit through which Gingerella was rushed, causing her to stumble and lose that now famous blue suede shoe.

The only 'violence' from demonstrators I'm aware of was a punch by an activist to the copper who had roughed up the West Australian woman for no reason. "I won't stand for any man doing that to a woman," he told me, displaying bleeding skinned knuckles that must have connected with something metallic on the copper.

Nothing would have been easier than to just form a corridor of two lines of coppers for the PM to walk through to her

car calmly and with dignity.

It went the rounds of the protest encampment that that choke-gripping copper is the son of Canberra's police chief. True or false – I don't know. But one can imagine that someone from such a stable might think they're above the law and can do anything with impunity.

Violence from us? Rubbish. I stood close to a handful banging for a while with their hands on the about 2cm-thick glass walls of the Lobby restaurant, part of a group of at most 50 making a lot of noise. So a bit of noise is enough to spook our two top political leaders and their minders? No wonder the Americans commented gleefully, 'can't they even protect their Prime Minister?'

Violence? How about this for potentially disastrous violence: One copper in the line

pushing us back was seen unbuttoning his pistol holster. Another had his hand on his taser weapon. At least one woman had her truncheon ready to use. We heard no order given for any of this. We did, though, see a lot of frightened young faces in that blue-black line advancing on us.

The Australian Federal Police said its officers lost control and had no choice but to hustle Gillard and Abbott away in the Prime Minister's car. Lost control over at most 50 noisy but otherwise peaceful demonstrators with almost the same number of police there?

And how about this: The day before the camp got into gear, as an activist stepped out of a rent-a-shower cabin, two men fitting Hollywood's depiction of enforcers – you

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Time to act on health

IT goes without saying that the Western Australian Health Act is out of date and due an update. This legislation, which dates back a century to 1911, contains local laws regarding cesspools, nightsoil collection and the use of 'deodorising substances' for 'earth closets'. It even requires bus passengers to declare upon entry any 'infectious diseases' they may carry.

While the arcane Act can be appreciated as an intellectual curiosity, it's important to remember it's a crucial piece of legislation. In its current form, however, it is overseeing some of our most shameful areas of public health.

The problem with the Act is that it operates within a narrow definition of health as the 'absence of illness'. This is a far cry from the definition set by the World Health Organisation (WHO), which views health as a 'state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity'. On a practical level, this means the Act fails to address

health threats more pertinent in the 21st century, such as bioterrorism and new pandemics.

But of particular need for reform is the part of the Act linked to remote Aboriginal communities.

Unlike modern laws, the Act does not require that the Crown be bound by its own legislation. This means that when an agency of the Crown, such as the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT), contravenes the requirements of the Act, the State has no power to enforce the law.

This legal loophole has had disturbing consequences for remote Aboriginal communities. At present, environmental health officers working in remote communities have been unable to hold the ALT, Department of Housing or any other department accountable for providing basics such as good sanitation. This has enabled the creation of a 'third world within the first world'.

For example, in 1997 the ALT, as a landlord over Aboriginal residents of Halls Creek, was taken to court over its failure to provide running water and human



ROGER COOK

waste removal, as mandated by the 1911 legislation. However, the Supreme Court ruled that the ALT, as a government body emanating from the WA Crown, was not bound by the Act.

Surely government must be able to be held to account as would any citizen. It's not good enough that, in this case, the Aboriginal communities that have been so badly let down by decades of poor environmental and public health have no recourse to rectify the situation.

How appalling it is that we have a situation that prevents people from trying to help themselves?

In effect, the outmoded Act has facilitated inequality within WA society, while allowing governments to 'turn a blind eye'. The question must be asked – is this the mark of a healthy society?

As mentioned, the WHO cites good health as being composed of wellness across the mental, physical and social self. Likewise, a healthy and just society would be one where persons across all classes and cultural backgrounds are provided equal access to basic provisions. Once armed with these necessities, people are able to become agents of change in their own communities.

It is absurd to think that, under

the current Act, it is illegal to spit in public, yet it is legal for the government to sanction third world conditions in an economy as rich as ours. It is also absurd that the Minister for Health, who has had the draft of the Act since he came to office in 2008, has delayed the introduction of the bill until at least 2012.

The new Act has been the subject of consultation and discussion since the early 2000s and is largely already agreed by all stakeholders. Action might not snatch the headlines, but it will make the lives of those in our most remote communities better.

To delay things further would be a huge slap in the face to West Australians living in remote communities, to deny them access to a basic standard in public health any longer.

I believe 100 years is already too long to wait. It's time to act on public health.

ROGER COOK MLA is the Member for Kwinana, WA Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Health

Violence? What violence?



Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Michael Anderson and Sgt Chris Meagher of the ACT Police negotiate during the stand-off between protesters and police outside Canberra's Lobby restaurant on 26 January.

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know, the dark suits, white shirts, short-back-and-sides hair, trim, clean-cut, obviously fit – accosted him: 'Listen mate, you can have your three days of fun here but after that you and that bastard Anderson (last surviving founder of the embassy) shut up or we'll make you disappear'. Government? Fanatics? White supremacists? Pranksters? Assimilated blackfellas who abhor what the Embassy stands for or others vying to lead it? Who's to know? Days prior, Michael Anderson had received death threats other Elders told him came from Sydney.

Anyway, Aboriginal people at the anniversary encampment were delighted at how it all turned out. No-one could have scripted it better in their favour.

A junior Gingerella spin doctor sent packing for putting the word out about the PM's and Abbott's whereabouts – mischievously or on orders?; Abbott at the gig for honouring emergency service workers 150 metres down the road from the Embassy encampment, and blamed by everyone there for inciting the incident with his deliberately vague 'move on' statement (it's how Abbott speaks, always leaving himself an out); and Gingerella's shoe getting world coverage. At one point that night Google News had tracked more than 2000 stories about it globally.

I see two possibilities. Whoever booked the medals-awarding ceremony into that venue is plain stupid because the Embassy camp had been notified and publicised for months. So, oops, tough luck?

The second possibility is my conspiracy theory: On the news photos, did you see Gingerella and Abbott smirking, laughing, grinning. Afraid? I didn't see that except on the one of the PM almost on the ground,

just before she's bundled roughly and unceremoniously into the car. What are they so chuffed about in this oh-so-violent, ever-so-dangerous situation?

The Aboriginal Embassy has been a thorn in the flesh of governments from its beginning, regardless of their stripe. It constantly attracts the attention of Australian and foreign visitors. The perpetrations of Labor and Liberal governments against Aborigines are as alike as peas in a pod. So, let's together incite some angry reaction from Aboriginal people, we can be sure the media will play it up our way, both of us get those pesky stirrers off our backs and the redneck majority across the country will favour the Embassy being removed. Polls run by media and a petition are already showing a majority for that.

Maybe it's far-fetched and my scepticism is getting the better of me.

Anyway, not for ages have Aboriginal affairs been gifted such a feast of publicity still boomeranging on our illustrious leaders. And in among the comedic shoe saga, the media lies and the egg on the faces of 'Jacky-jacky' Aborigines, who rushed to condemn the 'disgraceful behaviour', the campaigners for sovereignty and land rights from far and wide across the country, assembled around the always burning sacred fire in the bora, were able to broadcast their grievances to readers, viewers and listeners like they haven't been able to for decades.

What did I take home?

Deep contentment from the vibes in the camp, the tremendous energy in the march through Canberra, the strong belief that somehow, perhaps invisible as yet to me, the Aboriginal cause is moving forward.

The Aboriginal Embassy is a magic place.

Go there.

By DIET SIMON

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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
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12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary)
11:00 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Sister if only you knew PG (Documentary)
2:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
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 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)
10:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes G (Series)
11:00 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 2012 Imparja Cup NC (Sport)
7:30 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:30 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
9:30 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz 2 PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Letter Box G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
9:30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Doc)
10:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
10:30 Urban Clan PG (Documentary)
11:30 Thanks For All The Fish PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
2:00 Sister if only you knew PG (Documentary)
3:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
3:30 2012 Imparja Cup NC (Sport)
10:30 The Fringe Dwellers PG (Movie)

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

12:30 Volumz 2 PG (Entertainment)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:30 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Doc)
8:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
8:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
9:30 Queensland Murri Carnival 2011 Grand Final NC (Sport)
11:00 2011 Koori Knockout Doco PG (Documentary)
12:00 2011 NSW Koori Knockout Grand Final NC (Sport)
1:30 NACCHO Deadly Choice Challenge NC (Sport)
3:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Doc)
3:30 2012 NRL All Stars NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 2011 Koori Knockout Doco PG (Documentary)
7:00 NACCHO Deadly Choice Challenge NC (Sport)
8:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
9:30 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Doc)
10:00 2012 NRL All Stars NC (Sport)

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Kids)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
11:30 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)
1:00 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)
2:00 Thanks For All The Fish PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
9:30 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)
10:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary)

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Kids)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
11:00 Black Pearls PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 When Colin Met Joyce PG (Documentary)
1:30 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Pomurraw Art 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 Black Tracks ImagiNative PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
11:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
1:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Home NC (Current Affairs)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
9:30 Balanda and the Bark Canoe PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

12:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
11:00 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Balanda and the Bark Canoe PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes PG (Doc)
8:00 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Doc)
9:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Milli Milli Nganka Series Two PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 More Than Legends PG (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)
1:30 Nganampa Anwemekenhe PG (Documentary)
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2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)
9:30 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)
10:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
10:30 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Doc)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz 2 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 Series 1 G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
9:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)
10:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
10:30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary)
11:00 Sitting Bull PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 2011 Ethnic Business Awards PG (Documentary)
2:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Sixty Thousand Barrels PG (Documentary)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Balanda and the Bark Canoe PG (Documentary)
7:00 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)
8:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
9:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
9:30 Dreaming: The Art of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)
10:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
10:30 Crocodile Dreaming PG (Documentary)
11:00 Blackfellas Movie (Movie)

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

1:00 Volumz 2 PG (Entertainment)
7:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Kids)
10:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Kids)
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 The Outback Cafe PG (Series)
6:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 Ella 7's the doco NC (Documentary)
7:30 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)
8:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)
8:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
9:00 Life of the Town PG (Documentary)
9:30 Shaq Vs Series 1 PG (Entertainment)
10:30 Australian Rules PG (Movie)

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

12:30 Yaarnz 4 PG (Series)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
11:00 Black Pearls PG (Series)
12:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Shaq Vs Series 1 PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary)
2:00 Desert Healing PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Where Maori PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)
9:00 In The Shed PG (Documentary)
9:30 Hotere PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Series)
10:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
11:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Whare Maori PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)
2:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora Series 3 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Lore Of Love 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 Black Tracks ImagiNative PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Culture Warriors PG (Documentary Series)



The 2012 St Kilda Yalukit



Gunditjmara man Andrew Travis-Clarke playing the didgeridoo.



The Last Kinection – DJ Jay Tee, Joel Wenitong and Naomi Wenitong. All photos by James Henry



Gunditjmara man Jayden Lillyst performs.



Mark Olive – 'The Black Olive' – helped to keep the crowd fed.



The Bart Willoughby Band were there.



Poet Den the Fish (Dennis Fisher).



Above, singer Casey Donovan and actor Aaron Pedersen interviewing for NITV and, below, one of the NITV camera crew on the job during the festival.



One of the JAARA Dream Dancers performing during the opening ceremony.

Willam Ngargee festival



Funnyman Sean Choolburra had the crowd in stitches with his routine. All photos by James Henry

People gather for great day



Aunty Carolyn Briggs performs the welcome to country as MC Rachael Maza looks on.



Yorta Yorta performer Benny Walker.



Emma Donovan and her band performing.



A LARGE crowd took advantage of good weather for this year's Yalukit Willam Ngargee festival in Melbourne on Saturday.

The day-long event featured a program of free Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, dance, arts and children's activities in O'Donnell Gardens. It marks the start of the annual nine-day St Kilda Festival.

City of Port Melbourne Indigenous arts officer Daniel King told the *Koori Mail* this year's Yalukit Willam Ngargee – which means 'People Place Gathering' in the Boonwurrung language – had been a huge success.

"We had a large crowd enjoying good weather throughout the day," he said.

"The spirit was good and the people enjoyed some great acts.

"The Indigenous Hip Hop Projects (IHHP) were especially popular."



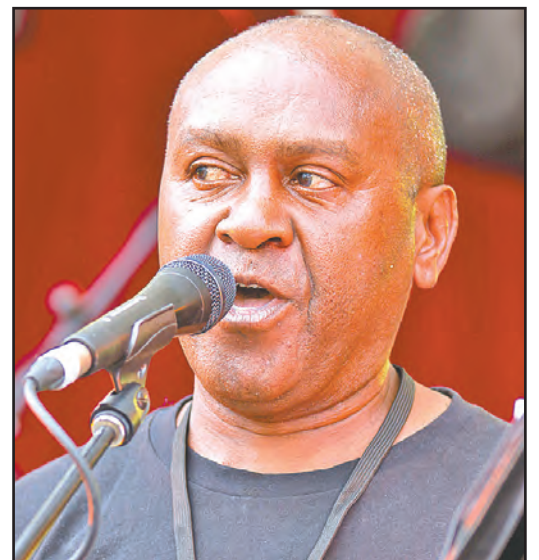
Tiffany Kommedal from The Gracemakers.



Queenslander Ian Tambo was there with the Tambo Company Band.



Annette Sax tells the kids some traditional stories.



John Harding recites some poetry.



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre legal field officer Sara Maynard at the kutalayna heritage site near Hobart.

Tas centre furious at permit move for heritage site

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has accused a government minister and a local water and sewerage authority of treating Aboriginal heritage with contempt, after a permit application was lodged for ground disturbing works at the 40,000-year-old Jordan River Levee site.

Southern Water has confirmed that a permit has been sought to undertake subsurface investigations in a view to increasing the capacity of an existing sewerage pipeline on the border of the ancient site.

The site and the campaign to leave it undisturbed made headlines when the Tasmanian Government refused to divert a bypass road around it.

Instead they have started construction of long span bridge over the top.

Known to the Aboriginal community as kutalayna, the site was added to the National Heritage Register before Christmas.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre legal field officer Sara Maynard said she was outraged.

"Southern Water, and (Environment) Minister (Brian) Wightman, if he approves this ridiculous plan, are treating Aboriginal heritage with contempt," she said.

"Bad enough that Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources have destroyed most of the site with pylons, rubble and embankments, but now everyone is getting in on the act and treating Aboriginal heritage with contempt.

"I bet if this was a white heritage site, it would be a different matter."

Suspicious

Ms Maynard is also suspicious that there is more than meets the eye to Southern Waters plans because a consultant has been engaged to deal with the Aboriginal community.

She added that Southern Water had broken the ban put in place by the

Aboriginal community last year by engaging an Aboriginal heritage officer.

"Southern Water is paying strike-breakers to humiliate the Aboriginal community," she said.

"They are creating division within the Aboriginal community.

"They have engaged an archaeologist and an Aboriginal strike breaker to justify the foul plans for our ancient heritage."

Ms Maynard said if Mr Wightman ignored a plea put forward in a letter a couple of weeks ago, that his decision would affect discussions with him over interim heritage plans.

Mr Wightman said a permit had not yet been issued.

Investigation clears Gandangara leader



THE chief executive officer of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council is

back in his job after being sidelined for a week while his business dealings were investigated. Jack Johnson, who has been at the helm of the land council for six years, and is driving a \$1 billion residential development near Lucas Heights, was stood down by the GLALC board amid allegations of improper business dealings.

Fairfax media reported some of the allegations related to Mr Johnson's land sale and development consultancy work with other Aboriginal land councils, and that the claims had been referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

GLALC chair Cindy Cronan declined to speak with the *Koori Mail* but was reported by Fairfax media outlets on the 23 January as saying that the board had stood down Mr Johnson on full pay pending the results of 'a thorough internal investigation'.

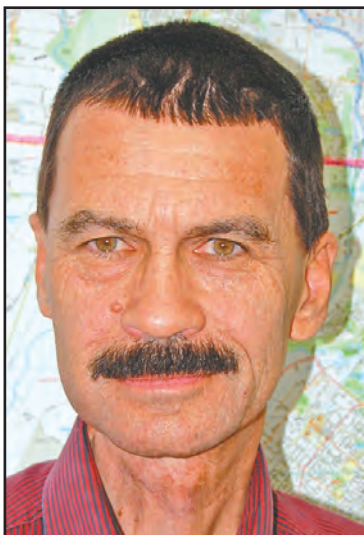
Gandangara then issued a statement on 30 January that Mr Johnson had been reinstated.

"The independent review of allegations against GLALC CEO Jack Johnson has concluded its inquiries," the statement said.

"In his preliminary findings, the reviewer has concluded the CEO has no case to answer.

"Accordingly, the GLALC Board has reinstated Mr Johnson to his role as CEO, effective today. Mr Johnson has accepted the reinstatement and returned to his office."

Ms Cronan said that while the



JACK JOHNSON

board awaited confirmation of the preliminary findings in the final report along with any other

recommendations for the board, 'the reviewer's recommendation of immediate reinstatement was compelling'.

"This advice was adopted by the board," she said.

"Gandangara prides itself on being one of Australia's leading Aboriginal Land Councils and we guard our reputation above all else.

"As difficult as this process has been for our CEO, the board and the land council, we will never allow untested allegations to damage our reputation without a thorough inquiry."

The statement said Gandangara had appointed a senior organisational governance consultant to conduct the review. The *Koori Mail* sought the name of the consultant, but received no reply.

Mr Johnson welcomed the

findings and said that the personal and professional disruption caused paled when compared to the importance of Gandangara putting transparency and accountability first.

"If I expect transparency and accountability across the organisation, it is right I should accept the processes needed to uphold such values – even if it impacts on me," he said.

"I now look forward to getting on with the job of bringing to fruition Australia's largest Aboriginal-owned and managed project so that Gandangara can achieve its vision of independence and equality for our members.

"That's the job that matters most."

An ICAC spokesperson said she could neither confirm nor deny whether the corruption body was investigating the matter.



Sharon Winsor with some of her bottled spring water.

Thullii taps demand for spring water



A SYDNEY company called Thullii Dreaming has become the first

Aboriginal-owned and operated business to produce bottled spring water. Sourced from a traditional meeting and learning place in Kulnura, New South Wales, the water is marketed as 'pure, natural and simple'.

Company founder Sharon Winsor belongs to the Ngemba tribe from north-west New South Wales and is a descendent of the Weilwan clan.

She established Thullii Dreaming in 1996 to showcase Indigenous art and cultural traditions, and in 2009 launched IndigiEarth, a range of natural contemporary skincare and food products and, more recently, the bottled water.

The water comes as plain water, or with native flavours including Lemon Murtle and Wild Rosella.

Ms Winsor began her career

as an outreach worker before establishing Thullii Dreaming.

She said the company was formed because she is passionate about strengthening Aboriginal people and culture, and she does this by employing local Aboriginal staff, and showcasing Aboriginal culture from the Ngemba people.

"Thullii Dreaming has touched the lives of many, giving work opportunities to Indigenous Australians and educating people about Indigenous Australia and the First Australians," she said.

Staff

Ms Winsor, a single mother of two, currently employs four full-time staff and another eight part-timers.

She told the *Koori Mail* that the bottled water was now available at retailers throughout Australia, as well as online.

For those without the product, Ms Winsor said it could be distributed anywhere, and could also be used for

cross-promotional purposes. For example, the Marriott hotel group, which provides the water to guests, has its logo on the side of the bottles.

Apart from her foray into the bottled water business, Ms Winsor is busy on a number of other fronts.

She conducts bushtucker cooking demonstrations, operates a catering business, and also acts as a consultant to chefs developing menus.

She is also the lead singer of the Thullii Dancers, which performs traditional song and dance drawn from the Ngemba tribe. She has been performing professionally around Australia for 15 years.

Thullii Dreaming is a certified supplier of the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC), and hers was the first Indigenous Australian business to attend the National Minority Supplier Development Council conference and trade show in Atlanta Georgia in America.

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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.

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

Program Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from:

https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/acp/ncap.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

State Training Services, Aboriginal Services

Ph: (02) 6881 6178

Fax: (02) 6881 6179

Email: sts-as@det.nsw.edu.au



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:

NEWCASTLE
Thursday 9 February
Newcastle City Hall,
290 King Street
11:00am – 2:00pm

COFFS HARBOUR
Friday 10 February
Ex-Servicemen's Club,
1 Vernon Street
1:15pm – 4:15pm

WAGGA WAGGA
Tuesday 14 February
RSL Club,
Dobbs Street
10:00am – 1:00pm

GRIFFITH
Tuesday 14 February
Regional Theatre,
1 Neville Place
10:00am – 1:00pm

WOLLONGONG
Wednesday 15 February
Illawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre,
22 Kenny Street
9:00am – 12:00pm

NOWRA
Thursday 16 February
Shoalhaven City Arts Centre,
12 Berry Street
2:00pm – 4:30pm

NAROOMA
Friday 17 February
Narooma Golf Club,
1 Ballingalla Street
11:15am – 2:15pm

BROKEN HILL
Friday 24 February
Broken Hill Musicians Club,
276 Crystal Street
9:00am – 12:00pm

The community meetings will be catered. Please register your attendance at taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au or call the Taskforce Secretariat on (02) 9219 0702.

For more information visit www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce.

Yalata gets new police station



YALATA in the far west of South Australia has a new police station. The \$3.35 million station has modern inclusions all in a special compound.

The station built in 2007 was destroyed by fire, and the site of the new station was chosen with input from the local Aboriginal community.

SA Police Minister Jennifer Rankine said the Government had spent more than \$13 million on infrastructure in Yalata.

"This is on top of the \$15 million spent on policing in the APY lands since 2002, resulting in 19 additional officers," she said.

SA Police officials say the station will provide a modern work environment for police and staff, as well as improving the community's access to police services.

"The police station is the hub from which police services can be provided at a truly local level that will meet the needs of the community," they said.

Chance to have say on Murray-Darling plan



ABORIGINAL people are being asked to have their say on a draft Murray-Darling basin plan.

A booklet called *A Yarn on the River: Getting Aboriginal voices into the Basin Plan* is being distributed to outline the parts of the draft plan that are considered most relevant to Aboriginal people.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority chief executive Rhondda Dickson encouraged Aboriginal people around the Basin to read the Yarn and draft plan, and make submissions.

"We need Aboriginal people to have a say about the draft because

the decisions that will be set out in the final plan will have an impact on river country," Ms Dickson said.

She said MDBA representatives would travel to towns throughout the Basin to talk with Aboriginal people on their country – in halls, homes or by the river.

"This is part of the broader MDBA 20-week consultation period on the draft Basin Plan," she said.

'Learn more'

"While visiting country, the MDBA wants to help Aboriginal people learn more about the draft basin plan, and have their say about what's in the final basin plan."

Ms Dickson said the MDBA also

funded the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN).

"Both MLDRIN and NBAN provide an Indigenous perspective into the development of the basin plan," she said.

"In addition, the MDBA funds the National Cultural Flows Planning and Research Committee, which aims to provide more information on cultural flows."

The Yarn booklet is available from the MDBA website or hard copies can be ordered via email at engagement@mdba.gov.au or 1800 230 067.

Submissions on the draft plan will close on 16 April.



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Request for applications for the allocation of Child Care Benefit Approved Occasional Care and In Home Care Places

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is seeking applications from operators of In Home Care and Occasional Care services or persons applying for approval of such services, interested in receiving an allocation of Occasional Care or In Home Care places, or an additional allocation of such places.

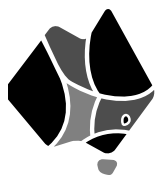
Further information, including the applicant guidelines and application forms, is available online at www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood. If you do not have internet access please contact 1300 363 079.

Applicants will be required to make an objective assessment of their operational requirements, demonstrate their capacity to deliver quality child care and meet allocation criteria.

Places are limited and there is no guarantee that all applicants will be allocated places.

It is preferred that applications are submitted electronically and must be received by Friday 9 March 2012.

AG88144



Regional Development Australia

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA,
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY,
NORTHERN TERRITORY AND VICTORIA**

Make a Difference in your region

Volunteers are sought with vision and drive who have community, industry or government experience and are able to represent the broad interests of their region, understand local challenges and achieve results.

You will use your experience, skills and local regional knowledge to build relationships between all levels of governments and regional communities.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees are representative of the diversity of each particular region. Expressions of Interest from people of all backgrounds are welcome. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse cultural backgrounds, people with disabilities and people from across every age group are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest. All Expressions of Interest will be considered against the skills and expertise needed by RDA committees. Terms of appointment may vary but are for up to two to three years.

Further information on RDA Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory or Victoria; the Expression of Interest Handbook; and an Expression of Interest form are available from www.rda.gov.au.

If you require additional information, or require the Expression of Interest package to be mailed to you, please contact 1800 505 938 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm AEDST) or email rdaeoi@regional.gov.au.

Existing members whose terms are expiring, previous applicants and interested community members should submit a new Expression of Interest.

Expressions of Interest for Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory are encouraged by 5pm AEDST, Friday 24 February 2012.

Expressions of Interest for Victoria are encouraged by 5pm AEDST, Monday 5 March 2012.



Australian Government



**ACT
Government**



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Magistrate subject of complaint



NEW South Wales police are waiting on a response from the Director of

Public Prosecutions after requesting it appeal Sydney magistrate Pat O'Shane's decision to throw out a case in which a paramedic was assaulted by a patient.

Ms O'Shane last month suggested that ambulance officer Christopher Martin didn't like 'blacks' before dismissing charges against his alleged assailant.

The magistrate said Mr Martin had sparked the altercation by dragging African-born Kasian Wililo out of the ambulance after he spat on the floor, and that police didn't have a case against the 31-year-old.

A police spokesman told AAP on Thursday they were seeking to appeal on the grounds the prosecution was denied the opportunity to call material evidence.

"NSW police have submitted a request to the Director of Public Prosecutions to appeal," he said.

The police force is also preparing to make a complaint to the Judicial Commission of NSW about Ms O'Shane's conduct during the proceedings.

"As the NSW police force was the prosecuting authority in those proceedings it is considered appropriate that the NSW police force makes a formal complaint in its own right



NSW magistrate Pat O'Shane.

notwithstanding any other complaint being made or intended being made by any other party," the spokesman said.

He added the details of the

complaint would remain confidential.

Ms O'Shane has already been referred to the Judicial Commission by NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith. – AAP

Rarities in Cooee Cabaret

By Tasmanian
Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



A RARE
1899
recording of
Tasmanian
Aborigine
Fanny

Cochrane Smith singing in
her native tongue and a
recital of Kevin Rudd's
apology speech have been
woven amongst the National
Film and Sound Archive's
(NFSA) Cooee Cabaret,
which is touring Tasmania.

More than 30 iconic
sounds and songs from the
NFSA Sounds of Australia
registry make their way into
the at-times slapstick and at
other times serious and
poignant performance.

The performance is
peppered with interesting
and educational facts about
the recordings.

Cast member Guy Simon,
a Worimi man from near
Taree, NSW, who joined the
three-person show when
original member Rachel
Maza was unavailable last
summer, encourages people
to go on to the NFSA
website and listen to the
recordings on the registry.

"I didn't know there was

an archive until I was
approached by the show,"
Mr Simon told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm really happy there
is an archive and these
sounds have been placed
somewhere safe."

Mr Simon said that when
he first heard the voice of
Fanny Cochrane Smith he
got pretty choked up.

"It hit me like a ton of
bricks," he said. "I had no
idea about it, I love the fact
that it's been recorded and
it's in the show and people
get to hear it."

"It's a really important
part of the show and it's
really nice to bring it here,
because she was from
here."

Language

Fanny Cochrane Smith's
Tasmanian Aboriginal Songs
are believed to be the first
and last recorded example
of traditional Tasmanian
Aboriginal language from
that era.

In 1899, the Royal
Society and in 1903 Horace
Watson recorded Fanny
Cochrane Smith singing all
the Tasmanian songs she
knew, some in Aboriginal
languages, others in English.

They were recorded on
six wax cylinders and are

now held by the Tasmanian
Museum and Art Gallery
(TMAG).

TMAG curator of
indigenous cultures Tony
Brown said the Fanny
Cochrane Smith wax
cylinders, coupled with a
collection of 17 traditional
baskets, were without doubt
the most important treasures
in the museum.

Recording

Also featured in the
evolving cabaret is the
oldest surviving Australian
sound recording – a novelty
song featuring chicken
impersonations from 1897,
the 1938 *Aeroplane Jelly
Song*, a recital of Dame Enid
Lyons' 1943 maiden
parliamentary speech, Yothu
Yindi's song *Treaty*, and Paul
Keating's 1992 Redfern Park
speech.

Cooee Cabaret has been
created by the NFSA in
partnership with musical
director and cabaret
performer Nigel Ubrihien.

The diverse Sounds of
Australia registry started in
2007 and now has 64
sounds, growing by ten each
year. Songs, speeches and
other recorded sounds over
ten-years-old can be
nominated by the public for

the registry.

Cooee Cabaret was first
performed in Mildura in
2010, and has since been
seen by more than 3000
people throughout the
country.

It will be at the Burnie
Arts and Function Centre
tonight, before moving on to
Western Australia later in the
year.

Tentative dates are 22-31
May in Mandurah, Margaret
River, Bunbury and Perth.

The show appeals to all
ages, with singalongs to
iconic songs, recitals of
historic speeches and plenty
of laughs. Tickets are free,
but bookings with the venue
are recommended.

Guy Simon in Cooee
Cabaret as Dame
Nellie Melba singing
*Most People I Know
Think That I'm Crazy*.



Horace Watson taking one of the iconic recordings of Fanny Cochrane Smith at his home in Sandy Bay in 1903.
Image courtesy of Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

Department of Environment
and Resource Management

**Marine Parks Act 2004
Nature Conservation Act 1992**

Draft Management Plans

**Anderson Street Conservation Park
Capricorn Coast National Park
Capricornia Cays National Park
Capricornia Cays National Park (Scientific)
Causeway Lakes Conservation Park
Danbulla National Park
Flat Top Range Resources Reserve
Kamerunga Conservation Park
Keppel Sands Conservation Park
MacKenzie Island Conservation Park
Mount Jim Crow National Park
Mount Whitfield Conservation Park
Smithfield Conservation Park**

Draft management plans have been prepared for the above
protected areas and the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park
adjoining these Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service managed
estates based on previous public consultation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments,
landholders, interested groups and members of the public are
invited to make submissions on the draft management plans.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the final
management plans. Once approved, the final management plans
will specify how the protected areas and the adjoining Great
Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park are to be managed.

Copies of the draft management plans may be inspected or
obtained free of charge during normal business hours at
Department of Environment and Resource Management business
centres across the state. Business centre details and management
plans are available at www.derm.qld.gov.au or by phoning
13 QGOV (13 74 68).

The closing date for submissions is Monday 12 March 2012.

Submissions can be made online at:
www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au, emailed to
parkplans@derm.qld.gov.au or posted to:

The Manager, Planning Services Unit
Conservation, Strategy and Planning
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Level 4, 400 George Street
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane QLD 4001

**Hon. Vicky Darling MP
Minister for Environment**

www.derm.qld.gov.au

Queensland
Government

Adelaide bid for war memorial



A MAJOR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war memorial may soon become a reality in Adelaide.

Four years of planning, work and fund-raising have already gone into the proposed memorial, which would feature two statues of Indigenous service personnel – one male, one female – and a circular remembrance area off the Torres Parade Ground in Adelaide.

Memorial committee deputy chairman Frank Lampard, a driving force behind the proposal, is quietly confident the memorial will be in place by the middle of next year.

"There's still a lot of work to do and approvals to get, but we're well on the way," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The Adelaide Council and the



FRANK LAMPARD

SA Government are on side, and we've raised a great deal of the \$600,000 to \$700,000 we need to get the memorial built.

"This is a reconciliation project

involving Indigenous and non-Indigenous veterans and others, and Reconciliation SA has been strongly behind us.

"There's also been plenty of support from a range of South Australians, including former Governor Sir Eric Neal who has chaired the fundraising committee."

Mr Lampard, himself a veteran, says the memorial would be to commemorate and recognise the service of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who served Australia in war and peace, from the Boer War (1899-1902) to the present day.

While recognising other centres have war memorials for Indigenous people, he says committee members, many of whom are Indigenous leaders in SA, hope this will become the national memorial.

Canberra backed as the right place for national memorial

THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association (ATSIVSA) has welcomed moves for an Indigenous war memorial in Adelaide.

But national president Gary Oakley says Canberra – and especially Anzac Avenue – would be the appropriate venue for a national memorial.

"From what I have seen, the Adelaide memorial concept is excellent and a tribute to those involved," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The artist's impression is very fine and it would

be a welcome addition to other such memorials around Australia.

"But Canberra is the appropriate place for a national memorial to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans. All the other national memorials are here, so this is the place our people should be honoured on a national level."

Mr Oakley estimated that there were 300-400 living Indigenous veterans. Many thousands of Indigenous people had served in uniform from the Boer War to the present day, he said.



A banner featuring an artist's impression of the proposed Indigenous war memorial in Adelaide.

Administrator takes control at Laynhapuy

By DARREN COYNE



THE Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation is under the control of a special administrator just over a year after the organisation received a national governance award.

The corporation, which provides services to almost 1500 Yolngu people in 25 homelands and outstations across north-east Arnhem Land, won an Indigenous Governance Award in August in 2010.

The awards recognise strong leadership, good management and effective partnerships.

But in December, after the corporation experienced financial difficulties, Federal Minister Jenny Macklin approved the release of almost \$5 million to it from the Aboriginal Benefits Account.

That funding was contingent on the board of Laynhapuy agreeing to a range of reform measures to improve governance, administration and financial management

issues. Those measures included transferring the corporation's incorporation to the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act), along with a major review of the organisation and its operations to ensure its long-term viability.

As well, the board agreed to work with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) to develop and

indication is that there is no evidence of fraud or similar concerns that led to the financial issues, just a whole heap of other issues that could have been managed more effectively," he said.

Mr Beven said Laynhapuy had previously been registered as an association under the *Northern Territory Associations Act 2003*.

"We've been saying to them for years,

administrator and members of the corporation to strengthen the governance of this iconic corporation," Mr Beven said.

The registrar said his office would pay the fees of the special administrator.

Meanwhile, Reconciliation Australia, which organises the Indigenous Governance Awards with BHP Billiton, issued a statement in support of Laynhapuy. "In 2012, the directors of

Laynhapuy elected to go into special administration, an option permitted under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act*," the statement said. In late 2011, it was revealed that Laynhapuy management had run into difficulties with their accounting processes and went into an operating deficit.

"During the special administration period the directors and staff will receive support to build their financial management capacity. We stand behind Laynhapuy and are certain they will continue on as a strong and resilient essential services delivery organisation for the Yolngu homelands."

'We stand behind Laynhapuy and are certain they will continue on as a strong and resilient essential services delivery organisation for the Yolngu homelands'

implement changes to improve the Association's governance.

Registrar Anthony Beven told the *Koori Mail* that Laynhapuy directors had approached him to request the appointment of an administrator soon after transferring the registration.

"Our special administrator has only been in place for a couple of weeks but the

even before these issues, that because it is such an iconic organisation and so large it should be transferred over (to the *Corporations Acts*)," he said.

He said Gerry Mier of KPMG had been appointed as special administrator.

"I welcome the registration of Laynhapuy with my office and look forward to working closely with the special

Amnesty joins attack on proposed NT law



AMNESTY International has joined grassroots campaigners in attacking the Federal Government's proposed Stronger Futures Northern Territory legislation.

The human rights organisation has pointed out that the consultations that were held did not meet international standards for free, prior and informed consent.

Amnesty's Indigenous Rights Campaign coordinator, Sarah Marland, said proper consultation was vital.

"Without the buy-in of Indigenous peoples from the onset of Government-led initiatives, the effectiveness and credibility of the plans can be crippled," she said.

"Without ownership and

consultation every step of the way, Stronger Futures is doomed to fail.

"The Australian Government must establish a genuine dialogue to find appropriate solutions in an atmosphere of mutual respect in good faith, and full and equitable participation.

"Amnesty International has welcomed the provisions in the Stronger Futures Bills that require consultation, though remains seriously concerned that they do not impose any consequences for a failure to engage communities – repeatedly offering 'escape clauses'.

"Also as part of the Bills, income management will be expanded to five areas of Australia and the school enrolment and attendance measure (SEAM) will be introduced with limited evidence of effectiveness for communities.



BARBARA SHAW

"The estimated cost of delivering the income management program is between \$5000 and \$5500 per person each

year. It is difficult to understand how the Australian Government can consider such a major policy expenditure with marginal evidence of benefits for the lives of Indigenous Peoples.

"When scrutinising the Stronger Futures Bills, it is important for Parliamentarians to consider the implications of the proposed measures and how they will directly affect people in the communities.

"The legislation must also be assessed by the newly established Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights.

"Amnesty International has noted that these Bills have been listed for debate on Wednesday 8 February (today).

"The organisation would be concerned if a formal debate occurred prior to committee consultation with affected communities."

Those concerns followed a recent call from Central Australian Aboriginal rights activist Barbara Shaw for the new legislation be withdrawn.

Ms Shaw, a member of the Intervention Rollback Action Group, said the new laws were not in line with what Aboriginal people had asked for in consultations.

She said such laws would only worsen an already serious social situation in the Northern Territory.

In June last year Ms Shaw presented the Federal and Northern Territory governments with an 11-point plan titled 'Rebuilding from the Ground Up'.

It outlined a detailed plan for people to resume control of, and take responsibility for their communities.

"The proposal has to date been ignored by both governments," Ms Shaw said.

Warwick award to choir



AN ABORIGINAL choir has received the Australia Day Cultural Award in the southern Queensland centre of Warwick.

The Awakening Voices of Harmony choir – a first for the city – won high praise at the presentation ceremony.

Local councillor Neil Meiklejohn said the choir had many achievements since starting about 18 months ago.

"Initially formed as a community strengthening activity under the guidance of Gomeroi Elder and music legend Roger Knox, and with support of Warwick's Peace Festival, the choir soon gained momentum through joining a Griffith University/QLD Aboriginal Health Council research project which studied the impact of music and singing on health and well-being," he said.

Showcase

"Further activity came at Peace Festival time in May 2011 as the group contributed to another first for Warwick – the three-day Aboriginal Art and Music Showcase, supported by the Healing Foundation."

Mr Knox said singing was 'something that can uplift you in so many ways – physically, emotionally, spiritually'.



Choir representatives including Roger Knox, right, receive the Australia Day award presented by local MP Lawrence Springborg and Southern Downs Mayor Ron Bellingham. Photo by Ian Mace

The group has performed at many local events and sang in Brisbane's Queen Street Mall.

Choir members raised funds last year to send two members on a cross-cultural tour to Uganda where participants helped at an orphanage and also

sang with an African Children's Choir.

"Music is the best form of communication and has always been a part of our culture," Mr Knox said.

"Some people may query the wisdom of us accepting such an award given the painful history of our culture

since colonisation.

"It is true that the impact of whitefella ways, diets and culture is still having a huge impact on our health and well-being.

First Australians

"However, we feel that if Australia Day is about celebrating being

Australian, then we, as First Australians, should be acknowledged for our contribution as much as anyone.

"Aboriginal people have been great contributors to the growth and development of our country, which is often not recognised.

"This award is an opportunity to raise the profile of our local Aboriginal population and help us find a voice.

"I am very proud of what the choir members have achieved.

"For us, it is also a celebration of – 'We are still here!'"

Cape York Service gets funding for counselling



A CAPE YORK service has received more than \$262,000 to provide counselling and support to young people dealing with domestic violence.

The Queensland Government funding has been allocated to the Cape York/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Advisory (RAATSICC) Association, which focuses on the Kowanyama, Napranum, Mapoon and

Lockhart River communities. The service provides information, advice, specialist counselling and support to children and young people to help them deal with the impact of domestic and family violence.

Have your say

Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project Draft terms of reference for environmental impact statement

Queensland's Coordinator-General invites you to have your say on the draft terms of reference (TOR) for an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project. The TOR set out the matters to be studied within the EIS.

BHP Billiton MetCoal Holdings Pty Ltd proposes to develop a new rail line approximately 260 kilometres in length (and associated infrastructure) from the Goonyella Riverside Mine Complex in the Bowen Basin to the Port of Abbot Point.

The project would enable the transport of approximately 60 million tonnes per annum of product coal from existing and planned mines within the Bowen Basin for export through the Port of Abbot Point. The rail corridor would be approximately 60 metres wide, with a proposed train size of 10 000 tonnes.

The Coordinator-General has declared the project a 'significant project', under section 26 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (Qld).

The draft TOR were prepared by the Coordinator-General. You are invited to comment on whether they adequately cover all the matters BHP Billiton MetCoal Holdings Pty Ltd must address when preparing the EIS. The Coordinator-General will consider your comments before finalising the TOR.

The Australian Government Minister for the Environment has determined that the project may have a significant impact upon matters of national environmental significance, and is conducting a separate assessment process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth).

Comments close at 5pm on Monday 5 March 2012.

How to comment

1. Read the draft TOR

- Download the draft TOR at <http://projects.industry.qld.gov.au> (click on 'Consultations'), or
- view a printed copy between Monday 6 February 2012 and Monday 5 March 2012 at:
 - Bowen Library, 67 Herbert Street, Bowen
 - Collinsville Library, Council Chambers, corner Stanley and Conway Streets, Collinsville
 - Moranbah Library, Grosvenor Complex, Batchelor Parade, Moranbah
 - State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane.

2. Read the fact sheet on making a comment, then complete the comment form.

Both are available at <http://projects.industry.qld.gov.au> (click on 'Consultations') and at the above locations.

3. Send your completed comment form to one of the following:

Email: goonyella-abbot-rail@deedi.qld.gov.au

Post: The Coordinator-General
c/- EIS project manager—Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project
Significant Projects Coordination
Department of Employment, Economic Development
and Innovation
PO Box 15517
City East Qld 4002 Australia

Fax: +61 7 3225 8282

Notes

We will provide the project proponent with a copy of your comments, including your name and address. For more information on privacy, refer to the comment form or fact sheet. If you have special communication needs, telephone the EIS project manager on +61 7 3836 0667 to make alternative arrangements.



Vassa Hunter after winning her Australia Day award in Charters Towers for Young Citizen of the Year.

Australia Day win for Vassa

By ALF WILSON



HEALTH worker Vassa Hunter has won the Young Citizen of the Year Australia Day award for the Charters Towers Regional Council. Miss Hunter works at the Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre.

"I got a letter in the mail which said I had been nominated but I did get quite a surprise to win it," she said of her win.

Charters Towers is a town with a population of 10,000 130kms inland from Townsville.

The presentations took place at the Dalrymple Stadium beside the Flinders Highway at Charters Towers.

Miss Hunter attended Central State Primary School and Charters Towers High and has since completed an Associate Degree in Indigenous Community Health. She's now studying a Bachelor of Applied Science in Indigenous Community Health and Management.

The community-minded 21-year-old volunteers at the Charters Towers PCYC and in local secondary schools for annual NAIDOC celebrations.

She implemented the Be Active Be Healthy program that is being used at Charters Towers and Hughenden state high schools.

She is also a keen sportswoman, having been an integral member of the Black Bream side which won the women's section of the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival at Charters Towers from 20-22 January. A total of 226 teams competed and Black Bream women consisted of mostly Indigenous players.

'All-rounder'

Black Bream captain Christine Hero said that Miss Hunter also played cricket, netball, touch football and woman's rugby league.

"She is genuine all-rounder and is well known in Charters Towers as a good role model for our young Indigenous people," Ms Hero said.

Proud grandmother Vassa Hunter Snr described her granddaughter as a humble young lady.

"We didn't even know Vassa had won the Junior Citizen of the Year until we saw it published in the local newspaper. She deserved it," Mrs Hunter said.



Protesters carry the symbolic mock coffin through the centre of Hobart.



Youth delegate Jidah Clark read a statement from the APG ... 'despite the mindless nationalism of some Australians, we remember the invasion'.

Protest vow to fight on

By JILLIAN MUNDY



"We won't stop, we won't go away, we won't celebrate Invasion Day." That was the chant at a protest in Hobart on 26 January.

Aborigines and supporters have taken to the streets in either Launceston or Hobart for the past five years, and have vowed to continue until the divisive date of Australia's national day is changed.

Like the year before, a symbolic mock coffin and wreath were carried through the streets, this time in Hobart, with the 200-strong gathering converging on the lawns outside Parliament House to listen to speakers including Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre legal director Michael Mansell, Sara Maynard, Adam Thompson, Trudy Maluga and Socialist Alliance members Rene Aragon and Linda Seaborn.

Former ATSIC leader Geoff Clark, who described the rally as a change agent, and his son Jidah who were in the state for an Aboriginal Provisional Government (APG) meeting held the week before, also spoke.

Mr Mansell made no apology for giving the same speech as he did the year before.

"The issue that we are confronting is the same this year, as it was last year and it was the year before," he said.

"Australia is the only country



Protesters carried placards with slogans indicating their disgust at the date chosen to celebrate.

in the world that celebrates the coming of one race at the expense of another – not even the Americans do it.

"They celebrate their independence from Britain, why can't Australia do the same thing? In New Zealand they celebrate the date that a treaty was signed between the Maori and the newcomers, in other words unification."

Mr Mansell called on state and federal leaders to take the lead in changing the date for Australia's national day.

He suggested the national apology as a date, or the date a treaty is signed.

Ms Maynard labelled Australia Day celebrations as horrific and disgusting, likening them to celebrating the 1996

massacre at Port Arthur or the deaths of Australians in World War II.

"A date change is needed, a day worth celebrating," she said. "A day that we can all celebrate our culture and heritage, together."

Mourn

The crowd formed a guard of honour for the pallbearers of the mock coffin, before it was laid in front of the speakers' podium. Participants bowed their heads for one minute's silence 'to mourn for the lives, land and loss of culture during the invasion.'

Jidah Clark, the youth delegate of the APG, read a press statement: "While Australians celebrate a day that

represents a history of booze, barbecues, bloodshed and theft, we continue our resistance.

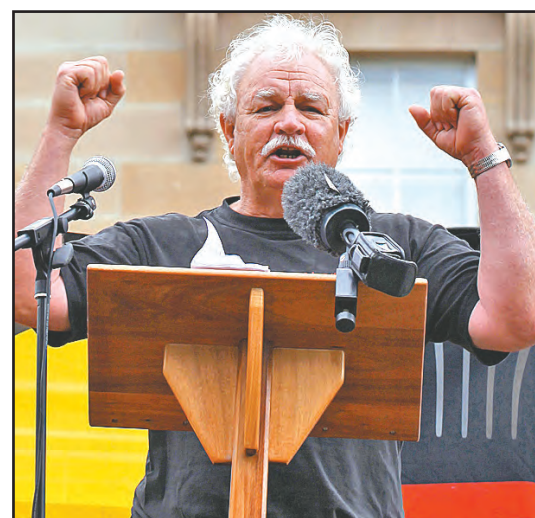
"Despite the mindless nationalism of some Australians, we remember the invasion. This is invasion day. Calls to have a new day are well founded.

"Like in New Zealand, a true national day will be the day that the Government signs a treaty with Aboriginal people. This is the day we will celebrate together."

Each year the Tasmanian Invasion Day protest has grown in numbers and sparked vigorous discussion in local letters to the editor and online blogs. Mr Mansell believes it will be bigger next year.



Rosetta Thomas welcomed the crowd on Parliament lawns in palawa kani, then translated into English – 'our hearts are heavy', she concluded.



Michael Mansell – 'change the date'.



Trudy Maluga: "We don't give up – we get stronger."

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Survival 2012 – Adelaide



Among the bands playing on the day were SA Indigenous act Kineman Karma.



Yutika Timothy-Nam, Manu Nam, Kira Rigney and Janice Rigney, all of Adelaide.



● Above: Tiggy Kartinyeri, from Raukkan, with her grandsons Joseph Egan, left, and Darren Kartinyeri enjoyed the Survival Day concert in Adelaide.



● Left: The day was warm and fine, so the water slide was very popular with the children throughout the event.



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:
https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/acp/aedop.html

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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.

The **School-based Traineeship** element aims to get Aboriginal school students into a traineeship as part of their Higher School Certificate in the NSW public and local government sectors.

Applications close 24th February 2012.

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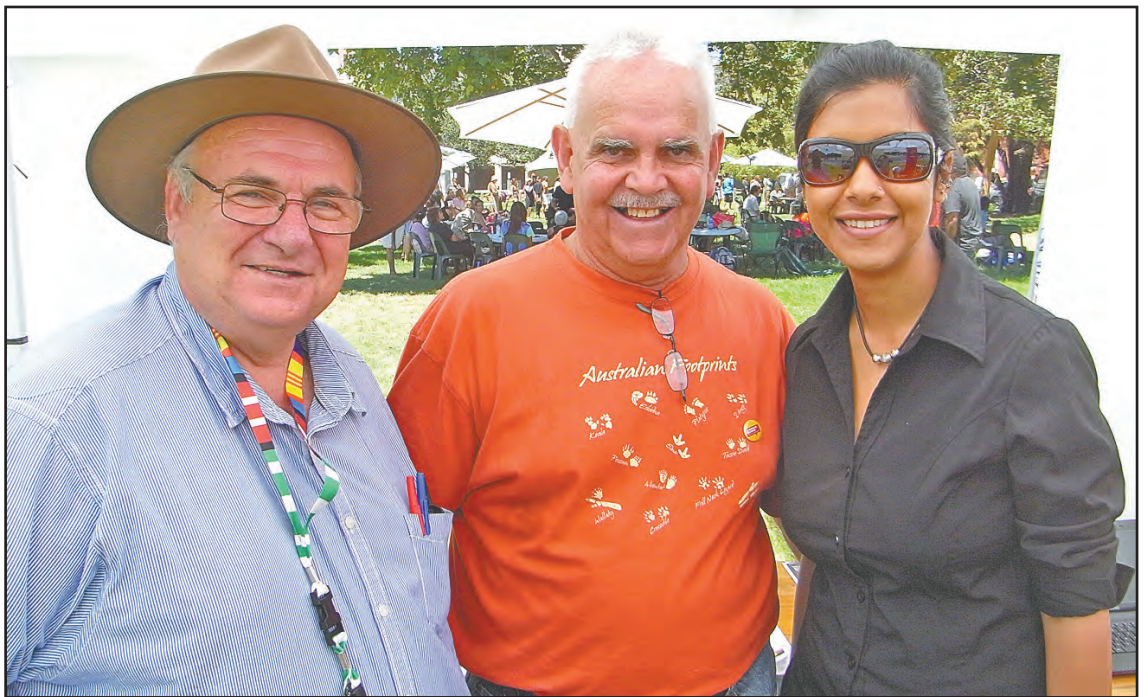


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Survival Day 2012 – Adelaide



Tempestt Sumner-Lovett and Arnold Kartinyeri, from Raukkan.



Bill Hignett, Frank Lampard and Upasana Singhal on the Reconciliation SA stall.

Hundreds in great spirit



Tandanya. They enjoyed

HUNDREDS of people enjoyed perfect conditions for the Adelaide Survival Day gathering at Mulla Wirraburka (Rymill Park), next to

performances, stalls, speeches and more.

Acts on the day included Kineman Karma, Eddie Peters and Aboriginal dancers, and Adelaide Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood was among the guests.

Tandanya director Tim Ritchie

said organisers were delighted with the turnout.

"The spirit was good and the entertainment was great," he said. "People enjoyed themselves in the good weather, and it was pleasing to have the Lord Mayor attend and show his support."



Andrea Fraser, left, and Christine Brown, of Nunga Wangga 101.5FM radio.



Stephanie Gollan at a stall.



Ngarrindjeri Elder Major Sumner performs.



Eddie Peters was among the performers in Adelaide.



Sisters Rose and Karina Lester, from the APY Lands.



At the Nunkuwarrin Yunti Health stall were Donna Pickett, who is with the Puiyurti Tackling Tobacco program, and Julie Coulthard, who works in the clinic.

Survival Day 2012 – Melbourne



Festival MC Maurial Spearim.



The mob up and moving during this year's Share the Spirit festival in Melbourne. All photos by James Henry



Members of the the 40-strong traditional dance group Koorieoboree at Share the Spirit.



Meriki Hood on stage.



DJ Sadge entertains.



Deline Briscoe, left, and Jessie Lloyd were among the many acts to take to the stage at this year's Share the Spirit festival.



Dancer Robert Bamblett, with Snakey Ellis in the background.

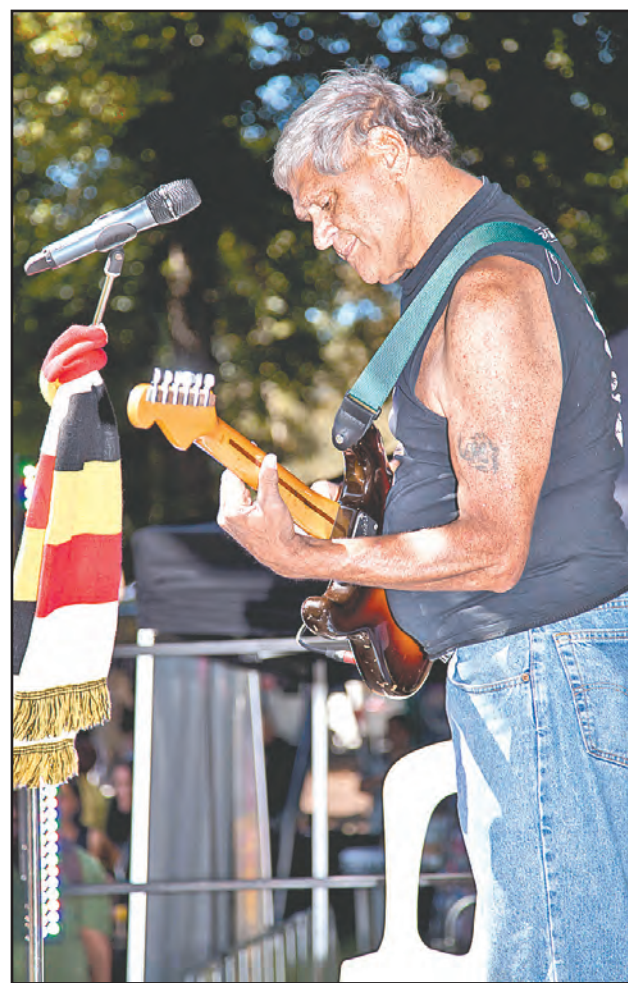


Jolene Priestly on stage.

Survival Day 2012 – Melbourne



Proud in the colours ... Cecilia Geisler with the Songlines Hip Hop Collective.



Ian 'Bear' Johnson on stage.

Sharing the spirit

Photos by JAMES HENRY



MELBOURNE'S Share the Spirit festival on 26 January attracted more than 5000 people.

It was the 10th time the festival had been held, and organisers from Songlines Aboriginal Music were delighted with the Survival Day turnout at Treasury Gardens.

The program featured traditional and contemporary music and dance on two stages, as well as cultural activities, youth

workshops, food stalls and Indigenous art and craft stalls.

In her welcome to country, Aunty Joy Murphy asked all present to join together in the name of reconciliation and celebrate the strength and resilience of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout the country.

Folk collective Charcoal Club launched a day of non-stop music and dance, with highlights including the harmonies of The Sunshine Sisters with King Kadu, the 40-strong traditional dance group Koorieoboree, and Indigenous hip hop

trailblazers The Last Kinection. The Youth Stage featured traditional dance and hip hop workshops and there were also dance-offs and MC battles hosted by the Songlines Hip Hop Collective.

The festival also included a dedicated program of children's cultural activities, with storytelling sessions, painting classes, a jumping castle, a birds of prey petting area and activities hosted by Westside Circus.

Artistic director Jessie Lloyd said the day was a huge success.

"It was inspiring to see so many local

members of the community participating in the event and supporting each other," she said. "It was also encouraging to see people from many different backgrounds and cultures coming together to acknowledge what our country was built on, and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as it stands today."

The Koorie Night Markets hosted its Indigenous market stalls with artists and designers from all over Victoria selling locally made crafts, traditional artefacts, T-shirts, bags, CDs, photographs and paintings.



Singer/songwriter Richard Frankland shares his music with the crowd.



Always popular ... The Last Kinection have the Share the Spirit crowd up and dancing.

Survival Day 2012 – Perth



Doolann-Leisha Eatts and Len Collard.



A section of the crowd enjoying the Perth Survival Day concert in the Supreme Court Gardens.



James Scott on stage.



They brought the rain ... The Yabu Band on stage. Cooling rain arrived as they played their act.



Kwarbah Djookian Noongar dancers were among the many performers in Perth this year.



Lilly Gogos on stage with the Yabu Band.



A member of the Bartlett Brothers performs.



Mechelle Wilson of the Old Flames.



A member of Bad Influence rocks Survival.

Hot concert in the west

By LIZ MURRAY



A LONG, hot Survival Day 2012 in Perth was marked with a concert in Supreme Court Gardens.

Despite the 41-degree heat, thousands gathered at the park to see nationally acclaimed local bands, and to join in activities celebrating Survival Day.

The theme was 'Celebrating our Resilience' in honour of Aboriginal survival, and also to commemorate the 40 years since the Aboriginal Tent Embassy was founded in Canberra.

Top artists

The Perth event was a collaborative effort by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, with music from WA Indigenous artists including Ulla Shae,

Bad Influence, Walkabout Boys, Kwarbah Djookian and the Old Flames Band.

Doolann-Leisha Eatts welcomed the crowd to Noongar Country.

The event also featured 20 community stalls, a large health tent and history display, and kids' activities.

By the second last act, the Bartlett Brothers, thunderclouds loomed overhead and when The Yabu Band started, they brought the rain with them.



Ulla Shae on the Perth stage.



Richard Walley and Marlene Jackamarra enjoyed the day.



The Survival history marquee in Perth drew plenty of interest.



The Walkabout Boys were a popular act.

Survival Day – Saltwater Freshwater Festival



Billie Jean Campbell with Alison Page's daughter Poppy Page-McGilvray, four months.



Aunty Pamela Paulson with Shirley Kelly.



Purfleet Taree LALC CEO and Saltwater Freshwater board member Glen Rennie with DEEWR's Renee Hawkins.



NSWALC councillor Peter Smith and his wife Sherry at the reception.



Michelle Donovan, Raylene Ballangarry, Margaret Donovan-McCarter, Debbie Ballangarry and Janelle Donovan.

Flooding hits Taree plans



IF it had gone ahead as planned, the Saltwater Freshwater Festival on the banks of the Manning River on 26 January would have been a landmark beacon for reconciliation in Taree and the NSW mid north coast.

That's according to Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation executive officer Alison Page, who said dignitaries, Taree residents and supporters of the festival had turned out in force for a function the night before hosted by key festival partner the Greater Taree City Council. "The cocktail party was a chance for us to thank sponsors, community members and funders for all their support and hard work in the lead up to

Australia Day, and the energy in the room was incredibly positive," Ms Page said.

As it was, with the Manning River on flood watch, organisers made the difficult decision at 6.30am on the morning of 26 January to cancel the event.

Understanding

"There has been an outpouring of understanding and support from all of our artists, volunteers and the local community about the hard call we had to make," Ms Page said.

"Everybody has been really fantastic."

Now in its third year, the Saltwater Freshwater Festival rotates venue between the ten Local Aboriginal Land

Councils (from Karuah in the south to Coffs Harbour in the north) which make up the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation.

It was hosted by Coffs Harbour in 2010 and Port Macquarie last year.

Ms Page said an announcement was scheduled to be made about the location for the 2013 festival, but amidst calls for it to return to Taree, the board would meet later this month to decide.

Microwave Jenny, who were scheduled to perform on the main stage at the festival, gave those gathered for the cocktail party a taste of the line up that was programmed for the following day, which included the Black Turtles, the Yuin Ghudjargah Dancers, Stiff Gins, Casey Donovan as well as an array of workshops and speakers.



'Canoes' for the 10 Local Aboriginal Land Councils that form the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance.



Saltwater Freshwater board members Guy Jones and Jo-Anne Kelly (right) with Meaghan Jones.



Tessa Nuku and Brendon Boney from Microwave Jenny performed at the cocktail party.

Survival Day – Saltwater Freshwater Festival



Beau Dean Smith, Taree Sansbury from Movement+, Tracey Anderson from Greater Taree City Council, Jasmine Gulash from NAISDA and Thomas Kelly from Movement+.



Uncle Warner Saunders gave a welcome to country in Taree.



Great Lakes TAFE teacher Steve Williams who co-designed the symbolic canoes.



Festival sponsor IBA's Narelle Webb, Michelle Rorato and Richard Burton.



Debbie Ballangarry and Margret Bird.



Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance chair Jo-Anne Kelly.



NSWALC's Charles Lynch (left) and Leon Williams (right) with Purfleet Taree LALC CEO Glen Rennie.



Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance executive director Alison Page (right) with Great Lakes Council Councillor Leigh Vaughan.



Festival patron Aden Ridgeway.



Principal festival sponsor GenerationOne's spokesperson, Tania Major.



Chef of the Nambucca Heads restaurant the Jaaning Tree Clayton Donovan with his wife Jane.

Crowds flock to enjoy top day



Dan Sultan was one of the big acts at this year's Yabun in Sydney.
Photos by Naomi Moran



MANY thousands of people flocked to Victoria Park in inner Sydney for the annual Yabun Survival Day concert. In what was hailed by many as the best event yet, the crowd enjoyed performances by a line-up of some of Indigenous Australia's leading acts, as well as stalls, family entertainment and more.

Big names on the bill included Dan Sultan, Jessica Mauboy, Archie Roach and Christine Anu.

But there was plenty of support for other acts as well.

Lily Shearer, general manager of the Gadigal Information Service which organises Yabun, was more than happy with this year's event.

"It was a great day enjoyed by

thousands of people," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Victoria Park really came alive to some great acts and there was a strong family spirit.

"While the crowd enjoyed performances from Jessica Mauboy, Dan Sultan, Christine Anu and Uncle Archie Roach, there were plenty of other highlights.

YBD stage

"The Young Black and Deadly stage was especially popular.

"We'll be working on another big event for next year, and down the track we're hoping to take over the whole of Victoria Park for the day.

"We've set a high benchmark now, so we'll really have to work hard to make the event even better."



● Above: Back, from left, Sidona Hodge, Jedda Roberts, Warren Roberts and Christine Smith and front, from left, Enarla Dodd, Rhondaleah Roberts, Janna Briggs, Olivia Briggs, Kimberley Smith and Ella Smith.

● Right: With the All Stars NRL trophy, from left, Robert Weldon, Steve Hall, Darryl Wright, Wes Patten and Chaise Patten.



The Burdekin Dancers from Ayr, north Queensland.



This banner was prominent throughout Yabun.

Survival Day 2012 – Yabun



The Redfern Circus Kids and supporters enjoyed the day at Yabun.



Mary G came all the way from the Kimberley.



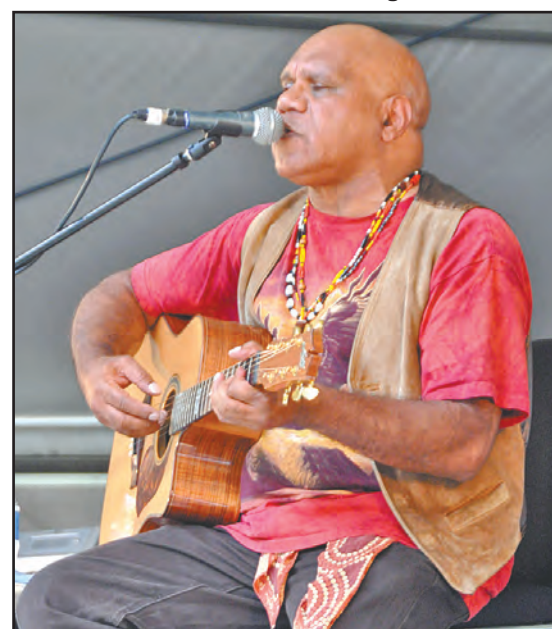
Ms Koori Love in the crowd.



Jessica Mauboy got a huge welcome when she performed.



Christine Anu on stage.



Archie Roach was one of the acts.



Jason Roberts, left, and Luke Carpenter.



Tabbitha Williams, left, from Casino, with Rebecca Laurie and Phoebe Hookey, from Sydney.



Darryl Brenna, left, from La Perouse, and Jason Trindall, from Grafton.

Survival Day 2012 – Yabun



Kids with the AFL Indigenous Development Program, back from left, Jaden Penrith, program manager Luke Penrith, Elijah Carr, Kobi Morris, Jared Webb, Katrina Heikkanen (staff) and Remoni Gordon and, front from left, Alan Morris, Tyrell Folaumoeloa, Soakim Folaumoeloa and Eliah Veikoso. *Photos by Naomi Moran*



Singer Jess Beck on stage at this year's Yabun.



Sophia Romano, left, and Emma Hardcastle, from the University of Technology Sydney.



From left, Michael Murphy, Michael Murphy Jr, Andrew Murphy and Lillian Crombie.



Francis Williams, left, and Lola Forester.



Kaylah Tyson, left, from Brisbane, and Sharni McDermott, from Sydney.



Michael Cummins with Michael Cummins Jr and Travis Robinson.



From Left, Rob Welsh, Graham Johnson and Ray Robinson.



Emma Donovan on stage.



Flying Bird... Indigenous All Stars lock Greg Bird sets himself for a heavy landing as he is up-ended by three National Rugby League (NRL) All Star defenders, including Paul Gallen, left, and Anthony Watmough, right.

Best game yet!

By GRAHAM HUNT
Photos in this liftout by
JOSEPH MAYERS and
KIRSTIE PARKER

THE best yet. That was how master coach Wayne Bennett described the third annual Harvey Norman All Stars rugby league match on Saturday night at Skilled Park, on the Gold Coast.

The National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars claimed the inaugural Arthur Beetson Trophy with a 36-28 win over the Indigenous All Stars in a match that had everything.

There were times when it threatened to explode as passions and emotions ran high.

But during a week-long build up where the focus was on reconciliation, players refocused on the game and a scintillating clash was the result.

Bennett's NRL All Stars scored six tries all Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley's five.

The main concern after the game was an injury to Indigenous All Stars centre Greg Inglis, who was carried from the field with ten minutes remaining.

Inglis was to undergo scans last Sunday to establish the extent of an ankle injury.

Coach Daley said at the post-match press conference that 'GI' thought the injury was not as bad as first feared.

But Daley said Inglis could be out of action for a month or so.

The Indigenous All Stars came out firing, with winger Jharal Yow-Yeh opening the scoring with just six minutes



Indigenous All Stars second-rower Jamal Idris leaps the highest in this contest for possession.

on the clock.

The early exchanges were fierce, with New Zealander Jared Waerea-Hargreaves in the thick of the action.

He and Sam Thaiday locked horns, and then he was in the middle of another flair-up, this time with Nathan Merritt and Ben Barba.

The Indigenous All Stars led 10-0 at quarter time and 22-12 at half time.

NRL All Stars prop Luke Bailey put his team on the road to recovery five minutes into the third quarter when he scored his first try in two years.

The NRL All Stars hit the front when skipper Benji Marshall converted a Josh

Dugan try ten minutes into the third quarter.

Nathan Merritt came so close to a hat-trick of tries, but put his foot on the touch line as he was reaching out to score.

The fourth quarter was just three minutes old when Broncos centre Jack Reed scored for the NRL All stars.

Marshall converted and the NRL All Stars led 30-22.

With the bulk of the 26,039 crowd urging them on, the Indigenous All Stars responded with a Greg Inglis try during one of the power plays when the NRL All Stars were two men down.

Indigenous All Stars half-back Chris Sandon

took over the goal-kicking duties from Johnathan Thurston, and converted Inglis' try.

While the NRL All Stars appeared to have the better of the second half, the game was still wide open until NRL All Stars winger Manu Vatuvei scored in the corner with seven minutes remaining.

Marshall converted and the NRL All Stars held on to win 36-28.

It came as no surprise when Nathan Merritt was presented with the Preston Campbell Medal as man of the match.

Even though the 2012 NRL competition hasn't started, Merritt's name surely must come into contention when NSW selectors sit down to choose their State of Origin team.

The match was played in quarters and featured a couple of experimental rules, including the power play, where in each half, each side could instruct the opposing skipper to play two men short for five minutes.

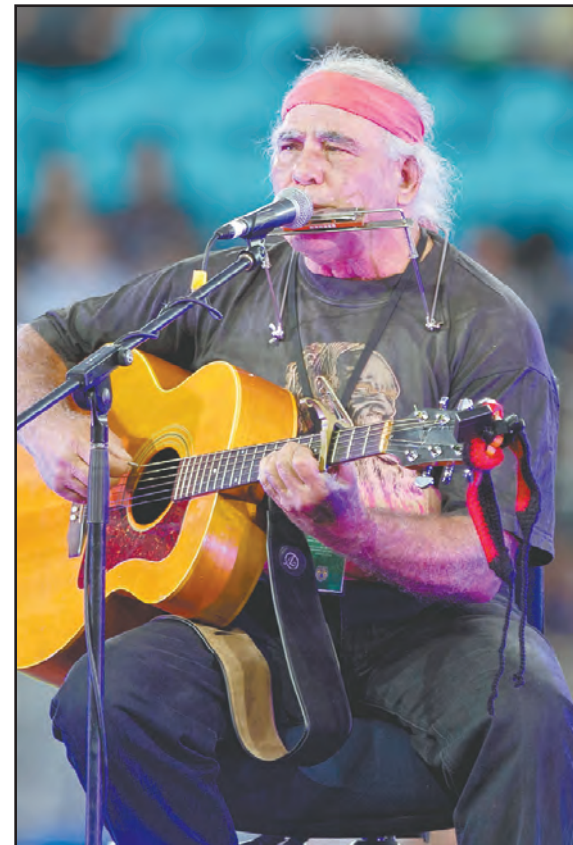
The experiment seemed to work in reverse – during two of the power plays, the team playing two men short actually scored tries.

The other experiment rule was 'six to go' rule, where the referee, instead of stopping the game and awarding a penalty, could give the attacking team another six tackles.

This rule seemed to work against the Indigenous All Stars as they were subjected to a succession of 'six to go' rulings that had them defending for long periods.

● Our complete All Stars rugby league coverage is on the next seven pages

Action as Andrew Fifita tries to crash through the NRL All Stars defence of Nathan Fien, left, and Adam Blair.



Kev Carmody during the performance of *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.



Mob from Doomadgee, Cherbourg and Normanton who were a part of the Titans community leadership program in the week leading up to the match.



Die-hard Indigenous All Stars fans from Canberra, from left, Buddy Martin, Lachlan Rake, Maddison Rake, Dakota Rake, Katlyn Rake, Taya Rake and Maurice Walker.



The event was a family affair for Natasha Dawson and David Nye and kids, from left, Kaiesha Nye, Shanyka Nye, Darnell Nye and Jakirra Nye.



Eric Moore (centre), Peter King and Robbie Samels show how rapt they were with the Indigenous side's first-half performance.



Toowoomba mob, on both sides of the barrier.



Nikau Wilson, Agassi Stowers, Kaye Hussey, Tamara Hussey and Brooke Valinoti weren't shy about their support for Kaye's son Tyrone, who was in the Queensland Under-16s team.



Flying the flag were, at rear, Todd Reid, Fred Reid, Toby Reid and Chaydin Reid. In front are, from left, Graham Thompson, Chris Reid and Lyell Kawangki. Fred celebrated his 50th birthday on the day.

Deadly spirit, deadly game

MOST of them came for the footy, but they got so much more. More than 26,000 people poured into Skilled Park stadium on the Gold Coast on Saturday night, ranging from die-hard rugby league fans to those merely curious about the spectacle promised by the third annual Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars clash.

The final result – 36 to 28 the NRL All Stars' way – wasn't what most of those gathered had been hoping for. But the consensus was still that the Indigenous All Stars, led by captain Johnathan Thurston, had nothing to be ashamed of and much to make them proud.

The on-field entertainment began with the Jillaroo All Stars versus the Women's Indigenous All Stars match, followed by an under-16s game between the New South Wales Kooris and the Queensland Murris.

During half time in the youths' game, Acacia Ridge Murri School Year Seven student Shelby Barney conducted the coin toss on behalf of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, the official partner of the Indigenous All Stars team.

Before kick-off for the main game, there was an acknowledgement of country and a tribute to the late, great Arthur Beetson in the form of Kev Carmody, Shane Nicholson and Sara Storer performing Kev's iconic *From Little Things, Big Things Grow*.

Images of 'Big Artie' flashed on-screen and were revealed on a giant silky banner unfurled on the field by Indigenous students who'd attended the Learn Earn Legend! Indigenous Youth Summit and All Stars Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo during the preceding days.

The Federal Government-sponsored



Ethan Wikaira, 13, Jhy Symes, 12, Mason Wikaira, 12, and Jaidyn Symes from Noosa in Queensland.

Learn Earn Legend! Program is run in partnership with the NRL and the Indigenous All Stars, and encourages young Indigenous people to stay in school, strive to get good jobs for themselves and become leaders in their communities.

Moving tribute

After the moving tribute, former Gold Coast Titans captain and creator of the All Stars concept Preston Campbell played the didgeridoo and students from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA) sang the national anthem in both Aboriginal language and English.

Healing Foundation chairperson Florence Onus spoke about the Stolen Generations and the ongoing challenge

represented by family violence within Indigenous communities.

Then, the Indigenous All Stars threw down a challenge of their own to the NRL All Stars, performing a war cry led by Dhinawan Dreaming and Dancers.

And so the stage was set for the third and arguably the best in the series of three between Indigenous and non-Indigenous mates.

The grandstands were a moving sea of colour – most of it black, red and yellow – until the final siren.

The match result gave the NRL All Stars a two-one lead in the series.

The big question on everyone's lips now? Where will the All Stars be played next?



Mates, after the match, NRL All Stars captain Benji Marshall and Indigenous All Stars captain Johnathan Thurston.



From Lismore, Elly Bradshaw Jr, 11, Caroline Bradshaw, 9, and Karen Bradshaw.



Sandi Peel and Sue Cruickshank were in high spirits at the game.

2012 Indigenous All Stars versus NRL All Stars Rugby league



Preston Campbell showed he's no slouch on the didgeridoo during the pre-match celebrations



The welcome to country was given by Healing Foundation Chairwoman Florence Onus.



Rugby League brothers in arms ... The Indigenous All Stars and the NRL All Stars players and officials together after the game at Skilled Park Stadium on Queensland's Gold Coast.



'Clarence River mob', from Grafton, Jannay Daley, Alec Carlstedt, Ken Bancroft and Jo Randall.



'We travelled a long way to be here, sis', Shara Body, Serina Rankine, Melanie Logan and Clurissa Dunne from Mt Isa told the Koori Mail's photographer.



Jamal Idris on the burst for the Indigenous All Stars.



Preston Campbell Medal winner Nathan Merritt on his way for one of his two tries and celebrating with fullback Ben Barba. Merritt came close to a hat-trick of tries. He put a foot on the side-line chalk as he was reaching for the try-line.



One of the Dhinawan Dreaming dancers during the pre-match entertainment.



Ruby Cutmore and her daughters Jade Turner, 10, and Meleena Turner, 13, had front row seats behind the try line.

The team line-ups



The 2012 Indigenous All Stars players and staff, back from left, Ricky Walford (ARL liaison), Ron Gibbs (trainer), Scott Prince, Travis Waddell, Ben Barba, Anthony Mitchell, George Rose and Nathan Merritt. Middle row, from left, Ken Nagas (trainer), Justin Hodges, Cory Paterson, Jamal Idris, Andrew Fifita, Joel Thompson, Tom Learoyd-Lahrs, Gorden Tallis (assistant coach) and Mal Cochrane (manager). Front, from left, Cliff Lyons (head trainer), Jharal Yow Yeh, Matt Bowen, Sam Thaiday, Laurie Daley (coach), Johnathan Thurston, Chris Sandow, Greg Bird, Greg Inglis and Nathan Peats. Photos on this page courtesy NRLphotos.com



The NRL All Stars, back from left, Josh Dugun, Frank Pritchard, Adam Blair, Manu Vatevei, Kade Snowden, Aaron Payne and Cooper Cronk. Middle from left, Michael Jennings, Jack Reed, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, Tony Williams, Luke Bailey, Brent Tate, David Taylor and Andrew Gee (manager). Front from left, Jason Nightingale, Paul Gallen, Nathan Hindmarsh, Wayne Bennett (coach), Benji Marshall, Luke Lewis and Nathan Fien. Absent was Anthony Watmough who was called up to replace Tony Williams.



Indigenous All Stars players, from left, George Rose, Cory Paterson and Matt Bowen with Dhinawan Dreaming dancers before the start of the game.



George Rose let the flag go to his head.



You put your right foot in...and rap. The Collie Crew performs at half time during the All Stars match.



An injured Greg Inglis assisted from the field. Wendell Sailor is on the left.



● Above: Three generations of the Leedie family, from Gympie, Brisbane and the Gold Coast, took their seats early.

● Right: Indigenous All Star Nathan Merritt (second from right) with his family after the game. From left, his sister Teanne, mum and dad Tracey and Tony, seven-year-old twins Jalen and Jade, and brother Kaden Robinson, 10.

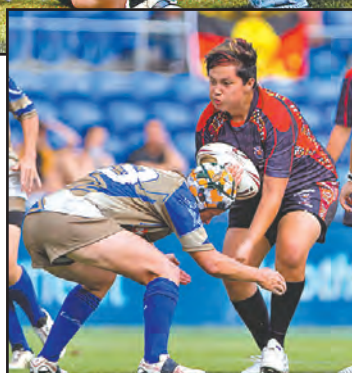


The national anthem was performed by singers from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA).

Women score draw



Both women's team together after their hard-fought draw.



One of the many big hits.

THE Indigenous All Stars women's team were just six minutes from pulling off a stunning upset against the National Rugby League (NRL) Jillaroos in a thrilling curtain-raiser at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on Saturday night. But the match ended in a 10-all draw.

The Jillaroos had to dig deep in the second half as the Indigenous All Stars jumped to a 10-0 lead at half time and an upset was on the

cards. The equalising try for the Jillaroos came with six minutes remaining.

Hooker Natalie Dwyer missed the conversion that probably would have won the game for the Jillaroos.

With limited preparation time, the Indigenous All Stars covered themselves with glory and were not intimidated by their favoured rivals.

The match featured some big

'hits' – the equal of anything in elite men's rugby league.

One 'hit' that stood out was a try-saving effort by centre Bianca Ambrum, who stopped her opposite number Lisa Fiaolla just a metre from the try line.

Jillaroos captain Karyn Murphy paid tribute to the Indigenous women during the trophy presentation, saying they had improved considerably in the past 12 months. – *Graham Hunt*



Ouch ... a Jillarook is tackled.

Under-16 honours even



● Above: Members of the Queensland and New South Wales Indigenous Under-16 sides together with staff and supporters after their 16-all draw in the curtain-raiser to the All Stars clash on the Gold Coast.

● Left and right: Some of the action from what was a thrilling clash.

Photos: Joseph Mayers



THE Queensland Indigenous under-16 side scored after the half-time siren and again after the full-time siren to force a 16-all draw with the NSW Indigenous team in one of the curtain-raisers to the Harvey Norman All Stars rugby league bonanza at Skilled Park.

Winger Gideon Gela, from the FNQ Dodgers, scored an unconverted try after the half-time siren to give Queensland a 10-4 lead at the break.

The Queenslanders pushed their lead out to 14-4 after a try to five-eighth Adrian Aidan.

But then NSW responded with a try to five-eighth Travis Edwards.

Edwards converted and with six minutes remaining, James Widders-Leece (Armidale) scored the equalising try.

Edward's conversion gave the Blues the lead with just three minutes remaining.

But a penalty awarded to Queensland after the full-time hooter gave the Maroons the chance to equalise.

Fullback David Nogar (Townsville) lined up from 40 metres out, directly in front, and raised the flags and fittingly, the game was drawn. – *Graham Hunt*

Award-winner Dion's art to hit Melbourne



Dion Beasley with other local Australia Day award winners Barry Benning, Margie McLean and Nattiya Kacharak.



Dion Beasley with his carer Joie Boulter.



THE work of a young artist from the Northern Territory will be featured at Australia's largest trade show.

Dion Beasley, who was named Tennant Creek's junior citizen of the year, will be showing off his Cheeky Dog range of products at the Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME) in Melbourne later this month.

The Aboriginal youth has muscular dystrophy and is profoundly deaf, but that hasn't stopped him from producing artworks and products that have won awards, as well as international recognition.

NT Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy said Dion's corporate range of illustrated community dogs would feature at the trade expo on 21-22 February in Melbourne.

"This is such great news in the wake of Dion's Australia Day Tennant Creek Junior Citizen of the Year Award," Mr McCarthy said.

"The AIME offers a fantastic opportunity for Dion and his unique art to feature alongside other quality NT-based businesses with Territory Government support.

"Dion is doing the Barkly region proud with his artwork bursting out of the regional arts scene into the United Arab Emirates in recent years.

"And his recent award was one of many received throughout his budding career."

Other companies to feature at the AIME include Darwin Convention Centre, AAT Kings, Dreamedia, SkyCity, Tailormade Tours, Alice Springs Convention Centre, Intercontinental Hotels Group, Fusion Exhibition Hire, Darwin Charters and Shuttles, Territory Discoveries, Crocosaurus Cove and Darwin Harbour Cruises.

Mr McCarthy said the Territory had maintained a strong trade presence at AIME over the past decade with excellent results.



Tony Boulter with Dion Beasley.

"The exposure each of the Territory-based businesses will get at AIME will be invaluable," he said.

"More than 1000 buyers from around the world are expected to go through the doors at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre over those two days in February.

"This is a great way to showcase our Territory products and ultimately grow our tourist numbers in line with Territory 2030 with the aim to increase the regional dispersal of NT visitors."

Pressure stepped up on WA gas hub plan



ENVIRONMENTAL groups have been ramping up their pressure for Woodside Petroleum to reconsider plans to establish a \$30 billion gas hub at James Price Point in the north of

Western Australia.

The pressure follows reports that Woodside was considering selling down its 50 per cent stake in the project.

But Woodside hosed down the speculation, saying in a statement to the Australian Stock Exchange on 27 January that it had not made any decision to reduce its equity 'at this time'.

"In response to significant interest from a number of parties, Woodside is conducting a limited process to assess the potential sale of a minority portion of the company's equity in the development," the company said.

"This process provides an opportunity to

assess possible early value realisation. Woodside intends to retain operatorship of the development."

The Australian Conservation Foundation said, however, that the Kimberley coastline was inappropriate for a large industrial project and that the project was being opposed on many fronts.

"The James Price Point gas hub proposal has stoked up so much opposition on so many fronts that many investors are now asking if the project is still viable, or if Woodside has already lost its social licence to proceed," ACF Kimberley officer Wade Freeman said.

He said gas from the Browse Basin should be piped to less environmentally sensitive locations such as the Woodside-operated North West Shelf in the Pilbara region, a view shared by some business analysts.

Meanwhile, environment group Environs Kimberley joined the fray on 31

January, accusing Woodside of trying to bypass legally required approvals for the gas hub.

Environs Kimberley said Woodside did not have shire approval for a laydown area with a fuel tank, transportable accommodation, offices, toilets, fences, gates, a vehicle washdown area and drilling.

Appropriate approvals

Director Martin Pritchard said Woodside was originally granted approval from the shire in 2012 to develop some facilities but had since been working on other facilities and had not gained the appropriate approvals.

Mr Pritchard said Woodside was now applying for retrospective planning approval through the Development Assessment Panel (DAP), rather than the shire, which included only two councillors and three government representatives.

However, a spokeswoman for Woodside said the company had liaised with the Shire of Broome and had agreed to submit a consolidated application to the DAP with information about work that had been done and work that was planned.

Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr traditional owners signed a native title agreement with Woodside and the State of Western Australia for the site of the proposed gas hub in June last year.

The Kimberley Land Council, which negotiated the agreement, said traditional owners had prevented further liquefied natural gas development on the Kimberley coastline and had reserved all rights to oppose the development on environmental grounds.

The deal with Woodside and the WA Government included an Indigenous benefits package worth more than \$1.5 billion, in exchange for the surrender of land. — with AAP

Tamworth Country Music Festival



The Tamworth Didgeridoo Orchestra was formed as part of a cultural revival program led by Mark Atkins. They have been playing together for eight months and the showcase finale was their first performance on a major stage. *Photo: Peter Williams*



Bonnie Riley on stage with Buddy Knox playing back-up. *Photo: Rachel Scollay*



Buddy Knox ... "I'm going over there to win."
Photo: Peter Williams

Buddy ready for Blues Challenge

SPEAKING in Tamworth just days before heading off to Memphis, Tennessee, to compete in the International Blues Challenge, Buddy Knox said he believed being Indigenous Australian would be a valuable point of difference.

The Buddy Knox Blues Band won the right to challenge for the international title after winning the Sydney Blues Challenge in 2011.

Joining him in Memphis will be his son Teangi on drums, Gareth Hudson on bass and didgeridoo and Fiona Peters on accordion.

"It will be the first time they (Memphis audiences) are going to hear some didgeridoo in blues," he said. "You've got to be a bit different."

The International Blues Challenge began last week, with the finals scheduled to start just as the *Koori Mail* was going to print.

Knox said he had been to Memphis 20 years ago playing guitar

for his father Roger, but that had been a completely different experience.

"I was just a young fella back then. It's different this time," he said. "I'm going over there to win."

Meanwhile, Buddy Knox has been dubbed one of the hardest working contributors to the 2012 Aboriginal Cultural Showcase in Tamworth, which wrapped up on 28 January.

As well as donating hundreds of hours to mentor young up-and-coming musicians, he played back-up for them in various gigs during the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

"The young talent is pretty serious," he said. "They are really good – and that's across the board. It's all stepped up from when we were young."

"The big thing that I'm trying to get through to these young fellas is to kick shame out the door. Don't let shame hold you back. That's a big cop out." – *Rachel Scollay*



Tamworth community Elders Uncle Joe and Auntie Pearl Trindell gave the welcome to country at the official opening of the fifth Aboriginal Cultural Showcase. They are having a yarn with actor Jack Thompson, who was a special guest at the opening and joined the Buddy Knox Blues Band for a jam, playing harmonica. *Photo by Peter Williams*



Enjoying entertainment by Mirii Yanan (Tomorrow's Stars) in the main street of Tamworth were Loretta Weatherall, Georgia Sands, Shiona Weatherall, L'tisha Ryan and Kerrie Ryan.



Michael Knox among the crowd in Tamworth.



Richard Lake, from Walgett in north-west NSW.



Busker Lawrence Barlow, from Griffith, NSW.

Tamworth Country Music Festival



Enjoying the Tamworth Country Music Festival, from left, Annie Wise, Shirley Weatherall, Brianne Wise, Kiea Wise and Wuanita Weatherall. Photo: Rachel Scollay



Young singer-songwriter Taylor Williams, who was being showcased as an emerging talent as part of Mirii Yanan (Tomorrow's Stars), performing on the Bourke Street stage. Bluesman Buddy Knox played back-up for all the young performers.

Stars shining at Showcase

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FOUR years ago, Tamworth teenager Loren Ryan plucked up the courage to enter a

karaoke competition at the local PCYC.

It was a decision that changed the course of her life after she was noticed by the 'Koori King of Country' Roger Knox, and he invited her to an Elders' gathering.

Just 14 years old at the time, that was where Loren first met Roger's son, bluesman Buddy Knox, and after being told she had 'potential' she's been working with him ever since developing her technique and performance skills.

Loren said she always dreamed of being noticed as a little kid, but then came the 'obstacle' of actually performing.

"For me those karaoke competitions were the only way back then... I felt like it was a way to see if I was any good," she said.

"I felt that I was good, but I was always scared of how people would see me. That's the main meaning of shame – being held back by what others might think of you. One day I thought: 'I'm just going to do it', and people liked me."

Loren was one of five young emerging Indigenous talents who performed under the banner Mirii Yanan (Tomorrow's Stars) at this year's Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, which is a feature of the Tamworth Country Music Festival. The rising stars had all been closely mentored by Buddy in the lead-up and he also played back-up



Tamworth teenager Loren Ryan on stage.

for them on stage at various venues around the festival.

Now in its fifth year, the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, which ran from 23-28 January, featured a week of workshops, masterclasses, and performances, culminating in the Showcase Finale at Tamworth's Capitol Theatre.

As always, the walk-up performances gave people with a range of experience and backgrounds the opportunity to showcase their talent, and this year, for the first time, there

was also a mobile recording studio, which allowed people to record a demo to take away with them.

Performing with the Mirii Yanan crew in Tamworth's main street on Friday, 27 January, Loren had only just gotten back into town, having been in Sydney for Yabun the day before where she had a 20-minute slot on the Young, Black and Deadly stage. Last year she performed at the Saltwater Freshwater Festival in Port Macquarie and she has

now been accepted to study at the Australian Institute of Music in Sydney.

Loren said it felt 'amazing' to see how her singing career was taking off.

"I'm so grateful," she said. "When I met Buddy I had talent, but it had to be developed. And Buddy, he gets all the credit for the development and how far I've come, there's no doubt about it. He's helped me so much."

"He helped me develop my ear and my performance. Buddy's my rock when I'm on stage with him. He's like a dad to me."

Buddy's son Googoorewon Knox also performed under the Mirii Yanan banner and gives credit to his father for giving him confidence to try out for different opportunities.

He performed in the opening of this year's festival, and was recently selected for Tamworth's CAPERS (Creative Arts in Public Education Spectacular).

"If it wasn't for Dad, I wouldn't have had the drive to try out for CAPERS," he said.

"There was a time when if there was something on, I would kind of avoid it."

"Now when I hear about an opportunity that I could try out for, my mindset is 'I'll give it a go'."

"I'm not that into country music, but I was told about the opening of the country music festival at Bicentennial Park and I ended up being in the Youth Segment."

"Every opportunity is an opportunity, even if it's not the music that you are really into... but I performed in front of a crowd of 5000-plus people. That's experience."



Troy Cassar-Daley was a special guest of the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, both performing and mixing and mingling with the crowd. He is with emerging Indigenous talent Kelsey Strasek-Barker. Photo: Peter Williams



Googoorewon Knox performs.



Jamie Smith performing at the finale.

Photo: Peter Williams

Documentary to screen



A poster for the *Our Generation* documentary.



A DOCUMENTARY detailing the plight of Northern Territory Indigenous people from north east

Arnhem Land under the Intervention will screen this month at Parliament House, Canberra.

Politicians are being urged to attend the screening of *Our Generation* and take part in a discussion session to follow.

The screening, on 27 February, comes just two days before a scheduled vote on the Government's controversial Stronger Futures legislation.

Elders, who have previously appeared before the United Nations to complain of Indigenous rights violations, are flying to Canberra from remote communities to speak as part of the screening. They hold fears that the proposed Stronger Futures legislation may be a continuation of racist law dressed in a different policy guise.

The screening, hosted by Australian Lawyers Alliance national president Greg Barns, will be followed by a discussion chaired by former ABC journalist and 60 Minutes reporter Jeff

McMullen. Panel members will include former Family Court of Australia Chief Justice Alistair Nicholson, Arnhem Land Elder Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, Alice Springs community leader Barbara Shaw, and ANU Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy and Research academic Jon Altman.

Our Generation shows north east Arnhem Land people struggling to retain their cultural identity and self-respect under the current Northern Territory Intervention.

The Parliament House event is

being hosted by filmmakers Sinem Saban and Damien Curtis, the Australian Lawyers Alliance, Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and Amnesty International.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), Concerned Australians, Human Rights Law Centre, Jumbunna House of Indigenous Learning, Justice Empowerment Mission, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) and Urban Neighbours of Hope are also endorsing the event.



Harry Kennedy, of Wilcannia, is featured in a short documentary about Lake Woytchugga which will be shown at the information sessions.



The Western CMA's Blackie Gordon assisted in filming Ben Flick, the chair of the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group in the first volume of the *Through our Eyes* series.

Group keen to record stories



THE NSW Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group wants to hear from Aboriginal people in the Broken Hill and Wilcannia areas who are interested in recording their knowledge about how Aboriginal people traditionally cared for the environment.

The group will hold public meetings on the project and screen the films that already have been produced in the Brewarrina, Walgett and Lightning Ridge areas.

Those attending will also be able to see three short documentaries about Lake Woytchugga featuring Wilcannia locals Harry Kennedy, Paul Brown and Leeanne Ryan and award-winning aerial photographs taken of Lake Woytchugga and the Broken Hill area by professional photographer Peter Elfes.

The Broken Hill meeting is from 1.30pm on 14 February at the Community Centre, 200 Beryl Street.

The Wilcannia meeting is from 10am on 17 February in the town hall.

Filming in the Wilcannia and Broken Hill areas will make up the second volume of the *Through our Eyes* project. The first volume recorded information from the Ngemba, Kamilaroi and Euahlayi people in northern-western NSW.

Western CMA Aboriginal communities catchment officer and project co-ordinator Blackie Gordon says the project means that people's knowledge will not be lost.

"The *Through our Eyes* project lets people record their knowledge using film. We go out into the country that's important to them and film them speaking about the ways Aboriginal people looked after the environment," Mr Gordon said.

"This encompasses social, spiritual and cultural knowledge and might include topics such as caring for the river or using fire to keep the country healthy."

For more information contact Blackie Gordon on (02) 6828 0117 or 0428 607536.

Lajamanu group wants action



THE Lajamanu Law and Justice Group (or 'Kurdiji') are urging Northern Territory Police to address the current practice of automatically diverting all after-hours phone calls to police to a Darwin-based centre.

They say the practice means that people in Lajamanu, 800kms south-west of Darwin, are unable to directly contact their local police members in times of need.

The Kurdiji and the Lajamanu Night Patrol say they have many examples where residents and Night Patrol workers have called Lajamanu police station for assistance only to face significant delays.

Joe Japanangka James, a senior man and former long-serving police aide, says he has experienced great frustration in dealing with Darwin-based telephone operators unfamiliar with Lajamanu people and place names. He is also concerned

about not being able to stop grog in the community.

"We are a dry community and our Night Patrol and Elders have been told we are not allowed to confiscate grog off young people bringing grog into the community," he said.

"We are told that it is against the law if we try to take the grog off these men and take it to the police station because we could be charged with possessing alcohol ourselves, even though we are just trying to stop the grog getting into our community.

"The police say we need to call them

when we find people in cars breaking the grog rules, but our phone calls get sent to the Darwin call centre where they don't understand the names and places and people when we call them.

"We think the current system of sending the phone calls up to a call centre in Darwin is not a good idea and will eventually lead to a death in our community.

"We think the law should be changed so that the Night Patrol and Elders can

take grog off people and take it to the police station.

"We are worried that the above issues are taking away people's confidence in

police and hurting the relationships we have with formed with our local police.

"We know it is not the local policemen's fault. We would like to work together with the police to make Lajamanu a safe and grog free community and this current practice stops us doing that."

Kurdiji Members are Henry Cook Jakamarra, Leslie Robertson Jampijinpa, Jerry Patrick Jangala, Joe Japanangka James, Geoffrey Mathews Jakamarra, Norbert Patrick Jampijinpa, Robert George Japaljarri, Wanta Steven Patrick Jampijinpa, Wangapa Geoffrey Barnes Jungarrayi, Peter Jigili Jangala, Nanginarra (Elizabeth Ross) Nungarrayi, Doris Lewis Nakamarra, Tracey Patrick Napaljarri, Agnes Donnelly Napanangka, Kitty Simon Napanangka, Sharon Anderson Nampijinpa, Judy Walker Napaljarri, Valerie Patterson Napanangka, Lynette Tasman Napangardi, Robin Payton Napaljarri and Patsy Herbert Nangala.

'We think the current system of sending the phone calls up to a call centre in Darwin is not a good idea and will eventually lead to a death in our community'

Concern raised over Katungul shake-up

By LAURELLE PACEY



NSW south coast Aboriginal community members have expressed

frustration about the length of time being taken to resolve allegations of misappropriation of up to \$1 million in a local health service's funds.

"We're also concerned no one will end up being punished for what they've done, and they must," said Lou Davis, a former director of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services.

Mr Davis says he first raised concerns about Katungul's administration five years ago.

"It's dreadful what has happened but people must be held accountable, including the board which was misled."

The Federal Court secured the assets of Katungul's former CEO Damien Matcham through interim orders on 25 January at the request of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

These orders were continued at a further hearing on Friday. They restrict Mr Matcham's access to his personal finances and prevent any dealings with his residential properties, protecting them for a potential claim against him under the *Corporations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2006*.

Mr Beven placed Katungul under special administration on 12 December 2011 after a financial audit and a review of the service's operations confirmed concerns about poor corporate governance and weak financial management.

Since then, special administrator Alan Eldridge has been investigating Katungul's finances, including bonus payments made to Mr Matcham

'We believe Katungul is solvent if we can come to arrangements with funding bodies and claimants'

— Administrator Alan Eldridge



Former CEO Damien Matcham.



Member for Eden-Monaro Mike Kelly.

of more than \$500,000 and a \$100,000 payment to Katungul's financial officer, allegedly without board approval.

He is also investigating the mortgage of Katungul's Bega Clinic in November 2009 to secure an overdraft.

Mr Eldridge was to hold meetings in Bega and Narooma yesterday, after the *Koori Mail* went to print, to update the

community on Katungul's status and to answer questions on its finances within restrictions imposed by possible legal action.

"We believe Katungul is solvent if we can come to arrangements with funding bodies and claimants," Mr Eldridge said.

"I also asked for expressions of interest for more people to advise me."

Services are still being provided from Katungul's Narooma and Bega offices through ongoing Federal and state funding. Moruya's clinic closed last year though lack of funds.

Katungul's former chairman has not returned Mr Eldridge's calls.

Member for Eden-Monaro Dr Mike Kelly said he had been concerned about Katungul's operations for a long time, with increasing complaints coming from Elders, former staff, board members and organisations that dealt with Katungul, including the Southern General Practice Network.

This prompted a meeting with state and federal funding bodies and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, which initiated the financial audit last September.

Dr Kelly said he had not understood Mr Matcham's claims that Katungul was under-funded, given it had received \$1.8 million in federal funding and significant state funds over the past two years.

"I was also surprised when Katungul did not apply for some funding programs early last year, and that \$225,000 has been spent on legal action and freedom of information requests against the Southern General Practice Network and myself," he said.

Mr Eldridge said putting Katungul on a sound footing would take six months.

Review ordered for legal services



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander services are to be included in an Australia-wide review of Commonwealth-funded legal services.

Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon said the reviews would be done to ensure all

services were delivering efficient legal assistance to those most in need.

"This review will help to ensure we continue to deliver the most cost-effective Commonwealth-funded legal assistance services to those most in need," she said.

Applications are open for organisations to tender to

complete the review.

The review will consider legal assistance as a national system and the progress made towards achieving the specific legal aid performance indicators set out in the National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services with the states and territories.

The review will be a project between the Commonwealth, states and territories, and involve consultation with service providers, presenting a strong evidence base to guide the future provision of legal assistance services in Australia.

All four Commonwealth legal assistance programs will be

included in the review – Legal Aid Commissions, Community Legal Centres, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services, and family violence prevention legal services

Further information on tender details is available at www.tenders.gov.au

The tender closes on 24 February.



Manwurrk Rangers and ANU researchers recording Indigenous ecological knowledge in remote Arnhem Land.
Photo by Sam Bentley-Toon

Caring for country



NEW conservation partnerships between Indigenous and other Australians are saving threatened animals, returning Aboriginal people to their ancestral homeland, discovering new types of plant species and developing novel cross-cultural ways of managing country.

The projects have been featured in a special issue of the Australasian journal *Ecological Management & Restoration*, released and guest edited by Dr Emilie-Jane Ens from The Australian National University.

The ecologist from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic and Policy Research at ANU says the new partnerships represent some of Australia's most successful land and water management efforts.

"Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians are working together in remote parts of central and northern

Australia to develop innovative land and sea conservation projects," she said.

"These projects combine Indigenous and non-Indigenous scientific knowledge and methods, highlighting the seldom-documented voices and input of Indigenous peoples into conservation work.

"Indigenous Australians have a wealth

of knowledge accumulated over thousands of years that can fill substantial gaps in non-Indigenous understanding and knowledge of species, ecosystems and sustainable ways of managing country.

"Australia is a unique country and we need to develop innovative and uniquely Australian ways of managing our land and seas.

"Successful partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations are increasingly being

formed to conserve and manage some of the most intact and unique parts of the country such as Arnhem Land, the Great Victoria Desert, the Queensland coast and the Kimberley.

"These projects have yielded some really important conservation results, including the abatement of greenhouse

gas emissions, the return of threatened wallabies to their native habitat, fire abatement and prevention, sustainable water management and use, and the discovery of new plant species."

Dr Ens added that Indigenous people

manage about 20 per cent of the Australian continent, contributing to a substantial proportion of Australia's national reserve and parks system.

"This includes some of the most intact and biologically diverse landscapes on the continent, lands which also have important spiritual meaning to Indigenous people," she said.

"Many of these collaborative projects show how Indigenous Australians' involvement in ecosystem management is reinforcing their capacity to manage their country on their own terms. This is not only beneficial for environmental conservation but has ramifications for Indigenous well-being and cultural survival."

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"Furthermore, use of these methods has the added advantage of working to

Award focus is on good governance



RECONCILIATION Australia is looking for Indigenous organisations with strong leadership and effective management to take part in the 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards. The awards are the only national program dedicated to recognising excellence in Indigenous governance.

In 2012 the awards will focus on innovation and resilience and the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be self-determining.

RA chief executive Leah Armstrong said good work was taking place right across Australia by organisations and initiatives run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

"The Indigenous Governance Awards are the best evidence I've seen of what works – they provide solid examples of the positive things that are taking place across Indigenous

Australia," Ms Armstrong said.

The biennial awards program is run in partnership with BHP Billiton.

"Since 2005 the awards have helped show us, and the nation, what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander success looks like," Ms Armstrong said.

"They've given us the confidence to say that effective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance is the foundation stone for real outcomes and sustainable change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Decision-making

"Indigenous governance is all about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples sitting in the decision-making seats, not governments or others.

"Our past awards finalists demonstrate this by driving positive outcomes from the ground up.

"Good Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and

projects incubate leaders, build community capacity, employ large numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and play a pivotal role in Indigenous economic development."

Nominations for the fifth Indigenous Governance Awards will be open until 31 May.

Ms Armstrong said organisations and initiatives from a broad range of areas, including housing, education, health, media, sport and the arts, are encouraged to apply.

This year for the first time non-incorporated projects and initiatives are eligible for the awards, which will be focused on governance innovation and resilience.

The winners will be announced at a special event in Melbourne in October where \$60,000 in total prizemoney and corporate mentoring packages will be awarded.

For more information visit www.reconciliation.org.au/iga



QATSIHWEAPAC chairperson Jeanette Singleton presents the cheque to Yarrabah PCYC branch manager Sgt Graham Burrridge.

\$1000 donation a big help for Yarrabah PCYC



YARRABAH PCYC has received a \$1000 donation to help keep important youth programs operating in the north Queensland Aboriginal community.

The donation came as the result of the Queensland Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Education Program Aboriginal Corporation (QATSIHWEAPAC) winning the Westpac annual award for Most Outstanding Not For Profit Business 2011.

As part of the award, Westpac makes a donation to any charity chosen by the winner.

Contribution

QATSIHWEAPAC CEO Steve Tait said the organisation valued community youth programs such as the PCYC and the contribution they made to Indigenous well-being.

"We chose the Yarrabah PCYC because they have helped many young people to make positive changes with their lives and it's important that they can continue the good work," he said.

"We are a community

controlled organisation so what the community needs matters to us."

The Yarrabah community has a large number of youth under 18, with 870 currently registered with the PCYC.

Since the Yarrabah PCYC began 10 years ago there has been a dramatic reduction in youth self-harm.

Yarrabah PCYC branch manager Sgt Graham Burrridge said funding problems meant that important programs were at risk.

The next closest PCYC is in Cairns, a two-hour journey by bus.

"The PCYC programs in martial arts, swimming, after-school care and midnight basketball are reduced or stopped because of the lack of operating funds," he said.

"We can't understand the apparent lack of support for such a vital community asset."

Yarrabah PCYC is actively seeking support from state and federal governments to help with the financial running costs of the programs.

Sgt Burrridge said the donation 'will help us keep the doors open to continue the work we do with Yarrabah youths'.

ANTaR warns on bail 'get-tough' reforms



LOBBY group ANTaR has urged the NSW Government to ensure non-

serious child offenders are not caught up in tough measures planned for serious adult criminals, under reforms to the state's bail act.

President of ANTaR NSW Sally Fitzpatrick said 'get tough' approaches might be politically attractive but could also be inhumane and ineffective whereas alternatives to incarceration, such as police cautions or case conferencing, lead to lower levels of re-offending.

Ms Fitzpatrick urged NSW Attorney General Greg Smith to pursue reforms recommended by Hal Sperling QC and the Law Reform Commission.

These reforms reportedly include removing the presumption against bail for some offences and steps to ensure child offenders are not caught up in measures designed to protect the community from adults charged with serious offences, she said.

"Greg Smith needs to reinforce the principle of 'innocence until guilt is proven' and resist calls from some



SALLY FITZPATRICK

quarters for get-tough approaches, especially applied to children," Ms Fitzpatrick said in a statement. "These have been politically attractive in the past, but are inhumane and ineffective.

"ANTaR believes the Government must take steps to insulate juveniles committing non-serious offences by ensuring that child-specific criteria override the inflexible and punitive provisions of bail and repeat offenders legislation.

"It is a disgrace that NSW has four times as many juveniles in detention awaiting trial as Victoria."

Ms Fitzpatrick said in her statement that four per cent of children in NSW were Aboriginal but they made up about 40 per cent of the juveniles in detention. Most of the young Aboriginal people held on remand did not go to jail once their case was heard.

She said breaches of bail conditions resulted in young people being held in custody. Bail conditions for juveniles were often more onerous and closely supervised than for adults.

Ms Fitzpatrick said conditions might include curfews and requirements to stay at home with family, even when that situation was unsuitable. The most common breaches of bail conditions were for breaking curfews and not being in the company of a parent.

She said alternatives to incarceration, such as police cautions or case conferencing, lead to lower levels of re-offending. But re-offending is lowest when strategically targeted community based interventions are used to address risk factors.

Ex-Yuendumu centre boss on charges



THE former boss of a women's centre at Yuendumu in central Australia is facing charges relating to the alleged theft of more than \$60,000.

Pamela Malden, former chief executive of the Yuendumu Women's Centre Aboriginal Corporation (YWCAC), appeared in a Darwin court on 31 January.

Ms Malden faces six charges of misusing her position to gain an advantage for herself or others, and a further five charges of

creating and lodging false documents.

The charges have been laid under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and the Criminal Code (Commonwealth) and carry maximum penalties of between five years' jail and/or a fine of \$220,000 and up to 10 years' jail.

Ms Malden was the CEO of YWCAC from 2005 to 2009.

It is alleged that she dishonestly used her position to make a number of payments between May 2008 and May 2009, totalling over \$60,000, from the YWCAC account to

herself or to pay for personal expenses.

She is also accused of knowingly making a false statement in a document lodged with the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations on 11 January 2011.

As well, she allegedly knowingly used false documents with the intention of dishonestly influencing a Commonwealth public official in the performance of his duty or function between January 2008 and January 2009.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations and the Department of

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) laid the charges following an investigation.

The matter has been adjourned until 5 March to allow Ms Malden to seek legal advice.

YWCAC is in Yuendumu, Northern Territory. With a population of about 800, Yuendumu is 293kms north-west of Alice Springs and is one of the larger remote Aboriginal communities in central Australia.

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions is prosecuting the matter.



From left, Central Queensland Indigenous Development Employment Services program co-ordinator Garry Slik with James Frost, Amanda Johnson, guest speaker Son Son Johnson and Lee Kleidon.

Course does good job



INDIGENOUS job-seekers in central Queensland have enjoyed success after completing a recent course.

Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID) Employment Services says it assisted more than 30 local Indigenous people into

paid work through the Federal Government's Indigenous Employment Program.

They completed a course offering qualifications and skills in areas such as construction, frontline management, hospitality, administration, small machinery and rigging.

Training was completed at centres including

Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Maryborough, and many participants gained full-time work in the mining and gas sector.

CQID says some are working as civil construction labourers, small machinery operators and in administration roles, while others have secured traineeships and an apprenticeship.

"While the local jobs market is still very competitive, gaining new skills or qualifications during a period of unemployment will make people much more attractive to an employer," CQID manager Betty Lappin said.

"It actually keeps your mind active, keeps you in a routine and ready for work."

83 Indigenous trainees secure new nationally recognised qualifications



EIGHTY-THREE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged and primary health care trainees from the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery

Traineeship Program have completed training and gained new nationally accepted qualifications in business and management.

Social Inclusion Minister Mark Butler said the new qualifications would help the

83 gain employment in aged care and primary health care services in their own communities.

"These residential traineeships help overcome the barriers to employment and training in remote areas commonly faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"They also assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access the aged care services they need in a culturally appropriate setting.

"Apart from providing relevant training, the great value of this program is the opportunity for trainees to share experiences, develop networks and link with other participants in similar roles from around the country."

The Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Program provides funding for trainees' wages and on-costs, and covers accommodation and travel expenses associated with their training. A second round of 60 people are now in training.

NAAJA praise for jail project



A PROJECT designed to reintegrate Aboriginal youths and adults from jail and juvenile detention back into the community has marked its second anniversary.

The Darwin-based North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) says its Indigenous Throughcare Project had been making an important difference.

The project started in 2010 with the support of the Federal Government as a response to the high incarceration rate of Aboriginal offenders. It aims to address the rehabilitative needs of those leaving jail and juvenile detention to break the cycle of offending.

"The Throughcare Project is a great program and we are proud to reach this milestone. We hope we can continue to provide our services to more people in regional and remote areas," NAAJA chairperson Dorothy Fox said.

The project operates by working with adults and young people in custody from six months prior to their release and six months after their release from imprisonment.

Help clients

"The project aims to help clients with the key issues that will be facing them upon their release," Throughcare Project co-ordinator Samantha Taylor-Hunt said.

"This might include things like housing, employment, counselling, re-linking them with their family and Centrelink.

"We hope that giving our clients support upon release will help them get their life back on track.

"We believe we can see that our project is making a difference, and we commend the leadership of the Commonwealth Government in not only supporting Throughcare services, but in prioritising the culturally specific Throughcare needs of Aboriginal prisoners."

NAAJA says that with only four caseworkers and more than 700 prisoners at Darwin Correctional Centre and around 30 youth detainees at any one time, many people leaving prison and detention are simply unable to access its services.

Ms Taylor Hunt said that greater funding certainty and increased funding were needed to ensure the ongoing success of the project. She said it is important to receive funding for at least three years to implement future services, especially to expand its reach to more regional areas and remote communities.

Violence policy rethink urged



THE authors of a new report into Indigenous family violence have called on the Victorian

Government to rethink its policy and funding frameworks. They say current approaches to partnerships are generating widespread resentment in the Indigenous community and service sectors.

The report, 'Resistance and Renewal: Building and Supporting Community-led Partnership Initiatives Responding to Family Violence in Indigenous Communities in Victoria', was launched at the Victorian Women's Trust in Melbourne.

The report details the findings of a community-led research project that explored community-level responses to Indigenous family violence at four sites across the state.

"The research found that government policy and funding arrangements unnecessarily dictate the scope and function of partnerships between the family

violence sector and Indigenous communities," said report co-author Dr Kyllie Cripps, from the University of NSW Indigenous Law Centre.

"This is not a positive experience for service providers; it breeds resentment and adds additional pressures to an already difficult working environment.

Outcomes

"Individual workers are building and maintaining their own networks of trusted friends, allies and associates to get the best outcomes for their clients. This is not a sustainable approach to partnerships – if the worker leaves, so does the partnership."

One in three Indigenous people in Victoria is the victim of family violence, or has a relative who is a victim or witnesses of an act of violence on a daily basis in communities across the state, according to estimates from the Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Taskforce in 2003.

SA, WA moves on sniffing welcomed



THE Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service (CAYLUS) has welcomed moves by South Australia and Western Australia to

target petrol-sniffing.

Following recent coronial inquiries, both state governments are considering introducing laws to compel petrol-sniffers to get help.

Alice Springs-based CAYLUS co-ordinator Blair McFarland said the Northern Territory's *Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Act 2005* had enabled police to confiscate petrol from sniffers, and to take them to a place of safety.

"It also provides a mechanism to require sniffers to have a medical assessment and to compel them to receive treatment," he said.

"The NT Act has been a key

element in reducing the number of petrol sniffers in the Central Desert region from 500 to fewer than 20.

"It is this legislation which the SA and WA coroners have cited as a model for their respective states to consider adopting.

"Petrol sniffing is a tragedy which can be prevented.

We need a safety net that will extend across the western half of the continent and save vulnerable young lives.

"I have met recently with the responsible ministers in both SA and WA and have been encouraged by their willingness to consider VSAP legislation.

"CAYLUS looks forward to the early enactment in both

states of laws which will protect vulnerable young people and reduce expenditure on long-term care costs.

"There is no down side. VSAP legislation will alleviate human misery and save lives."



Robbie Cedar, middle with sons Chris, left, and Michael.

Cedar in bid for council position

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Islander man Robbie Cedar will attempt to become the first Indigenous

person to be elected to the Townsville City Council at the Queensland local Government elections on 28 April.

The 46-year-old announced his candidacy as part of the Jenny Hill team for the election, which had originally been scheduled for 30 March but was postponed because it would have clashed with the Queensland state elections.

"I officially announced on Radio 4K1G on 27

January that I am part of the Jenny Hill Team for division seven, which takes in the suburbs of Heatley, Kirwan and Cranbrook," Mr Cedar said.

The former rugby league star of Darnley Island descent is the father of top Townsville Crocs Club National Basketball League brothers Michael and Chris.

Champion

He was a champion rugby league forward for Souths Club in the Townsville Rugby League competition and is a strong advocate for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Current Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell will not seek re-election and Jenny Hill is a mayoral candidate against current councillor Dale Last and promotions

man Jeff Jimmieson.

On a personal note, Mr Cedar said he was proud to announce that he would be a grandfather (Dato) in late June, through his youngest son Chris and future daughter-in-law Naomi.

Another man of Darnley Island descent, Sam Reuben, was an unsuccessful candidate at the 2008 Townsville City Council elections when there were no wards.

The ten candidates with the most numbers of votes were elected to the council.

That was after amalgamation of the Townsville and Thuringowa City Councils.

However, Mr Reuben polled strongly.

Townsville, and especially ward seven, has a large population of Torres Strait Islanders.

83 trainees now have new skills



EIGHTY THREE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged and primary health care trainees from the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Traineeship Program have completed training with new, nationally recognised qualifications in business and management. The Federal Government is providing \$15.7 million to support 240 trainees under the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Program.

Mental Health Minister Brendan Butler said the new qualifications would help the 83 trainees gain employment in aged care and primary health care services in their own communities.

"These residential traineeships help overcome the barriers to employment and training in remote areas commonly faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"They also assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access the aged care services they need in a culturally appropriate setting.

"Apart from providing relevant training, the great value of this program is the opportunity for trainees to share experiences, develop networks and link with other participants in similar roles from around the country."

The Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Program provides funding for trainees' wages and on costs, and covers accommodation and travel expenses associated with their training. A second round of 60 trainees have started their training.

The Government says the success of the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Program complements other initiatives put in place to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care and primary health care workforce.

These initiatives include Building an Indigenous Workforce in Community Care; the Northern Territory Jobs Package; the Cape York Welfare Reform Trial; the National Jobs Creation Package; and the Torres Strait Islands Jobs Package.

The Government says these programs have delivered more than 700 permanent part-time positions in services delivering home and community care, community aged care programs and flexible aged care services.

Programs win report praise



HEALTHY lifestyle programs that are community managed and initiated can be

effective in improving physical activity levels and nutrition among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, according to a paper released by the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse.

"Indigenous Australians suffer the worst health of any population group in Australia, having a burden of disease that is estimated to be 2.5 times that of the non-Indigenous population," said Clearinghouse spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman.

"Lifestyle-related chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and liver disease continue to lower the life expectancy of Indigenous Australians.

"The (new) resource sheet, 'Healthy lifestyle programs for physical activity and nutrition', identifies a number of programs shown to be effective that were initiated and managed by local Indigenous communities."

Examples of some of the



positive results stemming from community-led programs included stabilisation of diabetes rates, and significant falls in smoking rates, cholesterol

also been released. It shows that strengthening organisational capacity is relevant for all seven COAG-endorsed building blocks for overcoming

sound governance structures allowed Indigenous people to make effective decisions about their long-term goals and objectives for their communities, what kind of development they wanted and what actions needed to be taken to achieve those goals.

"Strategies that have been found to work to strengthen Indigenous organisational capacity include long-term partnerships between government and Indigenous people, those that recognise local contexts and take a developmental approach, and those that have a clarity of purpose or clear notion of what type of capacity is being strengthened and for whom,"

Dr Al-Yaman said.

The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse (<http://www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap/>) is jointly funded by all Australian governments and provides an online source of information

on what works to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage. It is delivered by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS).

'Strategies that have been found to work to strengthen Indigenous organisational capacity include long-term partnerships between government and Indigenous people...'

levels and blood pressure.

A second Clearinghouse paper, 'Improving Indigenous community governance through strengthening Indigenous and government organisational capacity', has

Indigenous disadvantage – early childhood, economic participation, governance and leadership, health, healthy homes, safe communities and schooling. The report noted that

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Mosquitoes threat in NT



TOP END residents are being urged to take precautions to protect themselves against mosquitoes, as the Ross River virus (RRV) disease season nears its peak. NT Health Department

director of medical entomology Peter Whelan said the risk of contracting RRV from mosquitoes carrying the disease could increase due to recent wet weather.

"Current monsoonal rains are likely to increase mosquito numbers, which in turn could see more people contracting the disease in coming weeks and months," he said.

Mr Whelan said that elevated numbers of salt marsh mosquitoes and common banded mosquitoes could be expected within 5km of their breeding grounds, including salt marsh areas, upper mangrove areas, seasonal wetlands and river and creek floodways.

"To avoid mosquito-borne disease, residents are urged to use personal mosquito protection, and avoid being outdoors in wetland areas or places where mosquitoes are active, especially after sundown from now until June," he said.

People infected with RRV may develop a wide range of symptoms, including painful or swollen joints, particularly in the hands, ankles and knees. "Sore muscles, aching tendons, skin rash, fatigue, fever, headache and swollen lymph nodes are other signs of the illness," he said.

Diabetes a dire threat



THE rate of diabetes among Indigenous Australians is more than three times that of other Australians, a new report has found.

And the report, 'Diabetes indicators in Australia', released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) also found Indigenous Australians had higher rates of diabetes-related deaths than the general population.

The report found a diabetes death rate of 46 per 100,000 among Indigenous Australians in 2006, compared to 33 per 100,000 among all Australians in the same year.

In general terms, diabetes has increased significantly among the Australian population over the past 20 years, but the rate of diabetes-related deaths is falling.

The prevalence of diabetes in the Australian population increased from 1.5 per cent to 4.1 per cent over the 20 years to 2007-08.

Diabetes can lead to serious complications, such as cardiovascular disease and end-stage kidney disease as well as loss of vision, limb amputation and even death.

"While increasing numbers of Australians are developing the disease, there is some good news in relation to diabetes complications," said AIHW spokesperson Lisa McGlynn.

Amputations

Diabetes-related deaths dropped by 18 per cent between 1997 and 2007 and hospitalisations for lower limb amputations among people with diabetes fell between 2001 and 2007-08, from 4.8 to 4.1 per 1000 people with diabetes.

"This may be a result of better diabetes management," Ms McGlynn said.

"However, the increasing number of Australians with diabetes is still a cause for concern, as is the number of Australians with modifiable risk factors for diabetes.

"We can help manage diabetes risk by, among other things, maintaining a healthy weight, getting enough exercise and eating the right amounts of fruit and vegetables."

In 2007-08, 61 per cent of Australian adults were overweight or obese, compared to 57 per cent in 1995.

The rate of Australian adults who did not get enough exercise increased from 69 per cent to 72 per cent between 2001 and 2007-08.

And, in 2007-08, more than 90 per cent of Australian adults did not eat enough vegetables and 50 per cent did not eat enough fruit.

Diabetes indicators in Australia is available at www.aihw.gov.au/diabetes-indicators.

The AIHW has also released a new diabetes dashboard, providing easily accessible and navigable facts and figures on diabetes, available at www.aihw.gov.au/diabetes-dashboard.



Blood dialysis is common among Indigenous Australians suffering from diabetes.

Kit is designed to tackle ear disease



A NEW resource kit to target ear disease amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

has been launched. The kits, to be rolled out to health professionals across the country, feature clear messages and images to help explain to carers and parents about the signs and symptoms of ear disease. They also contain information on prevention and treatment of hearing problems and ear disease, include the importance of simple steps such as getting children's ears checked regularly at the clinic, good hygiene, providing smoke-free environments, eating healthy food and breastfeeding.

The kits will be distributed to health professionals including Aboriginal medical services, Divisions of General Practice, peak bodies for professionals working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and state-based Aboriginal health clinics.

Minister for Indigenous



Health Warren Snowdon said wiping out ear and hearing problems amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children was critical in preventing them from falling behind in early development.

"More than ten per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids suffer a hearing or ear problem – compared with only three per cent of the rest of the population of

the same age," he said.

"Language and speech problems associated with a hearing problem can leave young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids behind in critical years of early development – we need to make sure they don't fall behind in the early years."

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An era of transition is in progress at the frontier of rural and remote health in Queensland and we are seeking dynamic Directors to govern this evolution.

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We are seeking a dynamic Board of Directors to govern our organisation. Suitably qualified and experienced candidates are invited to apply. These appointments represent a major leadership opportunity to become part of the health reform agenda and to make a significant contribution to improving health outcomes.

Candidates with a range of backgrounds and skills are sought to develop a Board capable of meeting the requirements of a not-for-profit Company limited by Guarantee, incorporated under the Australian Corporations ACT (2001) and who will be responsible for significant amounts of public funds and leading health agenda reforms. Directors who are familiar with the best not for profit governance practice including the use of business skills to fulfil the organisation's purpose are encouraged to apply.

Director positions are remunerated and standard indemnifications provisions will apply.

Candidates are to forward their expressions of interest, with a recent CV outlining board experience to the Nominations Committee who will screen for suitability before forwarding a short list to the members of the company for their election process.



Candidates may obtain an information kit including position description from Mrs Evelyn Edwards, CEO, NWQPHC via email: evelyn@nwqphc.com.au or telephone 0439 200 837.

Applications must be received no later than 20th February 2012.



NATSIHWA annual general meeting and forum participants in Adelaide.

Health workers tell of their 'journeys'



INDIGENOUS health workers from around Australia gathered in Adelaide recently for the National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association annual general meeting and forum.

Following a welcome to country by Robert Taylor and opening remarks by NATSIHWA chair Jenny Poelina, health workers Gwenda Lawton, Letisha Jackson, and Condy Canuto gave an account of their history and journey in providing health care services to the community.

NATSIHWA CEO Clarke Scott said the annual meeting and forum reinforced how strong health workers were as a collective.

The theme 'Our History, Our Journey', attracted keynote speakers including Health Workforce Australia CEO Mark Cormack, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia chair Peter Pangquee and executive officer Kerri Kellet, and National eHealth Transition Authority (NeHTA) clinical heads Trevor Lord and Letisha Jackson.

NATSIHWA, which collaborates with Health Workforce Australia (HWA), welcomed Mr Cormack to speak at the Forum.

He said HWA had recently undertaken an extensive project looking at ways to strengthen and sustain the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker workforce across Australia.

"This workforce is a core part of the primary care workforce required to support closing the gap," Mr Cormack said.

"NATSIHWA has an important role in supporting and promoting the development and



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia chair Peter Pangquee and executive officer Kerri Kellet.

professionalisation of the workforce."

Mr Scott said it was great to have NeHTA at the forum to answer any questions participants had about eHealth.

He said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers would play an essential role in providing information to their clients about the benefits of Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (PCEHR).

The interactive display provided by NeHTA demonstrated the patient journey and how PCEHR would benefit the management of their health.

Organisers said feedback from the annual meeting and forum indicated that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers saw real value in attending because they gained access to valuable information around a whole range of issues important to their work.

Growing

"Overall the AGM and forum showed that NATSIHWA is strong and growing as the national representative body," Mr Scott said.

"I encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

workers to become a member of NATSIHWA, and to make it even easier we are waiving all membership fees for this financial year."

NATSIHWA is the professional association for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers in Australia.

It was established in 2009, following the Federal Government's announcement of funding to strengthen the Indigenous health workforce as part of its closing the gap initiatives. For more information, call the NATSIHWA hotline on 1800 200 800.



Health Workforce Australia CEO Mark Cormack.



An artist's impression of *The World Turns* by Maori artist Michael Parekowhai – the recipient of a \$1 million Queensland public sculpture commission. The work will be positioned on the banks of Brisbane River at GoMA's eastern corner and unveiled in December this year to coincide with the seventh Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art.

'Cultural cringe' alive in Qld says Badtjala artist

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



PROMINENT Indigenous artist Fiona Foley has followed up her public criticism of Queensland's 'cultural amnesia' with a key note address at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra on 24 January. Her initial 10 minute speech at the Creative Capital forum in Brisbane in December made headlines after she criticized the awarding of a \$1 million Qld public sculpture commission to Maori artist Michael Parekowhai.

Foley returned to the subject of the Premier of Queensland's Sculpture Commission in her recent speech titled 'The Elephant in the Room', re-iterating her point that South Bank, Brisbane could easily be substituted for South Bank, London, as it was 'visually barren' of Indigenous art.

Foley said the traditional land where Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) now sits, and where the sculpture will be situated – Kurilpa – is the site for the dreaming story of the water rat, Kuril. And when Qld Premier Anna Bligh unveiled the scale model of the intended Parekowhai sculpture on 26 November, she felt 'outraged'.

"With little fanfare at the event to celebrate GoMA's fifth birthday, Anna Bligh took the satin covering off the maquette (scale model), to reveal the intended five metre bronze elephant – upended with its backside in the air eye-balling a water rat," she said.

"...The commissioned work has its beginnings in an African fable, better

known as 'The Mouse and the Elephant'. "By substituting the mouse with kuril, the water rat, we now have a Maori artist referencing Aboriginal culture."

In December, Foley wrote to Michael Parekowhai, who is an associate professor at Auckland University's Elam School of Fine Arts, asking him to withdraw from the project as a show of support for local Indigenous artists.

"Your intended public sculpture adds another layer in the writing out of Queensland Aboriginal artists, our stories, our voices, culture, philosophy, intellect, politic and history," she wrote.

Foley told the *Koori Mail* last week

'...we now have a Maori artist referencing Aboriginal culture'

that she had yet to receive any response.

In opening the Creative Capital forum last December, Qld Arts Minister Rachel Nolan, noted GoMA's claim to fame as the most visited gallery in Australia and amongst the top 20 most visited galleries in the world.

Foley told the *Koori Mail* that she believed a focus on trying to strategically place Brisbane as an arts hub of the Asia Pacific, had resulted in a degree of 'cultural cringe' when it came to supporting home-grown talent.

"But the flip-side of that is, what makes us unique is our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture....(yet) there's no memorial to Eddie Mabo, no work by Gloria Fletcher, no

acknowledgement of (internationally renowned photographer and filmmaker) Tracey Moffatt, there's no recognition of (Indigenous poet and activist) Kath Walker (Oodgeroo Noonuccal).

"But these have been major players culturally."

Following Foley's Creative Capital speech, Brisbane newspaper the *Courier-Mail* reported GoMA deputy director Suhanya Raffel saying the intention for the sculpture commission was always to secure an international artist.

The Parekowhai sculpture, *The World Turns*, will be unveiled in December this year to coincide with the seventh Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art.

"(The commission) is the Premier's initiative and that is what she wanted to link it to, it is an opportunity to look at an international artist," she said.

In a written response to the *Koori Mail*'s request for comment, the Queensland Art Gallery said it had 'a proud record of working with Indigenous communities locally and nationally, and continues to be committed to the delivery of Queensland Indigenous projects and acquisitions'.

Foley told the *Koori Mail* that she had had a lot of positive response following her participation in the Creative Capital forum, with people from major Australian companies approaching her to congratulate her on her speech.

"I think it pricked people's consciousness," she said.

At the time of going to print, Michael Parekowhai had not responded to the *Koori Mail*'s emailed request for comment.



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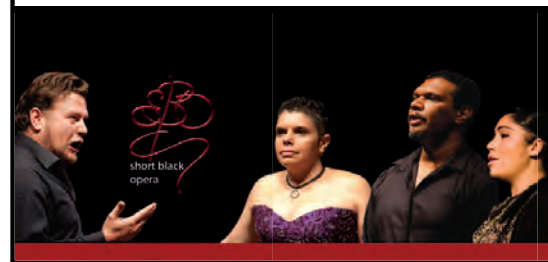
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KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



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Life's a pitch at FIFO

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

MURRI artist and filmmaker Jenny Fraser's documentary idea has been accepted into the pitching competition at the 2012 FIFO, which is being held in Tahiti this week (6-12 February). Now in its ninth year FIFO (Festival International du Film Documentaire Oceanien) brings together film and TV professionals from the Oceania region, as well as creating a market-place between Pacific documentary makers and documentary buyers worldwide.

The documentary festival has 17 films in competition and Indigenous Australians are well-represented in the line-up, including the 2011 film *Murundak, Songs of Freedom*, which follows some of the country's finest Indigenous musicians on tour with the Black Arm Band, *Jandamarra's War* which tells

the story of the Bunuba warrior who waged a three-year guerilla war against invading pastoralists and police in WA, and *A Northern Town* which examines race relations in the NSW centre of Kempsey, through focussing on the Aboriginal-owned Booroongen Djugun aged care facility, which houses black and white residents.

Other Australian offerings include *Ochre and Ink* which tells the story of Chinese Australian artist Zhou Xiaoping and his sometimes controversial 23-year collaboration with Aboriginal artists in remote Arnhem Land, and *The Hungry Tides*, which looks at the effect of climate change and rising sea levels on the low-lying Pacific nation of Kiribati.

The festival has an international jury to award the Jury Grand Prix.

The Oceania Pitch is

another feature of FIFO and sees a pre-selected group of finalists each given five minutes to sell their documentary ideas to international professionals, with the best pitch awarded a prize of 1000 Euros.

The program includes a three-day preparatory workshop with French filmmaker Nicolas Zunino who will help the finalists polish their pitches.

Fraser said the pitching competition would give her a platform to showcase her documentary idea to television industry executives and commissioning editors with a particular interest in Oceania.

"(My) proposed documentary will outline creative projects that are produced in a variety of roles: as artist, as hands-on healer, as curator, as digital storyteller or community video maker," she said.



Pitching competition hopeful Jenny Fraser with Tahitian Dancers in Papeete, Tahiti, where FIFO (Festival International du Film Documentaire Oceanien) is being held this week.

Top honour for history

By MARGARET SMITH



BEFORE the English invasion of Australia there was a complex system of

Aboriginal land management, according to this book by historian Professor Bill Gammage.

The book has just taken out the Manning Clark National Cultural Award, and seems destined to win more accolades.

Gammage's thesis isn't new, but what is new is his detailed ten-year study of landscapes around Australia, and their visual and recorded history prior to 1788 to the present day.

As Professor Henry Reynolds writes in the foreword: "It is one of the half dozen or so works which in the last two generations has transformed the way settler Australians understood the world that existed before the European invasion."

This world wasn't untamable, because Aboriginal inhabitants used fire to 'ensure that all life flourishes; (and to) make plants and animals abundant, convenient and predictable'.

This ensured that land was

converted to grasslands for the maintenance of animals and plants and clean drinking water. Therefore, like Cape York leader Noel Pearson and others argue, there was no such thing as 'a pristine wilderness' under Aboriginal land management.

also that there was nearby tree shelter for kangaroos.

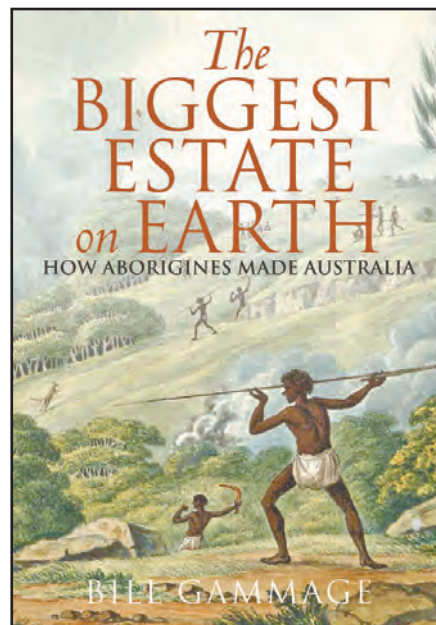
"Think also of possums, wombats, birds, insects, reptiles, plants. Once you have started to lay out country to suit a species, you are on the way to an extraordinarily complex arrangement of the land, which you must maintain very carefully, and over many generations," he writes.

From his home in Canberra, Gammage told the *Koori Mail* that he became intrigued 'in the discrepancies between what the country looked like in the first drawings and paintings by Europeans and how it looks today'.

In the old paintings, much of Australia looked like 'a gentleman's parkland' and now that same place has more scrub, weeds and soil erosion. His book proves his thesis with many before and after visual records.

The book has won praise from Wathaurong language specialist, editor and publisher Bruce Pascoe and prominent Australian historian Geoffrey Blainey amongst others, and seems destined to take some major awards later this year.

It is published by Allen and Unwin, and the hardcover with full colour illustrations retails at \$49.99.



The *Biggest Estate on Earth* by Bill Gammage has just taken out the Manning Clark Cultural Award.

Gammage goes on to explain that Aboriginal people made sure that the grass they burnt was the sweetest and most nutritious available, and



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Gallery showcases State Art Collection



INDIGENOUS art features in a major exhibition now on show at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Called *Your Collection 1800* – today, the exhibition traces art made in the early 19th century, locally and around the world, all the way to the art of today. More than 450 Indigenous and

non-Indigenous pieces of art, craft and design from the State Art Collection are featured.

It is the first time the collection has been displayed chronologically, with the four principal areas of the display divided according to era, each highlighting the artists and art movements of that time. For details, go to www.artgallery.wa.gov.au.



Brook Andrew *Ngajuu ngaay nginduugirr [I see you]*, 1998, animated neon and duraclear mounted on acrylic, 18.5 x 445.0 cm 100.0 x 240.0 cm (image), State Art Collection, Art Gallery of Western Australia. Purchased through The Leah Jane Cohen Bequest – Art Gallery of WA Foundation, 2011.



Sandra Hill *Home-maker #4*, 2010, synthetic polymer paint on canvas 91.0 x 76.0 cm, State Art Collection, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Purchased through the TomorrowFund, Art Gallery of Western Australia Foundation, 2011 © Sandra Hill, 2010.

Proof of strong culture in Mitchell



MITCHELL Library in western Queensland hosted two Aboriginal-focused art exhibitions on

26 January.

More than 80 people turned out for the exhibitions, which local MP Howard Hobbs said proved that culture remained strong in the Mitchell region.

The *Nalingu Ulbulla* – *Many Spirits* exhibition was

dedicated to local Elder Irene Ryder.

Her niece Reeghan Finlay, who curated the exhibition, said Aunty Irene had done much to keep culture strong in the local community and schools.

Nalingu Ulbulla is translated from the Gunggari language, and Ms Finlay said the works on display showed how far the local Gunggari people had come, and how they had secured some of their land.

The other exhibition, *And Then They Were Gone*, was curated by Aunty Lynette Nixon. It focused on the removal of Aunty Lynette's family members to Woorabinda or Cherbourg, and the reasons why and how so many people were taken.

● Pictured at left: At the Mitchell exhibitions were local MP Howard Hobbs, Reeghan Finlay, Aunty Lynette Nixon Aunty Irene Ryder and Father Peter Moore.

New TAFE design course seeks real-life projects



THE North Coast Institute of TAFE is this year running a Diploma of Graphic Design

and Communication for Aboriginal students at its Lismore Campus.

To make the learning experience as relevant as possible, the class is looking for 'real-life' projects relevant to Goori communities in the Northern Rivers region. The 2012 course follows on from the Goori Design Course, which was held at the Lismore campus in 2010, and the Travelling Art Project, which was launched in Lismore in November last year. The Travelling Art Project aimed to promote the use of public transport by the Indigenous community, and saw Indigenous visual arts students at Lismore



TAFE collaborating to come up with a design based on the spiritual totem of the Bundjalung nation. This was then transferred on to a Northern Rivers Buslines bus (pictured).

Fine art teacher at Lismore TAFE Steve Giese said any not-for-profit organisations interested in having Diploma

students working on designing logos, posters or other projects, could contact him on (02) 6623 0245.

Face-to-face meetings with 'clients' will form an integral part of the experience for the students, so organisations need to be based in the Northern Rivers.

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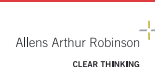
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Broome participants, from left, Kimberley Group Training trainees Josh Jackson, Frank Watson and Masumi Lee Erbe, KGT Broome manager Marion Hass, Yazmine Langely, Alan Beattie of Nyaarla Projects, and Krystal Hansen.



Participant Nathan Green, from the Looma community in WA.

They're achievers



PARTICIPANTS in the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) in Western Australia recorded significant achievements in the past year.

The program is managed by training provider Nyaarla Projects.

Twenty four IYMP graduates based in Perth completed 29 different courses ranging from certificates in Electro Technology Systems, Automotive, Resources and Infrastructure, Business, Community Services to Music. Six of the participants are now also able to enrol at university after completing bridging courses. Five participants in Broome graduated with Certificates in Engineering and in Civil Construction, and one completed a leadership program.

"The IYMP staff are motivating me to get my licence, helping me set up my finances and are now supporting me to complete my traineeship and Certificate III in Steel Frame," said Nathan Green, from Looma Community. Mr Frame has completed a Certificate II in Engineering with the support of B&J Building Consultants and Steel Supplies in Broome.

Nyaarla Projects says it worked with



IYMP participants Aurelia Fiebig, from Derby, and Cameron Taylor, from Northam, graduated from the Indigenous Enabling Course at Curtin University in Perth. Both participants are planning to continue with tertiary studies.

nine education providers and ten partner employers who facilitated education, training and employment opportunities for these participants, and provided additional

personal support and mentoring.

Their contribution and participants' achievements were celebrated at graduation dinners in Perth and Broome.

In Perth, more than 100 participants, guests, employers and representatives from education providers were treated to live music by Oz Island, a band whose members are studying at Abmusic through the support of IYMP.

The guest speaker at the Broome dinner was Professor Lynette Henderson-Yates, the first Indigenous deputy vice-chancellor of a university in Australia.

Prof Henderson-Yates, who is originally from Derby, now is at the Broome campus of Notre Dame University. She shared her personal experiences and urged the IYMP participants to succeed in their chosen careers.

Some of the IYMP graduates have continued with their education and training, while others have started work in Perth and in other regional areas of Western Australia.

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program, funded through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, helps young Indigenous people aged 16-24 from regional and remote areas to move away from home to complete the education and training they need to get a job in their community or elsewhere.

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Isiah Goonack Davey and Imran Paddy at the Broome dinner.



Back from left, manager Aboriginal projects and staff support Kevin Wilson and Mobilong Prison ALO Harold Wilson; second row, Port Lincoln Prison ALO Robert Chester, Port Augusta Prison ALO Anthony Hammer; next row, director Aboriginal Services Unit (outside) Richard King, Mobilong Prison ALO Trevor Harradine, Port Augusta Prison ALO Owen Brady and Yatala Labour Prison ALO (outside) Daniel Stone; front row, Aboriginal Services Unit ALO Denise Agius, Adelaide Remand Centre ALO Christine Agius, Community Corrections ALO Joanne Wanganeen. Absent: Yatala Labour Prison ALO Norman Giles.

Officers locking in skills



ELEVEN South Australian Department of Correctional Services Aboriginal liaison officers are

putting to use skills they have learned after completing the Certificate III in Correctional Practice.

The new qualification focuses on the work that Aboriginal liaison officers do in the state prison system and in the community, and is designed to assist them in providing assistance, support and follow-up to Aboriginal prisoners within a designated prison, in addition to liaising with staff, community groups and other agencies in promoting the welfare of Aboriginal prisoners.

The program also aims to

enhance the knowledge and skills of officers and help to broaden their wider career opportunities.

Topics covered for this program include safety and security, communication skills, dealing with conflict, legislation, policies and procedures, case management and working in Corrections.

The program was delivered over several months in four workshops, with the first workshop starting in November 2010. Topics also covered included interpersonal communication, interaction with prisoner/offenders and stakeholders, building relationships, networking within DCS, the community and other agencies dealing with difficult situations, conflict management and report writing.

Scholarships to GCIT students



FIVE people have been successful in this year's Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) Indigenous Scholarship

Program. Scholarships were awarded to one mature learner and four school-leaver applicants, with the recipients receiving full cover for course fees and \$500 to be spent towards learning materials at the GCIT Bookshop.

The recipients are Adam Reid (Diploma of Fitness), Lucia Caminiti (Diploma of Nursing), Emley Holmes (Diploma of Graphic Design), Tamika Tamaka (Diploma of Justice) and Rhys Weymouth (Diploma of Fitness).

Institute CEO Aaron Devine said the scholarship recipients were chosen for their educational goals and aspirations, background in community participation and

their ability to act as role models for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders considering tertiary education and training.

The institute says its Indigenous Scholarship Program has been devised in consultation with the Indigenous Advisory Board and feedback from the broader

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"We're delighted with the significant increase in graduation rates for Indigenous students," he said.

"We want to see this trend

continue and set the benchmark in Queensland for the provision of training that is accessible to all. To this end, we now engage the services of a full-time Indigenous student support officer."

Scholarship recipient Adam Reid is planning a career in fitness and his goal is to manage his own gym. He aims to be a role model to younger Indigenous people as he is concerned with the level of type 2 diabetes being diagnosed in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Former Elanora State High School student Emley Holmes was thrilled to receive her scholarship and will study for a Diploma of Graphic Design.

Emley was highly commended for her entry in the Southern Cross 2011 'Art of a Surfboard Competition' and is considered an outstanding creative arts student.

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- Bachelor of Environmental Management

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For further information contact:

Ms Natalie Bauer, HR Consultant, Department for Water
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National

Until 24 February: Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School offers a scholarship program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls. It is open to students entering the secondary school as day girls 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.sceggs.nsw.edu.au

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Until 17 March: Passion Power Politics. Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works of Bronwyn Bancroft, a Bundjalung artist of the Djanbun clan working across painting, illustration, fashion and textile design. This exhibition surveys Bancroft's practice to consider the themes of personal and cultural identity, contemporary Aboriginal life and family that underpin her practice. Free and all welcome. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh. Details: (0433) 972 915 or email gabrielle@articulatepr.com.au

Until 22 February: Rites Here! Right Now! A photography exhibition showcasing protest and performance by Kamilaroi women Barbara McGrady and featuring a special guest. Free and all welcome. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt. Details (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until 27 February: Calling for entries for the 'Smile, You're in Redfern' photo competition. Aimed at promoting Redfern and surrounding areas. \$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

Until 31 March: Lismore Youth Week Young Songwriters Competition 2012. Calling for entries from ages 12-25 to submit MP3 format entries with lyrics, from the categories pop/rock, country, hip hop and R&B to electronica. Free and all welcome. Details: (1300) 87 83 87 or send an email to lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com



With NSW Indigenous Affairs Minister Victor Dominello (third from left) are ASSI members, from left, Markou Pangas (descendant Ambae), Emelda Davis (descendant Tanna), Nellie Enares (descendant Aoba / Tanna), Danny Togo (Ambae), Shireen Malamoo (descendant Tongoa), Mary Day (descendant Lifou / Solomons) and Donna Carla (West Indian). Photo: Amanda James

Bundaberg will host conference



THE first national conference of Australian South Sea Islanders is set to be held this April in the Queensland city of Bundaberg. The Australian South Sea Islanders organisation (ASSI) is planning the conference from 6-9 April, and Bundaberg was chosen because many members hail from there.

The body has also welcomed support from the NSW Government, which has given a \$5000 grant to the organisation.

Elder Nellie Enares received the cheque on behalf of the ASSI.

"...This contribution is symbolic. It represents years of community action, to recognise Australian South Sea Islanders, their culture and their contribution to Australia," she said.

"We are very thankful to New South Wales Minister Victor Dominello and NSW

Premier Barry O'Farrell for their support."

Mr Dominello welcomed the funding and the first conference.

"Well done, it's an important dream that you're sharing and it's one that we are proud to be a part of," he told the members.

Australian South Sea Islanders say they have a unique place in Australian and Queensland history as a distinct cultural group.

Labour source

The original South Sea Islanders were first brought to Queensland between 1863 and 1904 from 80 Pacific islands, primarily Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, to work in the fledgling sugar industry. Of mainly Melanesian descent, they were for nearly 50 years the industry's principal labour source.

"Australian South Sea Islanders have played an important role in Australia over

the past 150 years," ASSI president Emelda Davis said. "It is a history worth recognising and our conference is a collective first national step as it is timely in marking our 20-year anniversary since the Human Rights Equal Opportunity Commission's 'Call for Recognition' for descendants of the Blackbirding era."

ASSI vice-president Danny Togo said: "In partnership with the Bundaberg Australian South Sea Islanders (BASSI) organisation and communities in Queensland, we have been working on a successful engagement strategy that will see this conference populated with a diverse national representation."

"This national conference will establish a united body that will be the voice for all Australian South Sea Islanders, preserving history, celebrating culture, promoting identity and representing Australian South Sea Islanders."

Until 10 June: Off the Walls, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing a 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, water colours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email media@nma.gov.au or visit http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/

8 February: Meet Your Neighbour. A mental health

workshop aimed at encouraging organisations and people with an interest in mental health issues in the Northern Rivers area to learn more about each other and find ways to work better together in relation to supporting people with mental health issues. Free and all welcome. Held at Lismore Workers Club, 231 Keen St, Lismore. Details: (02) 9555 8388 or email info@mhcc.org.au

8 February: Traineeship Information Session aimed at helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people pursue a career in the community services sector. The 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

14 February- 3 April: Circle of Security Goori Parenting Group. This eight-week program looks at how to make relationships stronger with our jarjums (children). It teaches new ways to understand children's needs and behaviour and how to respond to these in ways that help them to feel safe and secure, so they can learn, grow and develop positive relationships with others. Free and all welcome. Held at Jumbunna Community

Preschool, 60 High St, Casino. Details: (02) 6662 2866 or email jumbunna@jumbunna.com.au

16 February: Big, Beautiful and Sexy. A performance by Casey Donovan. This show includes a retrospective of her career and the Big, Beautiful and Sexy women from the music industry who have inspired her. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Brassmonkey, 115A Cronulla St, Cronulla. Details: (02) 9544 3844 or visit www.brassmonkey.com.au

26 February: Northern United Junior Rugby League sign-up day. The official 2012 season

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kicks off in April with a pre-season competition from 24-31 March. Registration includes shorts, socks and insurance. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held at Goonellabah Aquatic Centre, Lismore. Details: 0422 451 675 or email john-northernunited@hotmail.com

1 March: Nuts and Bolts Fathering Group. A six-week parenting course for fathers. All fathers will receive a certificate of completion. Free and all welcome, lunch and transport provided. Held at Lismore Merit, 29 Molesworth St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6620 7650 or email Michelle.Daly@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

12-13 March: Recre8, 10-day adventure trips for small groups of 14-19-year-olds. The group travels through local country in rainforest, across mountains and creeks on foot, bikes, and canoes. Aimed at taching some skills, getting healthy exercise, working as a team, making new friends, meeting some challenges, and learning new ways of coping. Free and all welcome. Held at Uki traveling through to Lismore. Details: 0438 323 510 or email andyh@evolve.org.au

13-14 March: Mental Health Connect. An interactive two-day course designed for all frontline workers in community sector organisations, including housing, disability, aged care, youth, alcohol and other drugs, employment services, family support services and government agencies, providing training for all community workers. All welcome, cost involved, must register before date. Held at Multitask, Lismore. Details: (02) 9555 8388 or email lorna@mhcc.org.au or visit www.mhcc.org.au

24-25 March: Creative art workshop. This workshop includes painting, drawing, printmaking and clay carving to learn how to incorporate traditional Aboriginal symbolism, design elements and mixed media.

Also featuring the guidance of award-winning artist Alison Williams. All welcome, booking required, cost involved, accommodation and morning tea provided. Held at Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 170 Red Rock Rd, Corindi Beach. Details: 0409 824 803 or email b_w_n@bigpond.com

25 March: Lifestart Kayak for Kids 2012. Seeking volunteers for a paddling challenge on Sydney Harbour. Aimed at raising funds for Lifestart's early childhood intervention and school-aged services for children with a disability or developmental delay. Including food, entertainment at Lifestart's annual family picnic at Clontarf Beach after the paddle. All welcome to participate, must register before the date, cost involved. Held at Blues Point, Sydney. Details: (02) 9364 0111

Youth forum focus is on Constitution



POSSIBLE Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples has been the subject of spirited national debate, and that's unlikely to change any time

soon. But young voices have been largely absent from discussion about proposed reforms.

Hopefully, that'll change next month when the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney's Redfern hosts a Constitutional Recognition Forum for young Indigenous Australians.

The NCIE is aiming to bring together 96 young Indigenous Australians (aged 16-25) from throughout the country to participate in the three-day forum from 14-17 March.

Participants will have an opportunity to speak directly with decision makers including politicians and members of the Expert Panel about their campaign.

NCIE CEO Jason Glanville encouraged young Indigenous Australians from across

the country to get involved. "Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians will inherit the legacy of this Constitutional Recognition process," he said.

Mr Glanville said the NCIE hoped each state and territory would be represented by 12 young Indigenous Australians, involving themselves and working with other young people to develop a 'youth-led campaign'.

To be eligible for attend, participants must:

- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australian;
- be aged between 16 and 25 years; and
- be available to attend the forum from Wednesday 14 March – Saturday 17 March 2012

Travel, accommodation and transfers will be provided for each participant.

If you're interested, visit www.ncie.org.au and tell the NCIE a bit about yourself in a bio or short CV and send them 500 words about why you would like to participate in the forum.



JASON GLANVILLE

or visit www.kayakforkids.com.au

8 April: Our Generation film screening. The film will show the documentary on Aboriginal rights. Featuring guest speaker Jeff McMullan, and including light refreshments. Free and all welcome. Held at Amnesty International Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale. Details: 0420354 096 or email nswdignity@amnesty.org.au or visit www.ourgeneration.org.au

18-20 April: Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference 2012. It aims to create effective and sustainable strategies in Indigenous employment to achieve economic outcomes, also providing information about the benefits Indigenous employment can have for corporations, employees and Indigenous communities. Featuring guest speakers and workshops. All welcome, must register before the date and cost involved. Held at the Grace Hotel, Sydney. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email conferences@tonkinincorporation.com

Victoria

Until 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

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

10 February: Harmony Festival. A colourful cultural celebration featuring world music and dance including live concert across two cultural stages, food, craft, cultural workshops, children's activities, visual arts, and a Koorie Night Market. Showcasing inspiring local talent and featuring Asanti Dance Theatre, Tumbarumba and Massive Hip Hop Choir. Free and all welcome. Held at Upper Yarra Arts Centre, 2409 Warburton Hwy, Warburto. Details: 0419 557 721 or email contact@koorienightmarket.com.au

10-12 February: Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival, showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island contemporary and traditional artistic expression through three days of dance, cabaret, visual art, theatre, comedy, films and live music. Featuring Koorie Night Market and an Indigenous line-up including Dan Sultan, Casey Donovan, Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daly and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Federation Square, 2 Swanston St, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9658 9658 or visit the website www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

12 February: Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group family day. Aimed at supporting the White Ribbon. The event will feature 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 more. Free and all welcome. Held Lilydale Lake, Swansea Rd. Lilydale. Details: (0467) 786 676 or email admin@whiteribbon.org.au or visit www.whiteribbon.org.au/myoath

Queensland

Until 25 February: The Flash Women Art Exhibition, focusing on fashions worn by Indigenous women. Includes pictures and the actual clothes, as well as a program of workshops. Free and all welcome. Held at the State Library of Queensland, Kurildhagun, Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Level 1, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or email kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au or visit 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 a 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

South Australia

Until 19 February: Long Way Home, an Aboriginal art exhibition in celebration of the Yunggoendi 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 or visit 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: Telephone (08) 8207 7056 or email City.Gallery@flinders.edu.au or visit www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum.

2-18 March: 2012 Adelaide Festival. A feast of arts and entertainment held for artists and audiences, with theatre, film, dance and opera. Also showcasing two Aboriginal art exhibitions – '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

9-12 March: Womadelaide's 20th anniversary music festival, featuring some of Australia's best Indigenous performers as well as visual arts, dance, street theatre and food. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8271 1488 or send an email to apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

Northern Territory

Until 15 July: Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land.

It includes the first paintings produced at Yirrkala in the 1930s, crayon drawings from the 1950s, and 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 or visit 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 trip visits to local Indigenous enterprises conducted by Anangu Tours. Feature stories and storytelling by Indigenous people and more. Free and all welcome to register. Held at Crowne Plaza, 82 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs. Details: (1800) 331 915 or email dbatty@ja.com.au or visit www.jaitn.com.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



With the Harvey Norman Reconciliation Action Plan, from left, Preston Campbell, Johnathan Thurston, Reconciliation Australia group manager Grant Paulson, Harvey Norman executive director David Ackery and Laurie Daley. Image courtesy NRL photos

Retailer has a plan



ELECTRICAL retailer Harvey Norman is hoping to improve the lives of Indigenous people with its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The RAP was launched at a function on the Gold Coast last week attended by Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley, team captain Johnathan Thurston, and ambassador Preston Campbell.

The footballers joined Harvey Norman executive director David Ackery and Reconciliation Australia group manager Grant Paulson.

Harvey Norman chief

executive Katie Page said the RAP had the ultimate goal of 'improving the lives of Indigenous Australians'.

"We hope to make a difference by providing employment opportunities, smoother transition from school to work, and stronger relationships in the local communities surrounding our franchised stores," Ms Page said. "We have both the opportunity and obligation to provide stronger foundations for reconciliation in Australia."

"It is appropriate that we are launching our RAP during Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars week, an event that has provided a shining example

for both reconciliation and the celebration of Indigenous culture."

Mr Ackery said the company was proud to launch its RAP.

"Throughout 2012 we plan on focusing on employment strategies and sustainable opportunities, as well as ensuring that our foundations set the path to ensure that we make a long-term impact," he said.

Involvement

"We already have involvement with a number of Indigenous projects including the 'Traditional Trading Group', an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business

ownership and employment program with Harvey Norman Flooring, which seeks to create and grow business ownership and employment for Indigenous communities."

"We hope the Harvey Norman Reconciliation Action Plan creates further avenues to develop long-term sustainable opportunities," Mr Ackery said.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong congratulated Harvey Norman at the launch of the RAP.

"Harvey Norman is one of Australia's best known brands and your RAP has the potential to reach and impact on many aspects of the Australian community," she said.

"The commitment you have made to developing employment strategies and school-to-work programs is a step in the right direction."

"Incorporating this with establishing and sustaining relationships with local communities will be a huge step in the reconciliation process."

Harvey Norman has more than 200 franchised stores and 13,000 employees across rural and remote Australia.

A copy of Harvey Norman's Reconciliation Action Plan can be viewed at the websites www.harveynormanholdings.com.au or www.reconciliation.org.au

It's your guide to employment

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For further information, please visit our careers page at redcross.org.au

For enquiries please contact Lucy Davis on (07) 3367 7253.

Applications close 5pm Thursday 16 February.



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Early Childhood Facilitator: Get a career that matters.

This position facilitates access to children's services, resources quality children's services and provides training and parenting resources to support children (0-8 years) in vulnerable families. Applicants will require:

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Closing Date: 17 February 2012

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We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



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children
matter

PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT THOMAS ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL

A full time **General Assistant** vacancy exists at **Thomas Acres Public School**. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in this position.

Duties may include minor maintenance of buildings, plant and equipment; moving school lawns and playing fields; receipt and distribution of stores and other duties as directed.

For further information contact the Principal on **(02) 4626 4577**

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Effective communication skills
- Ability to perform tasks in one or more of the following areas:
 - stores duties
 - minor maintenance of buildings and equipment
 - gardening duties
- Ability to work with minimal supervision

N.B.: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Remuneration Package valued up to \$48,917 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary range \$28,994 to \$44,329).

To apply for this position online go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is 24 February 2012.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



**NEW SOUTH WALES
ABORIGINAL LAND
COUNCIL**

LALC SUPPORT OFFICER

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has a vacancy for a **LALC Support Officer** at our Southern Zone Office in Queanbeyan.

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options.

This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

As part of a committed pro-active team you will be involved in providing an extensive range of assistance, support and advice to enable Local Aboriginal Land Councils to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

The successful applicant will need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, experience with program delivery, sound communication skills and the ability to coordinate a diverse range of functions. An understanding of Aboriginal issues and a willingness to travel are also required.

For detailed information about the position, the benefits/conditions and how to apply please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 24 February 2012



C.H.A.D.A.C.
Viney Morgan Aboriginal Medical Services

DRUG & ALCOHOL WORKER 5702M

Our client is one of Australia's leading Aboriginal Medical Services well known for providing a quality range of clinical services to individuals & families in a small, isolated aboriginal community located in the Murray Valley. This position is part of the Medical Service Health team which provides a range of health services that assist in the prevention, early detection & management of health issues.

The Drug & Alcohol Worker will participate in the development & implementation of drug and alcohol services to promote healthy lifestyles for Aboriginal people in the Cummeragunja and Deniliquin communities with a focus on activities to intervene & prevent the development of drug and alcohol and mental health problems.

The successful applicant must already have or be prepared to complete Certificate IV in Drug & Alcohol Counselling. Key competencies & qualities include:

- Ability to work as part of a team
- Computer software skills
- Current NSW/Victorian Drivers Licence
- Well develop interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge of enhanced primary care
- Experience in program development & implementation.

Recruitment of Aboriginal people is a special measure under section 12(1) of the EO Act 2010 and as such will not discriminate against another person contrary to the EO Act 2010 by taking this special measure, under section 90(a)(ii), the proposed conduct would not amount to prohibited discrimination.

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Web: www.foxpersonnel.com.au



Applications close 22 February 2012



ACT Fire and Rescue

is seeking motivated, resilient and dynamic men and women from all walks of life to join our professional fire fighting team.

For more information about this rewarding and challenging career, and to access the on-line application form, go to www.effectivepeople.com.au/firefighters.html, or telephone Effective People Pty Ltd on (02) 6162 2000.

Applications close 10am AEST, Monday 27 February 2012.



employment opportunities

VACCA'S Early Intervention and Family Support Service

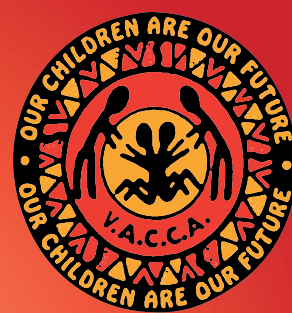
The **Early Intervention and Family Support Service** offers family services across a range of program areas designed to support and assist families.

Please contact **Paul Ferris** for more information:

Ph: (03) 8388 1855

Email: paulf@vacca.org

Website: www.vacca.org



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

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
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Events Manager

NGUYURU WAARINGARREM, HALLS CREEK MUSIC FESTIVAL

A suitably experienced individual is required to manage the May 2012 Nguyuru Waaringarem music festival in Halls Creek for a period of 6 weeks. The Inaugural Nguyuru Waaringarem festival was held on August 28 2010 with approximate 1500 participants. Evaluation report indicated that the event was a success, www.hallscreekmusicfestival.com.

Halls Creek is a small town situated in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia. It is located between the towns of Fitzroy Crossing and Kununurra on the Great Northern Highway.

Halls Creek is the administration centre for Halls Creek Shire Council and it's traditional owners are the indigenous Jaru and Kija people as well as many other diverse indigenous groups of Indigenous people.

With a population of about 3,500 people, the town has embraced the use of music and the arts as means of strengthening family ties and celebrating cultures through music and dance. The local community banded together to coordinate an event showcasing the positive attributes of the area in 2010 and 2011.

Roles of the Festival Manager will include all organisation, administration and compliance, supervision of local assistant events co-ordinator and volunteers, management of funding and final acquittals, and implementation of the festival's marketing plan.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Must have excellent communication skills and be able to work in a consultative and culturally appropriate manner
- Experience in managing events for a predominately Indigenous audience or relevant skills
- Be willing to travel within the Shire in order to encourage wide community participation and information sharing
- Be willing to share knowledge and provide leadership and support to festival employees and the Music Festival Committee. The duties of the staff will be developed in conjunction with key members of the Festival Committee, the Event Manager will be responsible for staff supervision
- Oversee administrative duties associated within the festival including ensuring that the minutes of Committee meeting are produced in a timely manner (festival staff are to cover bulk of admin duties)

Remuneration is negotiable.

All applications must address the Selection Criteria and be received by **4pm Friday 2nd March 2012**. Applications should be e-mailed to prkradio@bigpond.com or sent by post addressed to:

Bukola Esin
Radio Station Manager
PRK Radio
P.O Box 178 Halls Creek WA 6770

For further enquiries and duty statement on the position, you can call Bukola Esin on 08, 91686416 or Mel Croke on 0423845380

Late applications will not be accepted.



CASUAL YOUTH WORKER

\$26.43 per hour plus 9% superannuation

Department: Community Living

Contact Officer: Kara Rusan (02) 6285 6340

Recruitment information can be obtained from www.qcc.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6285 6576

Closing Date: 4.00pm Monday 20 February 2012

Queanbeyan City Council is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from Multicultural and Aboriginal people. Council employees enjoy free parking and a dynamic, safe and healthy smoke free working environment.



ABC Television Indigenous Producer Internship

The ABC is committed to building the capacity of the Indigenous media industry. ABC Television is pleased to offer a 12-month internship to an experienced Indigenous producer or digital media content maker.

The position is based in Ultimo, Sydney.

You will be provided with:

- mentoring by senior ABC content managers
- a number of placements across ABC TV.

If you have at least 3 years TV or digital media experience and can start in early 2012 this could be the opportunity for you!

For more information and details on how to apply, go to www.abc.net.au/careers and search job number 492838.

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Family & Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office

Director, Strategic Housing Operations and Programs

Senior Officer Level 1

Department of Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Housing Office

Parramatta

Temporary Full-Time

Requisition No. 00000T8U

Total remuneration package valued up to \$162,146 per annum (Salary: \$136,251 pa - \$147,245 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This role is to provide leadership and direction in the formulation and delivery of state wide social housing asset programs and services for Aboriginal people, including policy development, strategic and technical advice, stakeholder management and contract management with external housing service providers.

Selection Criteria:

1. Proven high level senior management expertise with the ability to lead, formulate and implement asset strategies and directions.
2. Extensive private and public sector expertise in strategic asset management and well developed business acumen in a property environment.
3. Demonstrated record of achievement in managing complex programs and projects and in meeting performance targets service-wide.
4. Demonstrated expertise in effectively working with Aboriginal people and the community to improve outcomes with a demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes.
5. Demonstrated understanding of the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society and their impacts in relation to housing and employment.
6. Superior analytical and conceptual skills and capacity to provide complex policy and strategic advice to executive management / government.
7. Superior oral and written communication and interpersonal skills with proven expertise in relation to influencing, negotiation, conflict resolution and consultation. Expertise at building partnerships with key agencies and relevant stakeholders.
8. Current Driver's Licence and willingness to travel within NSW and interstate.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 2 years under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Ms Donna Hinchcliff (02) 8836 9436

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Requisition Number: 00000T8U

Closing Date: Sunday, 19 February 2012

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Make a difference to a young person's life

Permanent and casual youth worker positions – Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, Townsville

As a youth worker, you will be a positive role model and play a key role in improving the lives of young people in detention.

Working as part of a team, you will:

- coach and support young people in their schooling, recreation and social activities
- provide care and supervision of young people in the detention centre
- maintain the safety and security of young people in detention
- help plan and deliver individual programs for young people in detention
- be rewarded for your efforts as you see young people reintegrated into the community.

You will be paid to attend six weeks initial training. On successful completion of this training, you will receive \$27.89 per hour plus allowances, working in a casual youth worker position. Opportunities for permanent employment will become available.

The base salary range per year for permanent employees is \$44,965 – \$47,696.

Interested?

Come to a free information session at the Detention Centre, Old Common Road, Belgian Gardens, Townsville, to find out if the role is for you and how to apply:

Wednesday 15 February 2012 from 6.00–8.00 pm

Saturday 18 February 2012 from 1.00–3.00 pm

For further details and to register your attendance, phone Luke Tartelin on 4729 9102. A position description for the role of Youth Worker is available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au

The Department of Communities actively encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Applications close Midnight Thursday 23 February 2012

Enquiries: Glenda Whybird (07) 4729 9103

Reference: QLD/DOC22103/12

“Our job can be challenging but if you are a positive role model, you can definitely make a difference.”

Youth Workers, Cleveland Youth Detention Centre



Department of Communities



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Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker (Young Parent Support)

Women's and Children's Health Institute, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$5136 p.m., comprising salary between \$1882.30 - \$2070.50 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Temporary position commencing immediate until 23 December 2012. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy.)

Duties/Abilities: Work as a member of the Women's and Children's Health Institute to support the development and implementation of primary health care activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young parents and their children.

Enquiries: Alexandra Gosden on 0437 550 171.

Job Ad Reference: H12TV01626.


Application Kit: (07) 4750 6778 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus.

Closing Date: Monday, 13 February 2012.

You can apply online at
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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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 located at Surry Hills, Sydney.

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)

Project Officer (A-TRAC)

Fixed term, full time for 1 year

The Project Officer will be assisting in the development and implementation of the Aboriginal Tobacco Resistance and Control (A-TRAC) Program, and lead the Aboriginal Quitline Enhancement Project.

*** 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 this position or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit: www.ahmrc.org.au



Community Action Leader

- Permanent full-time role located in our Watanobbi office
- Be part our Better Futures, Local Solutions Program

The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, non-profit organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs.



This exciting new management position within our Central Coast and Hunter team will work within the 'Better Futures, Local Solutions' program of the Commonwealth Government Department of Human Services. The Community Action Leader will be responsible for helping the community identify service delivery gaps and new opportunities to boost engagement, capability and participation among people experiencing barriers to employment and social inclusion. The Community Action Leader must have experience in economic development, labour market development and/or a track record with the business community.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development and a supportive and flexible working environment including an accrued day off for full-time employees.

For further information on how to apply and the position description, please contact Linda Livingstone on 02 9339 8000 or LindaL@bensoc.org.au or visit our website. Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description and close on **February 17, 2012**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

www.bensoc.org.au

Project Coordinator Aboriginal Partnering Project

Health Service Manager 3 - \$93,769 - \$106,897
3 Years, Full Time Fixed Term Position

The Cancer Institute NSW is Australia's first statewide, government supported cancer control agency. The Institute is saving lives through promoting the best cancer research, prevention, early detection, treatment and education initiatives and is driving innovation in cancer care in NSW.

In this newly created position in the Cancer Prevention Division you will manage the development and implementation of the Aboriginal Partnering Project. Your role will also involve reviewing and evaluating cancer awareness training programs and developing professional development programs for health professionals who look after Aboriginal people with cancer.


To be successful in this role you will have:

- Demonstrated cultural awareness relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Demonstrated understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ability to communicate sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Stakeholder relationship building skills across a broad range of external stakeholder organisations.
- Experience with issues relating to the provision of health care to Aboriginal communities and peak bodies involved in Aboriginal health care.
- Project Management skills.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For further information please access the Position Description and Application form outlining the requirements of the role from www.cancerinstitute.org.au. Enquiries should be directed to hr@cancerinstitute.org.au or Rebecca Lawrence (02) 8374 3526.

Applications close 9:00AM Monday 27th February 2012



SHOW ME THE WAY

Show Me The Way (SMTW) is a not for profit organisation supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across Australia. Our vision is to support students to stay at school and continue to tertiary education via TAFE, university or school based traineeships. SMTW has created the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social networking site for online mentoring. We run training programs for our learning partners (mentors) and gatherings where our students and their learning partners meet face to face.

SMTW Cultural Trainer/Facilitator


We're seeking a skilled Trainer/Facilitator to provide cross-cultural training and help facilitate at our gatherings. The successful applicant will:

- Deliver SMTW training to our learning partners.
- Provide cultural awareness to all stakeholders as required at events.
- Create cultural competency questionnaires for training
- Liaise with all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partners to ensure smooth delivery of the program
- Locate appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partners for the delivery of cultural awareness tours of excellence.
- Have a very good broad understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and be able to communicate the same with others.
- Have a thorough understanding of the SMTW websites.

Remuneration will be based on the successful applicant's experience.

For more about our programs, please refer to our information site at www.showmetheway.org.au

Please provide your CV and all supporting documentation to Chris Maguire, General Manager by email - chris@smtw.org no later than 5 pm 25 Feb 2012



Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

Shift Supervisor – ATSI Identified

Level 4 Year 1-4
Operations Division
Broken Hill
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 00000TBF

Total remuneration package valued up to \$80,227 per annum (Salary: \$63,425 pa - \$72,702 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
The Shift Supervisor coordinates the work of Youth Officers across the Centre to ensure that daily routines, security, casework and program attendance are resourced appropriately so that care and custody of detainees and the safety of staff is maintained at all times.

Selection Criteria:

- Completion of Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Services or equivalent plus relevant experience.
- A thorough knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures, guidelines and legislation relating to juvenile justice.
- Extensive experience and ability to work, motivate, support and communicate effectively with detainees with challenging behaviour, including an understanding of their needs.
- Demonstrated ability to manage teams and demonstrated conflict resolution skills, negotiation, liaison, problem solving and advocacy skills (on behalf of detainees).
- Ability to implement and monitor service delivery of detainee case plans including programming needs and demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations.
- Computer skills, with a thorough knowledge of CIMS and related policies and procedures.
- Possession of, or enrolled in, a Senior First Aid Certificate and possession of a minimum Class 1C Driver's Licence.
- Aboriginality and a knowledge of, and respect for Aboriginal culture.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Janet Curran - Ph (02) 6881 0801 or email Janet.Curran@dji.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000TBF

Closing Date: 24 February 2012

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KOORI PRISON OFFICERS

Make a Difference in Your Community

Valuing workplace diversity, the Department of Justice has a growing number of Koori staff working across Victoria, including Koori Prison Officers. This career step will have you working with people and families from different backgrounds and communities. Your work will make a real difference.

The **Metropolitan Remand Centre** is recruiting casual Prison Officers. To find out more information, please call the Department's **Koori Employment Team** on **(03) 8684 1753**. Alternatively, you can visit www.cvcareers.com.au for more information or to apply online.

Applications close Monday 13 February 2012

PRISON OFFICERS - OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW



Koori staff currently working in the Department of Justice

VCAT has ruled that these positions be filled by **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only** (VCAT exemption number: A293/2010)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Victoria



Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council

Trainee Project Officer

This is a temporary appointment for maternity leave up to 12 months.

Receptionist/Administration Officer

INFORMATION

Before applying, you must obtain an Employment Package for the position. The Package includes a position description, selection criteria, and information about the appointment process, and advice on how to apply including standard formats for your resume and claim.

To request an Employment Package, please phone 02 43512930.

For further information please call Suzanne Naden, Operations Manager on 02 43512930.

Applications may be emailed, posted or delivered to DLALC, Att: Suzanne Naden by **COB Friday 10th Feb 2012.**

Email: s.naden@dlalc.org.au

Post: PO Box 401 WYONG NSW 2259

Courier or Personal Delivery:
168 Pacific Highway Watanobbi.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.



WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE
(SA) Inc

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program Community Worker

Women's Legal Service (SA) Inc (WLSSA) is a state-wide women's community legal service. WLSSA provides legal advice, representation and community legal education to the most disadvantaged women in South Australia. For example, Aboriginal women, newly arrived women from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and women living in rural and remote areas. The service also undertakes significant law reform projects.

WLSSA is seeking a highly motivated Community Worker for its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Program. This is full time position and salary is to be negotiated based on experience. Salary packaging is available.

For more information and a copy of the application pack please contact the WLSSA on (08) 8231 8929 or wls@wlssa.org.au. Applications must address the essential and desirable criteria of the job and person specification.

**Closing date for Expressions of Interest
Friday the 17th of February 2012.**

Applications and resume to be addressed to the:

The Director
Women's Legal Service (SA) Inc
151 Franklin Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000
Email: wls@wlssa.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are encouraged to apply.



Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria)

POLICY OFFICER

Up to \$65,000 per annum

We are looking for a project manager with excellent written and oral skills who has a sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultures, and the issues affecting these communities.

Tertiary qualifications such as law or equivalent.

For a full position description please go to our website www.fvpls.org

Please send your application to: hr@fvpls.org

Applications must be received by close of business on 24 February 2012.

Applications which do not address key selection criteria may not be considered.

For further information about this position please contact Loren Days,
Policy and Development Unit (03) 9244 3313.



Attorney General & Justice

COURT SERVICES, LOCAL COURTS

Client Service Officer (ATSI Identified)

AG12/010

Clerk Grade 1-2

Lismore, Temporary Full Time up to 27 July 2012

Salary range: \$53,407 - \$58,060

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$64,069

Responsible for performing a wide range of clerical, administrative support and client services within the NSW Court and Tribunal Services. Duties may include courtroom support, customer enquiries, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Strong commitment to client service and the ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems;
- Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

Job notes:

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

There is currently one Temporary Full Time position at Lismore for a period of up to 27 July 2012. An eligibility list may be created to fill any future temporary, full time and part time vacancies as they arise within the North Region. Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement and apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Inquiries: Melissa Everson (02) 6623 3618 melissa.everson@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 17 February 2012

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Northern
Territory
Government

careers in government

Senior Policy Officer

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS AND SPORT

Professional 3

Remuneration Package Range \$95 593 - \$106 898

(Comprising salary \$83 281 - \$93 270, super, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

**Policy and Programs - Darwin
Permanent**

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport, currently has a vacancy within its Policy and Programs Unit. The position will undertake research and analyses of national and international environmental policy issues and their potential impacts on the Northern Territory, particularly in the air quality arena. This is an opportunity to make a significant contribution to sustainability outcomes in the Northern Territory.

If you're looking to widen your career opportunities in a challenging new role then this job is for you.

Contact us on 1300 659 247 or email recruitmentjobvacancies@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 17021

Closing date: 17 February 2012

The Northern Territory Government is an equal opportunity employer and values an inclusive and diverse workforce.

www.nt.gov.au/jobs • 1300 659 247

Program Officer

Strategy Policy Programs and Performance

Communities

Salary: \$71 435 - \$77 644 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DOC21994/12

Key Duties: Undertake research and data analysis to support and inform the development of annual capital works planning.

Skills/Abilities: Utilise project management tools to support effective development and delivery of Indigenous Housing and Homelessness Programs and initiatives.

Enquiries: Jane Seddon (07) 3405 4294

Closing Date: Friday, 17 February 2012

Case Manager - Rural and Remote

Probation and Parole, Northern Region

Community Safety

Salary: \$70 013 - \$76 460 p.a.

Location: Palm Island

REF: QLD/DCS5070/12

Key Duties: Case manage offenders; Assess Offender Risks and Needs; Engage with community stakeholders.

Skills/Abilities: Experience in writing reports of a complex nature; Experience or ability to work with people from diverse cultural backgrounds; Demonstrates Personal Drive and Integrity; Solves Problems effectively.

Enquiries: Fiona Brown (07) 4760 7579

Closing Date: Friday, 17 February 2012

Probation and Parole Officer -

Reporting and Compliance

Probation and Parole, Northern Region

Community Safety

Salary: \$61 641 - \$67 780 p.a.

Location: Mornington Island

REF: QLD/DCS5008/12

Key Duties: Case manage offenders; Coordinate community service projects; Engage with community stakeholders.

Skills/Abilities: Experience in writing reports of a complex nature; Experience or ability to work with people from diverse cultural backgrounds; Demonstrates Personal Drive and Integrity; Solves Problems effectively.

Enquiries: Kirsty Arthur (07) 4747 2044

Closing Date: Friday, 17 February 2012

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$50 305 - \$55 215 p.a.

Location: Gladstone

REF: QLD/PO5058/12

Key Duties: Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations. The capacity to be accepted by the local community.

Skills/Abilities: Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies. Problem solve and organise. Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Acting Senior Sergeant Owen Lawton (07) 4971 3240

Closing Date: Monday, 20 February 2012

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Family & Community Services

Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 2

Metro South Region

Inner City, South West & South East

Permanent Part-Time (Various positions)

Job Reference No. 00000S35

Rate of pay commences at \$20.21 per hour.

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes. Support is also provided to their carers.

We are seeking to employ **Permanent Part-Time** Grade 2 Care Workers to provide basic personal care and domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Sunday available based on a minimum of **30 hour** contract per fortnight.

Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Caring and understanding
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds
- Able to work varying hours including early mornings, evenings, some weekends and public holidays

In Return We Will Offer You

- Good rates of pay and kilometre allowance
- Ongoing paid training
- Supportive work environment
- Rewarding career

Job Notes: There are various Permanent Part-Time (30 hour per fortnight) positions available. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Qualifications in community care, aged care or disability would be well regarded but not essential. Applicants **MUST** obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants **MUST** address the full selection criteria.

Successful applicants will be subject to Working with Children Check and a pre-employment functional assessment.

For Enquiries and Information Package: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800 or (02) 4629 1700

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Judith Murray, 12A Dudley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015

Closing Date: 13 February 2012

Thank you for your interest in this position. (Requisition No. 00000S35)

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Male Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

38 hours per week

Galambila is a leading provider of Aboriginal Health Services based in Coffs Harbour on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales. Our vision is to achieve and maintain better health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities and to close the gap between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Australian's in life expectancy and health status.

We currently have an opportunity for an experienced Male Aboriginal Mental Health Worker to join our team and work with our clinical team to make a difference to our local community.

Please contact Peter McFadyen on (02) 6652 0850 or email peter.mcfadyen@galambila.org.au for an application kit.

Applications close on:

Monday 24/02/12

Galambila is an equal opportunity employer. This position is a designated position with an exemption under the Equal Opportunity Act (1995). The successful applicant will undergo "Working with Children" and "Criminal History" checks.



Building the capacity and capability of individuals, families and communities

Tenants Advocate (WATAAS)

Dubbo, NSW

CareWest is recruiting for a new Tenant Advocate (WATAAS) to join our team. Our Tenant Advocates deliver high quality services to respond to the needs of Aboriginal tenants via information provision, advice, advocacy and representation. The WATAAS team assists tenants to understand their rights and responsibilities under relevant legislation, assists tenants to enforce their rights through provision of tenancy information and assist tenants in achieving satisfactory resolution of tenancy problems and disputes.

The Tenant Advocate (WATAAS) has responsibility for ensuring key targets within the service agreements are met and has responsibility for;

- Providing high quality support, advice and advocacy to Aboriginal tenants,
- Implementing strategies in consultation with the Team Leader, which give all eligible Aboriginal tenants in the region access to service provision,
- Completing applicable components of organisational and funder reporting within timeframes and to a high standard,
- Ensuring client plans and interventions are based on the identified needs of each client

CareWest is committed to providing services that are relevant to, and equally accessible to Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients and families.

Applications close for this position on 24th February 2012.

For further information please go to www.cw.org.au or contact Bernadette Riley on 1800 810 233.

Applications **must** address the selection criteria listed under 'Person Specifications' in the position description. Information packages, including position descriptions are available at www.cw.org.au/careers or by phoning Clare Tovey on 02-6391-2400 or emailing clare.tovey@cw.org.au



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY IN INDIGENOUS PRIMARY HEALTH

REMOTE AREA NURSE

AMPILATWATJA HEALTH CENTRE

The Ampilatwatja Health Centre Aboriginal Corporation is seeking to recruit a Remote Area Nurse to join the Primary Health Care team at the Health Centre.

The Ampilatwatja Health Centre Aboriginal Corporation (AHCAC) is an Aboriginal community controlled health service located off the Sandover Highway some 350 kms NE of Alice Springs. Traditional Culture is very strong and the community is governed by the traditional owners.

The Health Centre provides primary health care service to approximately 650 people who live in the region.

The Remote Area Nurses are responsible to the Clinic Manager.

The Remote Area Nurse will be responsible for the delivery of Primary Health Care to members of the Ampilatwatja community.

Applications are sought for this position and interested persons should contact R Wharton Consulting on (08) 8278 7018 or mob 0427 845 055 for a copy of the Position Description containing the selection criteria which must be addressed.

General inquiries about the position may be addressed to the Clinic Manager, David Smith, at the Ampilatwatja Health Centre on (08) 8956 9935. An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant including subsidized housing and the opportunity for salary packaging.

Applications should be sent to R Wharton Consulting 18 Chitunga Road, Eden Hills SA 5050 or email robert.wharton1@gmail.com by close of business 17 February 2012.

Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply for this position.



Scholarships and Cadetships

Become a counsellor or family mediator

UnitingCare Unifam Counselling and Mediation and UnitingCare Institute of Family Practice are offering a number of Scholarships as well as Cadetships in 2012 to eligible applicants.

Scholarships are available for Diploma of Counselling; Vocational Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling and Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution. Training is held in Parramatta.

Cadetships are available in intake, counselling or family dispute resolution (family mediation) at Unifam offices in Sydney Metro, Wollongong, Gosford and Newcastle.

For more information and to obtain an information pack contact IFP on 8830 0755.

Applications close:
27 February 2012.



HR Administrator

Get a career that matters.

We currently have a vacancy for an enthusiastic and proactive individual to join our team and provide administrative support across a range of HR functions. Some of your duties will include arranging recruitment interviews, processing criminal history checks and other adhoc HR tasks as required by the HR Manager. To be successful in this role, you will possess:

- Previous experience in a HR administrative position
 - Tertiary qualifications in HR or currently studying HR
 - Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word and Excel
- Applications Close: 17 February 2012

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Adult Community Corrections

Want to lead the way forward in Adult Community Corrections?

Take the lead in protecting the public through effective and responsible offender management which focuses on reducing re-offending. Contribute to community safety by managing the risk posed by offenders through a robust system of enforcement and compliance, and providing a service that promotes positive behavioural change to encourage offenders to adopt law-abiding lifestyles.



TEAM LEADER

P011518 – Appointment Pool

Level 6 – \$84,557 – \$93,633 PSGOGA + Allowances/Benefits

As Team Leader, you will lead, facilitate and quality assure the effective practices and standards of case management of offenders as well as coach, train and mentor team members. You will use your previous experience in leading, managing and supervising staff to achieve key outcomes aligned with corporate objectives, along with your ability to facilitate change in a complex environment.

SENIOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER (SCCO)

P005725 – Appointment Pool

Level 5 – \$72,663 – \$80,308 PSGOGA + Allowances/Benefits

In this senior position you will be a role model and mentor for junior staff as you manage a portfolio of cases that present a greater degree of complexity. Successful candidates will have demonstrated ability to case manage difficult and/or challenging adult offenders and defendants within a criminal justice or similar environment and will bring a range of skills and life experience to empower those who offend and to ensure compliance with the requirements of orders.

Both Pools will be used to fill existing and future vacancies in metropolitan and regional locations.

Detailed information is available in the Applicant Information Kit.

To obtain an Applicant Information Kit or to apply for these Pool positions go to www.jobs.wa.gov.au and search using the job titles or position numbers.

For further job-related information contact the following during office hours (WST):

Team Leader Pool: Adrian Robinson on 0400 529 378

SCCO Pool: Sonja Cox on (08) 9264 1392

Applications close: 20 February 2012 at 4:30pm (WST)

Making a Positive Difference



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALING FOUNDATION LTD

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is an independent national organisation created to support and encourage healing initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have suffered from the impact of colonisation, forced removals and other past government policies. The Foundation was established in late 2009, following the commitment by the Australian Government to provide a national, coordinated and long term sustainable approach to healing. The Foundation will fund and support healing initiatives and capacity building projects; facilitate health promotion and public education in relation to healing;

and contribute to an evidence base for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing through community-driven and culturally appropriate research and evaluation. We are currently seeking....

Senior Project Officer - Research

Position description: This exciting position is to work with the Research Director to design and conduct research and evaluation projects consistent with the aims of the Foundation. Broad Research areas include Stolen Generations, Building Stronger Communities, Child and Family Trauma and a substantial focus on evaluation of healing programs. It will involve working with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and people to implement projects. It will involve supervision and training of Healing Foundation and local organisation staff in research and evaluation skills. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. **Full position description available from the contact person**

Contact Dr Robert Brooks
research@healingfoundation.org.au Phone: 02 6124 4400



Australian National University

Centre Manager

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre
\$80,001 - \$85,757 pa plus 17% super
G006-12SK

We are seeking an enthusiastic, reliable and motivated person to manage the day-to-day operations of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

Please note: This is an identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position and is open to applicants of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Enquiries Peter Radoll T 02 6125 3520
E Peter.Radoll@anu.edu.au
Closing Date Friday 17 February 2012

DISCOVER MORE anu.edu.au/jobs



Health

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Closing Date: 19 February 2012

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Sutherland Hospital

Permanent Full-Time

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Grace Baldwin, 9540 8300

Ref No: 65507

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or
send application to:
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
HRMC NSW 2310.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer

Salary Package \$ 58,829

(Inclusive of \$50,000 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal Out of Home Care (OOHC) service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children of all ages who are in need of support?

The Cultural Liaison Officer is an integral member of the OOHC team. As an active member of the Aboriginal community this worker will provide the OOHC team with support in following Aboriginal Placement Principles, locating possible kinship placements for children and young people as well as assisting to identify other cultural opportunities that may provide the child, young person and family with a strong cultural heritage.

If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.

For more information on the Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer position, or to apply, please contact Nicole Alexander on (02) 8782 0300 or nicole.alexander@kari.org.au.

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 or email 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, 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.



NATIONAL CENTRE OF
INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence
is seeking a part time

Aboriginal Sports Skills Development Officer.

Contact: 1300 866 761 or apply to
samantha.brincat@ymca.org.au

Applications close 17 February 2012.



COOKTOWN DISTRICT
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Playgroup Co-Ordinator - Mobile Playgroup Children's Activities Services

Cooktown Community District Centre (CDCC) Intensive Support Playgroup aims to provide a quality service, with consideration to the needs of the children, families and the community, actively supporting growth and development in remote communities. CDCC provides services to the communities of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Cooktown and Surrounding areas.

The Locational Playgroups are for children under school age and are self-managed by the parents and/or caregivers who attend the playgroup. Playgroups provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to develop social and support networks to assist with effective parenting skills, confidence and self-esteem. It also provides an opportunity for children to learn through play and develop their social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills.

We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably qualified applicants for this opportunity to work with families and children in the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Current positions available are:

Playgroup Co-ordinator - Mobile Playgroup

This position is permanent full time QCSACAA level 5 and is funded by Dept. of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Early Playgroup Worker - Mobile Playgroup

This position is permanent part time QCSACAA level 4 and is funded by Dept. of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Early Playgroup Worker Casual Pool - Mobile Playgroup

For more information and a position description please contact:

Naomi Bravery - Manager
Cooktown District Community Centre
11 Charles St, PO Box 763, COOKTOWN
T: (07) 4069 6098 F: (07) 4069 6934
E: reception@cooktowndccc.org.au

Applications close 5pm, 24th February 2012



TEACHER (Aboriginal) Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy

Mid North Coast Correctional Centre,
West Kempsey. Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 00000THU. Total remuneration package valued at \$91,298 pa, including salary of \$73,802 pa to \$82,735 pa employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Responsible for delivering accredited Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy programs to offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent and Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40110 or TAA40104 or BSZ40198) or completion of TAE40110 within 12 months of appointment. A Degree or Diploma that includes subjects in Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to provide flexible course delivery to meet learner and institutional needs. Proven ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching. Ability to work within a case management team under a Throughcare strategy. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

Job Notes: In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning areas will meet the Education and teaching subject(s) qualification criteria. Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online and attach their resume including details of qualifications as a Word document. Copies of qualifications and academic transcripts must also be attached to their online application and originals be presented at interview. Overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. Applicants must provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary, full-time and part-time positions.

Inquiries: Matthew.Ryan@dcs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6560 2700.

Closing: 26/2/2012



Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Housing Office

Program Manager

Clerk Grade 9/10

Department of Family & Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office
Temporary Full-Time
Parramatta

Requisition No: 00000T90

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:

The position manages the implementation of state-wide AHO property assets programs or projects to support the expansion of the Aboriginal Housing Sector in NSW and to maximise outcomes and protect its value. Therefore, the Program Manager must have a high degree of credibility with the Aboriginal community and be sensitive to and knowledgeable about cultural and social issues and needs.

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 relate assistance with a demonstrated commitment to client service.
2. Proven ability to implement asset-related capital, maintenance or upgrade programs; to evaluate project performance; and to apply expertise to risk management and quality assurance principles.
3. Negotiation and communication skills applicable to technical professionals with capacity to present to a variety of audiences including businesses, government agencies and client groups.
4. Well developed problem-solving skills to analyse and interpret complex information and sound judgement to assess the impact of changes to programs.
5. Knowledge of the statutory requirements relating to the acquisition, disposal and leasing of property and contracts management.
6. Knowledge of commercial practices in the construction industry related to the State Government's provision of services to the Aboriginal housing sector.
7. Current Driver's Licence and willingness to drive.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Gary Small (02) 8836 9430

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Requisition Number: 00000T90

Closing Date: Sunday, 19 February 2012

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TEACHER (Aboriginal) Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy

Wellington Correctional Centre
Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 00000TGH. Total remuneration package valued at \$91,298 pa, including salary of \$73,802 pa to \$82,735 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Responsible for delivering accredited Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy programs to offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent and Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40110 or TAA40104 or BSZ40198) or completion of TAE40110 within 12 months of appointment. A Degree or Diploma that includes subjects in Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to provide flexible course delivery to meet learner and institutional needs. Proven ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching. Ability to work within a case management team under a Throughcare strategy. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

Job Notes: In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning areas will meet the Education and teaching subject(s) qualification criteria. Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online and attach their resume including details of qualifications as a Word document. Copies of qualifications and academic transcripts must also be attached to their online application and originals be presented at interview. Overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. Applicants must provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary, full-time and part-time positions.

Inquiries: Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au
(02) 6840 2919

Closing: 26/2/2012

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Outer West Wellbeing Partnership Project Manager

HealthWest Partnership is a strategic alliance of two Primary Care Partnerships (PCP) covering five local government areas in Melbourne's western suburbs.

The Outer West Wellbeing Partnership Project is part of the Closing the Health Gap initiative which aims, through partnership, to work with and support Aboriginal people of all ages to achieve their optimal health.

We are seeking an experienced Project Manager to work alongside the Aboriginal community and our member agencies, to improve the uptake of screening and ongoing engagement with health services.

Join us and use your knowledge of the health system and capacity to build collaborative relationships to help shape the service system for Aboriginal people in the west of Melbourne.

Applications close 20 February 2012

For position description & to apply:
<http://www.healthwest.org.au/employment.html>

For enquiries, please contact:
Gail O'Donnell Executive Officer, HealthWest
Ph: 90175843
Email: gail.odonnell@healthwest.org.au

TWO TALENTED PEOPLE WANTED TO HELP SHAPE FIRST AUSTRALIANS MEDIA

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION
CANBERRA BASED

Opportunities Close Wednesday 29 February 2012

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

The Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national peak elected representative body for all aspects of the broadcasting and media sector in Australia. AICA has entered into an exciting change period against a backdrop of media convergence, rapid speed growth in social and international media, and national broadband rollout, all with the potential to add considerable value to the Closing the Gap national agenda. The organisation is now seeking two talented people to drive an agenda forward which helps secure a brighter future for First Australians' media.

Two Vacancies

- **Chief Executive Officer**
Salary of \$105,000 p.a. plus leave & super
- **Manager of Office**
Information & Member Services - \$55,000 p.a. plus leave & super

How to apply

Your written application needs to include a covering letter, a copy of your CV, and written responses to each of the Selection Criteria. You can request a Position Description by emailing Tony at Mini.Consulting@mirii.com or by telephoning Tony on 0411 343 635.

Applications close Wednesday 29 February 2012.

Empowering First Australians Media



**Family &
Community Services**
Community Services

Aboriginal Administration Traineeship

Administrative Support Officer
Clerk Grade 1/2

Grafton, Nowra and Strawberry Hills
Temporary Full-Time

Reference No. 00000PBI

Total remuneration package valued up to \$31,093 per annum (Salary: \$13,762 pa - \$28,177 pa) depending on school leaver level. Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide generic clerical and administrative support services to staff in various divisions.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Capacity to work well in a team based environment.
3. Undertake administrative management of the site and office equipment.
4. Manage reception, switchboard and referral services for clients.
5. Provide administrative support to teams and managers and other professional officers as required.

Job Notes: There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

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 on-line: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Refer to Reference No: 00000PBI

Closing Date: Wednesday 22 February 2012

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Administration Assistant National Aboriginal Health Unit

- **Position could be located in Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney**
- **Part-time (0.5 FTE)**

The National Heart Foundation is seeking an Administration Assistant to support the team in our National Aboriginal Health Unit.

This position would suit someone with a strong understanding of general office systems and some practical experience in an administrative role as well as knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and communities.

If you would like further information about this role, a copy of the position description, covering the essential requirements, can be found on the Heart Foundation website at: www.heartfoundation.org.au/About_Us/Careers

If you would like to apply for this position, please send your CV, along with a covering letter, addressing the essential requirements section of Education, Experience and Technical Knowledge in the position description to: careers.national@heartfoundation.org.au.

Queries can also be sent to this email address.

Applications close Monday 27 February 2012



INFORMATION OFFICER LIBRARY

Level 4 Salary Range: \$54,460 to \$58,341 pa, plus Super

This is a continuing full-time position

Vacancy Reference No: 12/2022

Do you have substantial knowledge and/or experience of library services, operations and resources? Does working in a team, with the opportunity to apply your experience to varied work appeal to you?

The work of the position will include acquisition of new resources for the Library collection, end processing, invoicing, simple cataloguing and participation in rostered duties such as the loans desk.

The successful applicant will possess good communication skills, be flexible, show initiative, be customer focussed and ensure the highest standard of service delivery. Suitable applications from this process may also be used to create a list of potential future appointments.

For further information on the position, please visit the website or contact Patrice Fox on 02 6201 5454

CLOSING DATE: 19 FEBRUARY 2012

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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 more information on this position and how to apply, go to our website at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/jobs>

OUR PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



ASSOCIATE LECTURER – INDIGENOUS HEALTH PROGRAMS

SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL – CENTRAL
REFERENCE NO. 2119/1211

The University of Sydney works with urban and remote Aboriginal communities, to support them in addressing substance misuse.

The University offers two courses specifically designed to develop skills for Indigenous clinicians in the field. To grow these courses, we are seeking an Associate Lecturer to provide phone and face-to-face academic support and tuition to Indigenous students in the Graduate Diploma and Master in Indigenous Health Substance Use.

The position requires a good understanding of substance misuse, its causes, prevention and treatment options, as well as experience in facilitating workshops or training. You will also possess excellent communication skills and computer and internet skills.

This is an opportunity to join a dedicated team and further develop your academic profile within Indigenous health under the guidance and support of leaders in the field.

CLOSING DATE: 27 February 2012

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Visit sydney.edu.au/positions and search by the reference number for more information and to apply



Scholarships and Cadetships

Become a counsellor or family mediator

UnitingCare Unifam Counselling and Mediation and UnitingCare Institute of Family Practice are offering a number of Scholarships as well as Cadetships in 2012 to eligible applicants.

Scholarships are available for Diploma of Counselling; Vocational Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling and Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution. Training is held in Parramatta.

Cadetships are available in intake, counselling or family dispute resolution (family mediation) at Unifam offices in Sydney Metro, Wollongong, Gosford and Newcastle.

For more information and to obtain an information pack contact IFP on 8830 0755.

Applications close:
27 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



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
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.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Taree Community Centre

This is an Identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Female (designated as specifically a female person under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act).

Enquiries: Chris Gallant 02 6592 9624

Reference ID: 65222

Closing Date: 19 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



Family & Community Services Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Aboriginal Service Coordinator

Grade 6/7

Western Region, Wiradjuri Home Care
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 00000SG8

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,671 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,855 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position co-ordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Case management experience in a similar community service organisation and experience in service co-ordination and assessment of care recipient needs in a community service organisation.
- Strong written and oral communication and negotiating skills to develop care agreements with care recipients and care service providers; prepare reports and compile submissions.
- Sound conflict/problem solving skills acting on behalf of the care recipient in discussions with other agencies and working in community development.
- A demonstrated ability to monitor and work to a budget.
- Sound organisational skills and ability to work on a computerised system.
- Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.
- Tertiary qualifications in human services or a related discipline or relevant experience and knowledge.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. This position will be responsible for providing consistent, high quality and cost effective services to customers under the Community Care Program Guidelines and Principles. This will include the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers and matching service delivery resources.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Enquiries: Athol Boney (02) 6937 9640

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000SG8

Closing Date: 24th February 2012

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Inner North West
PRIMARY CARE PARTNERSHIP

Project Manager

Closing the Health Gap Project

0.6-0.8 EFT/3-4 Days (location Brunswick, Victoria)

Fixed term to 30 June 2013

The Closing the Health Gap/CTHG initiative aims, through partnerships, to work with and support Aboriginal people of all ages to achieve their optimal health. The Project Manager will facilitate the development and implementation of the CTHG Project, in partnership with key stakeholder agencies in the INWPCP catchment. The position will build on the existing partnerships, integrated response and service coordination work.

Essential requirements include: strong knowledge of Aboriginal health policy and initiatives, advanced skills/experience in consultative processes and collaborative relationships with key stakeholders including Aboriginal communities, ability to work independently and as part of a team, well developed interpersonal and communication skills, experience in managing complex projects and meeting project timelines. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

Qualifications: Tertiary qualification in public health, health promotion or relevant social sciences

Enquiries and Applications to: Grant Hamilton, Executive Officer, Ph 9389 2261 or granth@inwpcp.org.au

Closing Date:

Fri 17 February, 2012



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Are you a talented and enthusiastic law graduate who would like to make a difference?

The ODPP employs recent graduates as part of the Legal Development Programme. The programme provides valuable experience in NSW criminal prosecutions to individuals who have a desire to succeed and make a difference.

Legal Development Programme (ATSI)

Vacancy Ref: 2012/04

Salary Package: \$72,142

Salary Range: \$59,705 – \$65,376

Sydney CBD and Parramatta locations

The Legal Development Programme offers law graduates temporary employment for a period of up to twelve months to develop their skills and experience in criminal prosecutions. This opportunity is a targeted position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

You are eligible to undertake the programme if you have:

- Completed the coursework component of the College of Law's Professional Programme (or its equivalent) or would have completed it prior to commencing the programme.
- Completed, are currently undertaking or have not started the work experience component of the College of Law's Professional Programme (or its equivalent). Those participants who have completed the work experience component need to have done so within 6 months immediately preceding the date of application.

Programme participants will assist in the preparation of non trial matters (Short Matters), Supreme Court Bails and trials. Participants will also provide administrative support to lawyers and Crown Prosecutors involved in the prosecution process.

Programme participants will have:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated interest in the practice of criminal law and the function of the ODPP.
- Ability to provide administrative support and work co-operatively within a professional team.
- Strong demonstrable written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to be flexible and use initiative to meet conflicting deadlines.

Apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Job reference No. 00000TKV

Applications will close on 20 February 2012

If you require further information in relation to the Program you can telephone Wendy Carr on 9285 8772.

Further information about the ODPP can be found at www.odpp.nsw.gov.au

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PROJECT OFFICER (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health)

If you have a passion for improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's health, this position is what you are looking for!

We are seeking an enthusiastic project officer to contribute to improved health outcomes for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs. The position involves working closely with general practices, the local Aboriginal health service and other health and social services to improve the quality of care, integration of care and cultural safety of service provision for Aboriginal people. It is based in Dandenong, Victoria.

The successful applicant will have experience working with Aboriginal people; an understanding of and ability to work with GPs, primary health nurses and other allied health providers; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; project management skills; and have a commitment to meaningful community consultation. They will also have a demonstrated understanding of historical and contemporary issues that are relevant to the lives of Aboriginal people. A full orientation will be provided to the successful applicant.

For a copy of the position description, selection criteria and information on how to apply see www.dcgpa.com.au, or contact Peter Larter at p.larter@dcgpa.com.au or phone (03) 8792 1900.

Applications close COB:

Monday 27th February 2012.

The Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office

The Executive Director of Schools invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced teachers for the full time position of

EDUCATION OFFICER CURRICULUM / INDIGENOUS EDUCATION K- 12 Full-time Position

For immediate start by negotiation

This appointment is permanent to the extent that the program under which it is made is maintained by the Commonwealth Government.

Based in Bathurst or Dubbo and reporting to the Team Leader, Learning and Teaching, the role exists to support the process of pedagogical change in relation to addressing the curriculum needs of indigenous students. Through this role effective and relevant learning environments for today's school age indigenous learners will be promoted.

Applicants to have a minimum 5 years teaching experience.

Written confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background to be provided with application.

A role description and selection criteria to be obtained by contacting Jenny Cosgrove on (02) 6338 3000 or j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au

Applications addressing the criteria and providing details of three professional referees (one being a Priest of the Parish) to be marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' and submitted to:

The Manager Employee Services
Catholic Education Office
PO Box 308 BATHURST NSW 2795
Phone: (02) 6338 3000 Fax: (02) 6338 3001
Email: j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: Monday, 20 February at 4.00pm

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.

The Catholic Education Office Bathurst is an equal opportunity employer

Case Manager (Community Options Project – Aboriginal)

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Home Care Service of NSW
Daramulen Aboriginal Branch, Hunter Region
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference: 00000T23

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,670 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,855 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide case management support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged, younger with a disability and their carers who are eligible for a Community Options Package or a Compacts package.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and a demonstrated understanding of the Aboriginal culture with extensive understanding and experience in the delivery of community care programs to frail aged Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of the home and community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
3. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy, and complaints mechanisms.
4. Strong facilitation, negotiation, conflict resolution, problem solving, written, and oral communications.
5. Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health science.
6. Demonstrated experience in computer literacy to support client service delivery, creation, and maintenance of client records and basic accounting practices to monitor and work to a budget.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position at Daramulen Aboriginal Branch (located at Cardiff). Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants **MUST** obtain an information package which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service NSW. Applicants **MUST** address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

For enquiries: Kathy Leayr on (02) 4321 7215

Information Package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job reference Number: 00000T23

Closing Date: 17 February 2012

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (Female)

Albury Local Area Command, Southern Region, Field Operations
Clerk Grade 3/4
Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months
ALBURY
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 12/013

Salary Package:

\$72,142. **Salary:** \$59,705 - \$65,376. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen co-operation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- **Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 12 months.**
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- **Aboriginality and female are genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.**
- Applicants must include date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act, 1998*, applicants will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. This position is subject to the terms of the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act, 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position, as it involves child related employment.
- 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:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Knowledge of issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Ability to work effectively, communicate, liaise and consult with the local Aboriginal community, service providers and Police personnel.
- Proven integrity, discretion and ability to handle highly confidential information.
- Experience in computer skills.
- Contribute to and participate in the development and implementation of local community strategies.
- Capacity to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shiftwork.

Enquiries/Information Package: Vicki McEwen on (02) 6023 9206

All applications must be submitted through Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au).

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000SR9

Closing Date: Sunday 4 March 2012

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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
General Purpose Lease	08/80	YARRI MINING PTY LTD	64.45HA.	17km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 47' S Long: 115° 5' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
The purposes of G 08/80 are: Mining plant storage, camp facilities, drilling equipment, fuel depot, laydown hardstand for mining equipment and storage of piping, precast manufacturing of concrete products, stockpiling of quarry materials, storage of plant and equipment, storm shelters, truck transport depot, water storage dam, workshop.						
Mining Lease	08/478	YARRI MINING PTY LTD	296.59HA.	24km SW'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 114° 58' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	08/479	QUARRY PARK PTY LTD	363.08HA.	33km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 55' S Long: 115° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	26/829	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LTD	121.25HA.	31km NE'ly from Kambalda	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY

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. Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 8 February 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 **8 May 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. 8 June 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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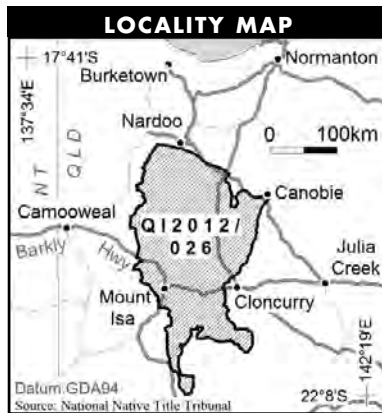
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 15 February 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2012/026 Kalkadoon Pre-Determination ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The application covers about 38,700 square kilometres and extends from approximately 200 kilometres north of Mount Isa to approximately 150 kilometres south of Mount Isa as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Mount Isa City Council, Burke Shire Council, Carpentaria Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Mineral House
41 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Kalkadoon Native Title Aboriginal Corporation
109 Barkly Highway
MT ISA QLD 4825

Kalkadoon People
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services
Level 4, 370 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6.1 Subject to clause 7.2, the Native Title Parties consent to:

- (a) the Surrender from time to time of Native Title Rights and Interests in respect of the Surrender Parcels;
- (b) the granting of a lease or leases under clause 8.2(c).

6.3 The parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title Rights and Interests that may exist in relation to the Surrender Parcels.

7.2 The Surrender consented to under clause 6.1 takes effect:

- (a) immediately prior to the issue of any deed of grant in fee simple under the Land Act; and
- (b) only with respect to the land comprised in the deed of grant.

12 [...] Part 2 Division 3 of the Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any act consented to under clause 6.1.

["Surrender Parcels" is defined in clause 1 as meaning Lot 31 on USL 47860, Lot 51 on M758195, Lot 2 on MPH22027 and Lot 4 on USL 47894]

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 Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, 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, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 15 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 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 this application, call Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

AG58696

Facilitating timely and effective outcomes.

Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation

Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation is an exciting Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service which offers comprehensive primary health, social support and training services to Aboriginal people in Port Augusta and the surrounding areas. Our health service provides a culturally appropriate preventative and curative health service to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The position of Manager – Health Programs and Promotions will report to the [CEO] and provide the organisation with knowledge and expertise in the area of Health and Wellbeing Programs. The following responsibilities are indicative of the expertise and skills required for this position:

- Manage and deliver services offered by a programme
- Provide leadership to team members
- Promotion of the programme within the local and wider community
- Ensuring effective cooperation and collaboration with other programmes and teams within the organisation and other agencies
- Budgeting and other resourcing responsibilities relevant to a programme

The successful applicant will have a sound knowledge of the issues affecting Indigenous peoples and communities, and understanding the complexities of service planning and delivery issues for indigenous people.

Manager Health Programs and Promotions

- Admin (AS06) Fixed contract
- Excellent Salary & Conditions
- Position No 004

A comprehensive Position & Person Specification is available by phoning Liz Austin on 08 86429999 or via email Liz.Austin@health.sa.gov.au.

For any enquires, please contact the CEO Anna Caponi on telephone 08 86429999.

Applications must be sent to the following address and received

NO LATER THAN 5pm - 22 February 2012.

Late applications will not be considered.

**Dianne Jacobs
Human Resources and Consulting
PO Box 295
Stepney 5069 SA**

Or via email to: Dianne@ceainc.asn.au



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELLOR

We are seeking enthusiastic and qualified applicant to work with the Indigenous Counselling Service within Cooktown and District.

Based in Cooktown this position will provide specialised counselling to Perpetrators of Domestic and Family Violence. This new 3 year funded program and will provide outreach services to the communities of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura. The program aims to provide an early intervention and prevention counselling service in conjunction with the Children's Domestic Violence Counsellor and Victims of Domestic and Family Violence Counsellor.

The position is permanent full time QCSACAA level 6 with salary sacrificing offered and is funded by the Dept. of Communities.

For more information and a position description please contact;

**Naomi Bravery - Manager,
Cooktown District Community Centre,
11 Charles St,
PO Box 763, Cooktown.**

T: (07) 4069 6098

E: reception@cooktowndcc.org.au

**Applications close:
5pm, Friday 24th February 2012**

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 15 February 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2011/067 Mamu People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The application covers about 1600 square kilometres and is located approximately 60 kilometres south of Cairns as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Tablelands Regional Council and Cairns Regional Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited
C/- MacDonnells Law
Level 9, 120 Edward Street
Brisbane QLD 4001

John Edwards, Victor Maund, Alfred Joyce,
Niree Appo, Stephen Brooks, Dean Purcell,
Robert Major and Billy Tinkum on their own
behalf and on behalf of the Mamu People (QUD6014/01)
C/- North Queensland Land Council
61 Anderson Street
Cairns North QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes or summaries in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[References below to:

'Aboriginal Land' has the meaning given in the Aboriginal Land Act, 1991

'Electricity Infrastructure' means 'Works' as defined in section 12(1) of the Electricity Act, 1994 and includes

'Operating works' as defined in section 12(3) of that Act].

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts [This includes: Minor Works and access to conduct Minor Works; use of and access to all land siting Electricity Infrastructure in existence at the execution date and of any adjacent land required for operational use and maintenance of Electricity Infrastructure, including any access by way of relevant access tracks; future acts on Aboriginal Land with prior written consent of the entity holding Aboriginal Land; and subject to Cultural Heritage Management Processes stipulated in the Agreement, the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure].

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 [The Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located].

7.7 [For the purpose of accessing Electricity Infrastructure, the Parties consent and authorise Ergon Energy and its Contractors to use, maintain, repair and be granted an interest in the nature of an easement, permit or licence over relevant access tracks].

22.2 [Future acts by Land Trusts in relation to Aboriginal Land within the agreement area – subject to the consent of the land holding entity, the parties consent to the doing of any future act (other than surrender of native title) in relation to that land.]

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 are such a person and wish to object to the registration of this agreement you may only object for one reason: you think the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified because the requirements of s. 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) were not met in relation to the certification.

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 15 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 Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

Koorie Engagement Support Officer - ES 2.4

Salary Range: \$62,434 - \$79,513 (48/52)

1 x Ongoing position - Southern Metropolitan Region Greater Dandenong Network

The Victorian Department of Education & Early Childhood Development is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to work in the Southern Metropolitan Region (SMR) as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO).

The KESO will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people through early childhood to school completion.

The role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. VCAT exemption # A195/2009.

For further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Please refer to position number 780515.

Applications close 22 February 2012

Further details can be obtained from Lisa Anderson, Koorie Team Leader
anderson.lisa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au PH: 9794 3503

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Aboriginal Access & Assessment Officer

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Aboriginal Access & Assessment Team - Nowra

Home Care Service of NSW

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No. 00000SGJ

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,671 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,855 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The successful applicant will be a team player with excellent communication skills with the ability to conduct culturally responsive referral and assessment outcomes for potential Aboriginal Clients wanting to access Aboriginal Home Care or HACC services.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated understanding of contemporary issues for Aboriginal people, including an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people. Experience in working with Aboriginal Communities and organisations.
- Knowledge of the HACC program and service provider network including: community care and welfare systems; health and disability systems.
- Capacity to build relationships and partnerships with service delivery stakeholders.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights and issues including confidentiality, privacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Experience in interviewing and assessing the needs of clients with complex needs.
- Experience in the use of word processing and the capacity to use databases to create and maintain customer records.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a permanent full-time position located in Nowra. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Julie Gilbert on (02) 9407 7745

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000SGJ

Closing Date: Friday 24 February 2012

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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 or call (03) 9380 4644.

Applications close:

5-00 pm on Friday 17 February, 2012.



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NOTICE OF JAGERA, YUGGERA AND UGARAPUL ELDERS AND COMMUNITY MEETING

9 am, Saturday 10TH March 2012

Lockyer Room, Ipswich Civic Centre

All persons who are members of the native title claim group in the native title determination application filed in the Federal Court and referred to as Jagera People #2 (QG6014/03) are invited to attend a meeting convened by Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people.

The Jagera People #2 native title claim covers land and waters in south-east Queensland including Ipswich and Gatton.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Consider whether the present Applicant to the Jagera People #2 claim continues to be authorised by the claim group to make the native title claim and to deal with all matters arising in relation to it, or whether a new Applicant should be authorised to replace the existing Applicant to the native title claim;
2. Consider changes to the native title claim group description; and
3. Make decisions on other matters relating to the native title claim.

Elders and members of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples should attend the meeting, being the biological descendants of the following people:

- a. James/Jamie Bell, and in particular, those of his known sons Roger Bell (aka Jung Jung) and Stanley Bell;
- b. Thomas Anderson (aka Tommy Dugandan) and Emily Harvie/Harvey, and in particular, those of their known son Robert Anderson (aka Goupong);
- c. Sarah Moreton (aka Dinaba), and in particular, those of her known son Charlie Moreton (aka Mookin);
- d. Janie of Laidley, and in particular, those of her known daughter Daisy Moreton nee Thompson (aka Muminda);
- e. Billy Turner, and in particular, those of his known daughter Amy Thompson nee Turner;
- f. Janey Thompson, and in particular, those of her known son Harry Thompson Snr;
- g. Maggie McCarthy, and in particular, those of her known son Peter Long;
- h. Topsy of Ipswich, and in particular, those of her known son Jimmie Edwards;

who identify as and are accepted by other members of the group as members of the group.

Date: 9am to 3pm, Saturday 10 March 2012 (refreshments included)

Venue: Lockyer Room, Ipswich Civic Centre, cnr Limestone & Nicholas Streets, Ipswich

Please contact Leslie Bonner at Ngaran Goori Ltd, on email leslie.bonner@ngarangoori.com.au or telephone 0427 609 312, no later than Friday, 2 March 2012, if you intend to attend this meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

QUANDAMOOKA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Quandamooka People** are the Native Title Holders in relation to areas of land and waters ("Determined Area") the subject of the judgment of the Federal Court of Australia in *Delaney on behalf of the Quandamooka People v State of Queensland* [2001] FCA 741. Further applications to the Court seeking recognition of Quandamooka native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) are proposed to be made over remaining traditional estates.

The **Quandamooka People** are described as the biological descendants of the following people:

Nellie/Lilly Kidgere;	King Billy Toompani;
Mary Indoole Compignie;	Juno (Gonzales);
Elizabeth Ruska;	Liza Jungerboi (mother of Rose Martin nee Bain);
Charlie Moreton (Dandrubai);	Tommy Nuggin (Gendarieba);
Sidney Rollands (Kingal/Winyeeaba);	Tilly (mother of Tommy Dalton, Richard Dalton and Henry Lea);
Lillian Lyons (Dungoo);	Kindarra,

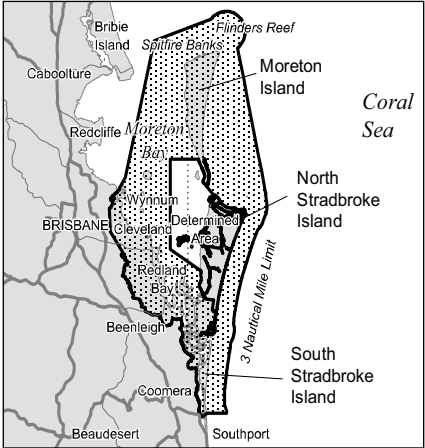
who identify as and are accepted by other Quandamooka People as Quandamooka People according to Quandamooka traditional law and custom.

This Notice invites all members of the **Quandamooka People** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 25 February 2012
Venue of Meeting: Dunwich Public Hall
Cnr Ballow Rd & Junner St
Dunwich
North Stradbroke Island
Time of Meeting: Registration 10.30 am
Meeting Open 11.00 am

The purposes of the meeting are to:

1. authorise one (1) or more new native title determination applications seeking the recognition of native title rights and interests over land and waters within the external boundary of the area (excluding the Determined Area) indicated in the map below;
2. authorise the Applicant(s) to make the native title determination application or applications, whichever the case may be, and to deal with matters arising in relation to it or them;
3. consider and decide upon:
 - a. proposals that Quandamooka Yoolooburabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) or its nominee enter into:
 - i. a lease with Minjerribah Camping Pty Ltd for the Dunwich Bookings Office, Bradbury's Beach, Amity Point, Adams Beach, Adder Rock, Thankful Rest and Cylinder Beach Holiday Parks for a period of 30 years;
 - ii. a management agreement with Minjerribah Camping Pty Ltd for the operation of the Flinders Beach Camping Area, the Main Beach Camping Area; and
 - iii. a management agreement with Minjerribah Camping Pty Ltd regarding the issuing and management of 4WD permits for 30 years;
 - b. suitable standing instructions for QYAC as to how native title decisions are to be made.



All members of the Quandamooka People (as described above) are invited to contact **Queensland South Native Title Services** (Richard Sporne or Communities Section on **freecall 1800 663 693**) to register their intention to be present at the meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting or with accommodation costs. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

Quandamooka Yoolooburabee Aboriginal Corporation General Meeting

Immediately following the Quandamooka Native Title Authorisation Meeting, a General Meeting of QYAC will be held to consider amendments to the QYAC Rulebook. Members of QYAC will be notified of the proposed amendments by mail or email.



NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that, **ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD** (ACN 095 494 330) of Suite 3, 51-55 City Road Southbank Victoria 3006 (and its successors or assigns) as mining operator proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence 4802 ("**EL 4802**") (including any extensions replacements, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with EL 4802 and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the area of EL 4802) and pursuant to the exploration licence to be granted over the land the subject of Exploration Licence Application 2011/281 ("**ELA 2011/281**") (including any extensions replacements, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the exploration licence to be granted pursuant to ELA 2011/281 and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the area of the exploration licence to be granted pursuant to ELA 2011/281) on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 4802

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 70 km northeast of Coober Pedy, referred to as **Warrina Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°24'S and longitude 135°01'E, thence east to longitude 135°14'E, south to latitude 28°32'S, west to longitude 135°07'E, north to latitude 28°28'S, west to longitude 135°01'E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 241 square kilometres.

And

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 2011/281

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60 km northeast of Coober Pedy, referred to as **Derangunabula Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°20'S and longitude 134°55'E, thence east to longitude 135°03'E, south to latitude 28°22'S, east to longitude 135°05'E, south to latitude 28°24'S, west to longitude 135°01'E, south to latitude 28°28'S, east to longitude 135°07'E, south to latitude 28°32'S, east to longitude 135°14'E, north to latitude 28°26'S, east to longitude 135°19'E, south to latitude 28°36'S, west to longitude 135°04'E, north to latitude 28°32'S, west to longitude 134°55'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 596 square kilometres.

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) ("**Land**").

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of economical mineralisation which may include (without limitation) the following activities: magnetic, gravity, electrical, electromagnetic and seismic surveying; geophysical surveys; geological mapping; geochemical soil, sediment, calcrete and rock chip sampling; aircore, reverse circulation and diamond core drilling; mud rotary drilling; water bore drilling, water pumping and piping; down hole geophysics; analysis of drill samples; environmental, engineering and metallurgical surveys and studies; construction and maintenance of camp facilities, coreyard, storage and laydown areas (including for fuel), and access tracks.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authorities under the *Mining Act 1971* (SA):

EL 4802 of which **ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD** is the registered holder and mining operator and the exploration licence to be granted pursuant to ELA 2011/281 of which **ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD** will be the registered holder and mining operator.

ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD (and their 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, **ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD** (or their 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 **ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD** as follows:

ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD
c/- FINLAYSONS

81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8235 7814

Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944

Contact: Ms Julia Dnistrianski



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	15/1298	SIRIUS RESOURCES NL	2,041.03BL.	41km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 47' S Long: 121° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1308	ABEH PTY LTD	6BL.	30km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 121° 21' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1311	YILMIA ANDALUSITE PTY LTD	2BL.	18km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 121° 29' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1312	INTEGRA MINING LTD	25BL.	51km E'ly from Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 122° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1314	OCTAGONAL RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	35BL.	27km SE'ly from Kambalda	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 121° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1315	OCTAGONAL RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	9BL.	18km SE'ly from Kambalda	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 121° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1316	HARRIS, Linnie	20BL.	27km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/467	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	7BL.	62km N'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/476	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	6BL.	58km N'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2185	EAGLEX PTY LTD	70BL.	129km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 123° 0' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2193	CONDOR METALS LIMITED	18BL.	96km E'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2194	CONDOR METALS LIMITED	2BL.	62km E'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 122° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2198	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	38BL.	65km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 122° 4' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2200	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	3BL.	69km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2202	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	146BL.	154km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 123° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2207	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	10BL.	150km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 122° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2209	REGENCY MINES AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	7BL.	116km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 123° 6' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2210	REGENCY MINES AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	45BL.	119km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 122° 58' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/847-1	FE LIMITED	1BL.	86km W'ly from Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 120° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/852	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	4BL.	28km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 26' S Long: 121° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/785	DELGARE PTY LTD	4BL.	42km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/2859	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	46BL.	33km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 34' S Long: 118° 26' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3191	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	18BL.	99km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 37' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	46/942	MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD	44BL.	33km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 11' S Long: 120° 4' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2584	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	21BL.	52km S'ly of Karratha	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 116° 48' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1750	ALAMAR RESOURCES LTD	5BL.	14km W'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 116° 32' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1426	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	18BL.	30km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 43' S Long: 121° 35' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1449	HANNANS REWARD LTD	12BL.	92km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 30' S Long: 120° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3033	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LTD	102BL.	78km W'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 18' S Long: 123° 3' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3034	LIGNITE PTY LTD	11BL.	151km NE'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 127° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4135	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	7BL.	11km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 115° 51' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4212	FAR NORTH MINERALS PTY LTD	12BL.	55km W'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 32' S Long: 117° 4' E	PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4484	PINDAN EXPLORATION COMPANY PTY LTD	18BL.	127 km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 7' S Long: 127° 58' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4485	PINDAN EXPLORATION COMPANY PTY LTD THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD	1BL.	113 km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 15' S Long: 128° 0' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4486	PINDAN EXPLORATION COMPANY PTY LTD THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD	12BL.	107 km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 18' S Long: 127° 57' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4655	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD NORVALE PTY LTD	4BL.	77km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 127° 59' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4656	KIMMINCO PTY LTD	54BL.	118km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 58' S Long: 126° 52' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/471	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	21.89HA.	99km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 24' S Long: 116° 6' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/472	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	21.90HA.	100km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 116° 7' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/473	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	45.82HA.	102km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 22' S Long: 116° 9' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/474	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	45.83HA.	104km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 21' S Long: 116° 11' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5665	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	194.37HA.	19km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 121° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5666	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	111.87HA.	19km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 121° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5667	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	115.81HA.	20km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 121° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5670	FRASER, LanceBLincoe	9.60HA.	11km S'ly from Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5671	TARABINI, Graeme Victor FRASER, LanceBLincoe	4.84HA.	12km SW'ly from Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5672	TARABINI, Graeme Victor CROW MINING PTY LTD	178.89HA.	22km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5673	GIRI, Thomas James AUZEX RESOURCES LIMITED	113.62HA.	24km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5674	GGG RESOURCES PLC AUZEX RESOURCES LIMITED	191.68HA.	24km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5676	GGG RESOURCES PLC				
Prospecting Licence	15/5676	MUSKETEER MINERALS PTY LTD	176.25HA.	4km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5677	MUSKETEER MINERALS PTY LTD	176.32HA.	3km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5678	AUDIAPT MINING AND ENERGY PTY LTD	103.52HA.	3km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/3771	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	201.51HA.	55km NW'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4608	GALLOP, Joseph Brian	201.52HA.	66km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4612	BARNEY, Ian James	4.13HA.	70km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4613	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick HOOPER, Jamie Gavin BORROMEI, Rino	110.71HA.	44km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4614-8	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick HOOPER, Jamie Gavin BORROMEI, Rino	901.78HA.	43km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4619-24/4620	GIRI, Thomas James	359.17HA.	66km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2225	WEDGETAIL PROSPECTING PTY LTD	194.90HA.	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3805-26/3812	BARAC, Mate	1491.39HA	8km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3880	STOKES, Harold John	101.81HA.	15km N'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3881	STOKES, Harold John	116.85HA.	16km N'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3882	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	6.54HA.	22km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3883	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	5.88HA.	23km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2088-27/2090	MOUNT RESOURCES PTY LTD	600.97HA.	17km N'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1245-S	PUMPHREY, Alicia Carmela	9.81HA.	113km NE'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 122° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1246-S	PUMPHREY, Alicia Carmela	8.42HA.	113km NE'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1249	GUIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	113.97HA.	82km E'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2220-1	MALANTI PTY LTD	241.99HA.	10km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 121° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2014	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	199.62HA.	114km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 122° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2019	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick HOOPER, Jamie Gavin BORROMEI, Rino	63.79HA.	83km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 121° 52' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2022	SCOTT, Brett Anthony	19.36HA.	110km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 122° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8117-37/8121	MOVING ROCK & RESOURCES PTY LTD	606.89HA.	4km NE'ly Of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8124-37/8143	VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	3426.27HA	23km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8152-S	LOWE, Leslie Edward	9.88HA.	18km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8153	ALQUISIUS PTY LTD	186.78HA.	7km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3975	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	188.98HA.	6km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3977-8	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	394.65HA.	9km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5134-S	WESTCOTT, Timothy Daniel	341.99HA.	44km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5208	BREWER, Gerard Victor	173.10HA.	57km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5239	DIXON, Trevor John	58.05HA.	60km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5240	LOWE, Leslie Edward	90.95HA.	51km E'ly from Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5241	LOWE, Leslie Edward	201.76HA.	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5243	BREWER, Gerard Victor	203.09HA.	58km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5253	JACKSON, John Ronald	195.76HA.	61km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5254-S	PILKINGTON, Lisa Jane	10.26HA.	64km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5257	HAMILTON, Leslie	194.90HA.	55km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 53' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5258	HAMILTON, Lynette Kay HAMILTON, Lynette Kay	208.88HA.	54km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1295-6	GALLOP, Leeanne Caroline	259.74HA.	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1198	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	150.24HA.	90km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 25' S Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1199	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	22.83HA.	90km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 24' S Long: 116° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1261	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	48.21HA.	95km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 26' S Long: 116° 38' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1262	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	34.63HA.	98km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 27' S Long: 116° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1278	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	125.60HA.	112km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 37' S Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1390	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	21.33HA.	76km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 17' S Long: 116° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1391-4	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	644.28HA.	76km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 116° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1395-6	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	215.97HA.	80km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 17' S Long: 116° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1397	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	10.59HA.	82km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 18' S Long: 116° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2727-S	MILLS, David Joshua Stuart	9.73HA.	17km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 28' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1302-S	LEGENDRE, Joseph	4.00HA.	73km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 118° 55' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1303-S	MACK, Christopher Jeffreyy	9.00HA.	5km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 119° 15' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1975	DOWLING, Mark Dermott	4.62HA.	3km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1976	MARTIN, Paul Richard	83.41HA.	11km N'y of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 116° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: 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.

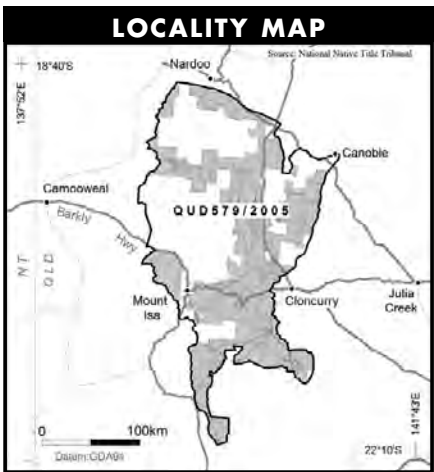
Notification day: 8 February 2012

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 **8 May 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. 8 June 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.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

State of Queensland
Notification day: 15 February 2012



The Kalkadoon People are party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements listed and described in the table below.

The area of each of the agreements is

- located within the area of the Kalkadoon native title claim (QUD579/2005) which was determined by the Federal Court of Australia on 12 December 2011 (the locality map shows the external boundary of the determination area and, in grey, the individual agreement areas); and
- described in the table below.

The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

The Kalkadoon People’s contact address is:
Illona Parter, Noeleen Dempsey, Douglas Bruce, William Doyle, Lawrence (Sonny) Condren, Cornelia (Connie) Craigie, Patricia Kyle, Sue Sarmardin (Jnr) and Hazel Munro
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Limited
Level 4, 370 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The other parties are listed in the table below.

Each of those parties (except for QI2011/066) is represented as follows:

Mark Boge
Thynne & Macartney
GPO Box 245
BRISBANE QLD 4001

ILUA Number	ILUA name	Description of agreement area	Additional party to the agreement
QI2011/066	Kalkadoon People/Starcross ILUA	The agreement covers about 310 square kilometres, located approx. 130 kilometres southeast of Mt Isa and falls within the Local Government Authority (LGA) of the Cloncurry Shire Council.	Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Ltd Contact address: PO Box 5170 TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810
QI2012/001	Kalkadoon People/Thorntonia ILUA	About 140 square kilometres, located approx. 140 kilometres northwest of Mt Isa. LGA: Mount Isa City Council.	Bezuma Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2012/002	Kalkadoon People/Angus (aka Rosebud) and Coll (aka Rifle Creek) ILUA	About 720 square kilometres, located approx. 30 kilometres southeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Ian Charles Campbell
QI2012/003	Kalkadoon People/Roxmere ILUA	About 6 square kilometres, located approx. 90 kilometres southeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Andrew William Jesse Daniels, Samuel Donald James Daniels and Gabrielle Kennedy
QI2012/004	Kalkadoon People/Buckingham Downs ILUA	About 470 square kilometres, located approx. 130 kilometres south of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Hacon Holdings Pty Ltd
QI2012/005	Kalkadoon People/Chum Vale, Jersey Plains and Bloodwood (aka Tommy Creek) ILUA	About 430 square kilometres, located approx. 75 kilometres east of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Jersey Plains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2012/006	Kalkadoon People/Barr Creek and Toorah Vale ILUA	About 630 square kilometres, located approx. 115 kilometres north of Mt Isa. LGA: Mount Isa City Council.	Alfred Arthur Lanskey
QI2012/007	Kalkadoon People/May Downs (aka Meltham) ILUA	About 1,130 square kilometres, located approx. 7 kilometres west of Mt Isa. LGA: Mount Isa City Council.	James Lyne Lord and Marjorie Annette Lord
QI2012/008	Kalkadoon People/Ashover ILUA	About 800 square kilometres, located approx. 55 kilometres south of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry and Boulia Shire Councils.	Robert John McConachy
QI2012/009	Kalkadoon People/Brightlands and Bulonga ILUA	About 1240 square kilometres, located approx. 40 kilometres east of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Archibald James McDonald
QI2012/010	Kalkadoon People/Corella Park, Ginburra (aka Lanark), Mount Maggie and Timberu ILUA	About 1,350 square kilometres, located approx. 45 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	McMillan Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2012/011	Kalkadoon People/Devoncourt and Stradbroke (aka Stanbroke) ILUA	About 2,230 square kilometres, located approx. 70 kilometres southeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	MDH Pty Ltd
QI2012/012	Kalkadoon People/Boomara and Coolullah ILUA	About 3,140 square kilometres, located approx. 75 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2012/013	Kalkadoon People/Ardmore ILUA	About 0.8 square kilometres, located approx. 19 kilometres southwest of Mt Isa. LGA: Mount Isa City Council.	Venlock Pty Ltd
QI2012/014	Kalkadoon People/Farley and Girla (aka Girila) ILUA	About 295 square kilometres, located approx. 120 kilometres southeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Donald Francis James McDonald
QI2012/015	Kalkadoon People/Ballaghmore Downs and Tyndool ILUA	About 190 square kilometres, located approx. 120 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Walter George Hacon

ILUA Number	ILUA name	Description of agreement area	Additional party to the agreement
QI2012/016	Kalkadoon People/Bannockburn (aka Koolamarra) ILUA	About 190 square kilometres, located approx. 100 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	William Thomas Mitchell
QI2012/017	Kalkadoon People/Bortala (aka Alsace) ILUA	About 510 square kilometres, located approx. 100 kilometres north of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire and Mount Isa City Councils.	Edgar Alfred Lanskey
QI2012/018	Kalkadoon People/Bushy Park ILUA	About 480 square kilometres, located approx. 55 kilometres southeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Ronald Arthur Power and Neville Joseph Power
QI2012/019	Kalkadoon People/Carsland, Patricia Vale, Quamby, Evandean, Yambini and Venus (aka Jessivale) ILUA	About 895 square kilometres, located approx. 80 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Harold Henry McMillan
QI2012/020	Kalkadoon People/Granada ILUA	About 645 square kilometres, located approx. 115 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Peter Eric Hacon
QI2012/021	Kalkadoon People/Heywood and Murrumba (aka Rosebud) ILUA	About 1,070 square kilometres, located east of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire and Mount Isa City Councils.	Argylla Mountains Pastoral Pty Ltd
QI2012/022	Kalkadoon People/The Nobbies (aka Dugald) ILUA	About 160 square kilometres, located approx. 140 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Lionel Albert Hudson
QI2012/027	Kalkadoon People/Hillside ILUA	About 330 square kilometres, located approx. 65 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Cameron Creek Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2012/028	Kalkadoon People/Ibis Creek ILUA	About 60 square kilometres, located approx. 160 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Scott Fisher Harrington
QI2012/029	Kalkadoon People/Lorraine/Talawanta ILUA	About 1,070 square kilometres, located approx. 180 kilometres north of Mt Isa. LGA: Burke, Cloncurry and Carpentaria Shire Councils.	Lorraine Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2012/030	Kalkadoon People/Mellish Park ILUA	About 330 square kilometres, located approx. 175 kilometres north of Mt Isa. LGA: Burke Shire Council.	Alan James Webber
QI2012/031	Kalkadoon People/Clonagh and Corella ILUA	About 940 square kilometres, located approx. 130 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA Cloncurry and McKinlay Shire Councils.	Paraway Pastoral Company Limited
QI2012/032	Kalkadoon People/Berguna and Nardoo ILUA	About 230 square kilometres, located approx. 200 kilometres north of Mt Isa. LGA: Burke Shire Council.	Peter John Woollett and Ann
QI2012/033	Kalkadoon People/Bendigo Park (aka Yadthor) ILUA	About 0.9 square kilometres, located approx. 150 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Graham Charles Lisle Curley and Marie Stella Curley
QI2012/035	Kalkadoon People/Gleeson ILUA	About 500 square kilometres, located approx. 130 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. LGA Burke and Cloncurry Shire Councils.	Thomas Goodwin Keats
QI2012/036	Kalkadoon People/White Hills ILUA	About 660 square kilometres, located approx. 110 kilometres north of Mt Isa. LGA Burke and Cloncurry Shire Councils.	Tom Keats & Co Pty Ltd

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either s24EB(1)(b)(c)(or)(d) or s24EBA (1)(a). The purpose of the agreements is “to establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the agreement areas by the Kalkadoon People during the term of the relevant leases and to manage any associated risk”.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These thirty two applications for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is described above. 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 **15 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 Tribunal Case Manager Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

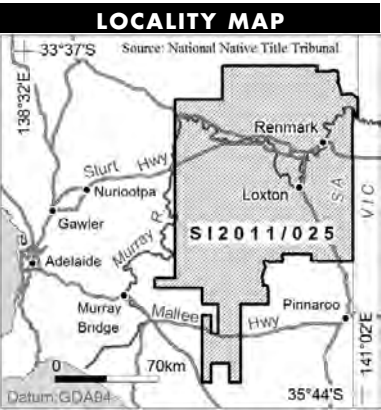
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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia

Notification day: 15 February 2012



SI2011/025 The River Murray and Crown Lands ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this application covers about 17900 square kilometres, located approximately 95 kilometres East of Adelaide as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Coorong, Southern Mallee, Karoonda East Murray, Mid Murray, Murray Bridge, Loxton Waikerie, Renmark Paringa, Berri Barmera and UIA Riverland Municipalities.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Party	Contact Address
The Attorney-General for the State of South Australia Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister for Water and the River Murray Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries	c/- Crown Solicitor Level 6, 45 Pirie Street Adelaide SA 5000
Dorothy Turner, Mark Agius, Denise Varcoe, Jim Abdulla, Loretta Smith, Gladys E Sumner and Glenda Rigney for and on behalf of First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region The River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation	South Australian Native Title Services Ltd Level 4, 345 King William Street Adelaide SA 5000
South Australian Native Title Services Ltd	Level 4, 345 King William Street Adelaide SA 5000

The agreement contains the following statements and summarised statements:
[Summarised statements and explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

12.1.3 The Parties agree that the acknowledgment of Traditional Rights by the State in this clause 12.1 [details about the rights set out in 12.1 can be obtained from the Tribunal by contacting the case manager noted below]and their exercise in accordance with this ILUA is in substitution for the right to enjoy and exercise any native title rights and interests which may exist in relation to any land within the ILUA Area other than CD Land and that the agreement, acknowledgement and substitution is a valid Future Act that is wholly inconsistent with the exercise of native title rights and interests in relation to that land and the non-extinguishment principle (as defined in section 238 of NTA [Native Title Act 1993]) applies to suppress all native title rights that may exist in relation to the ILUA Area other than in relation to the CD Land.

13.6.1 Subject to Part 5A, Division 2 of the NPWA, [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (SA)] where the First Peoples exercise native title rights to hunt, fish, gather or do a cultural or spiritual activity, they agree to comply with any restriction or prohibition of those rights including by licence, permit or authority or other lawful instrument of which reasonable notice is given to the Corporation where:
(a) the prohibition or restriction is in place for the preservation of native flora or fauna or fish, environmental protection or public health and safety; and
(b) that prohibition or restriction applies equally to others to whom a licence permit or other instrument has been or may be granted or issued under a law of the State or Commonwealth authorising them to carry out a similar class of activity.

13.6.2 The agreement in clause 13.6.1 is a Future Act that is consented to and validated by the parties and they agree that it wholly or partially affects the exercise of native title rights and interests to the extent of prohibition or restriction.

13.7.2 The Parties agree that if any CD Land is added to a reserve that is already constituted by a proclamation under the NPWA or a newly proclaimed reserve under the NPWA and Traditional Rights are acknowledged and exercisable in the reserve by a Parks ILUA that allows the exercise of Traditional Rights in the whole of the reserve, including over CD Land, the addition of the land is a Future Act that wholly affects native title rights and interests and those rights and interests are wholly suppressed and any compensation for the suppression of those rights and interests in the Parks ILUA will be covered by clause 19.2 and clauses 26.2.1 and 26.2.2 of this ILUA.

15.7 If any emergency situation occurs anywhere within the ILUA Area, then, where the State would otherwise have to comply with clause 15 and/or 16 in respect of Aboriginal Heritage or native title:
15.7.1 the State may take such measures as it considers necessary in the circumstances;

19.3.1 The First Peoples consent to the dedication of section 97 Hundred of Parcoola and section 607 Hundred of Moorook and its establishment as a wetland reserve [Overland Corner Wetland Reserve] under the care, control and management of the Corporation pursuant to the Crown Land Management Act 2009 (SA) [the Parties agree that the dedication will be a valid Future Act].

19.4.1 The First Peoples consent to the dedication of the following land parcels (as indicated on the attached map in Schedule 8) and their establishment as the Lake Bonney Recreational and Aboriginal Heritage Purposes Reserve under the joint care, control and management of the Corporation and the District Council of Berri/Barmera pursuant to the Crown Land Management Act 2009 (SA):
1. Allotment 5, DP52018 Cobdogla Irrigation Area (McIntosh Division)
2. Section 415, OH(Renmark) (H740500) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Cobdogla Division)
3. Section 477, OH(Renmark) (H740500) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Cobdogla Division)
4. Portion of Section 538, OH(Renmark) (H740900) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Nookamka Division)
5. Section 610, OH(Renmark) (H740500) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Cobdogla Division)
6. Section 724, OH(Renmark) (H740900) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Nookamka Division)
7. Section 854, OH(Renmark) (H740500) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Cobdogla Division)
8. Section 855, OH(Renmark) (H740500) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (Cobdogla Division)
9. Section 791, OH(Renmark) (H740800) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (McIntosh Division)
10. Section 503, OH(Renmark) (741000) Cobdogla Irrigation Area (balance)

19.6.2 The First Peoples surrender to the State all of their native title rights and interests[Clause 19.6.3 - which surrender extinguishes the native title rights and interests] in relation to the land and waters [situate at:
(a) section 10 Hundred of Parcoola as indicated on the attached map in Schedule 7, and
(b) portion of Allotment 3, DP52018 Cobdogla Irrigation Area (McIntosh Division) and Portion of Allotment 201, DP54475 OH(Renmark) as indicated on the attached map in Schedule 7.]

19.6.8.1 the First Peoples will surrender to the State [where, pursuant to Clause 19.6.7, the State agrees to transfer to the Corporation all of the estate and interest in the Nildottie Land] all of their native title rights and interests in relation to the Nildottie Land [Clause 19.6.8.2 - which surrender extinguishes the native title rights and interests]

21.1 Subject to clauses 21.3 and 21.4.1, upon Registration of this ILUA the Future Act provisions set out in Part 2 Division 3 of the NTA (including Subdivision P) no longer apply to land and waters within the ILUA Area and the terms of this ILUA apply in their place.

21.2 All low impact Future Acts on CD Land that would have fallen within Subdivision L of Part 2 Division 3 of the NTA if a determination of native title had not been made in favour of the First Peoples in SAD 6026/98 are consented to and valid Future Acts to which the non-extinguishment principle applies and for the avoidance of doubt, do not fall to be considered under Subdivision M or pursuant to clause 21.3 of this ILUA.

21.5 The Parties:
21.5.1 agree to the validation of all Future Acts done by the State, or for which the State is deemed to be liable, that have already been done invalidly within the ILUA Area before the Commencement Date;
21.5.2 agree that all Future Acts validated in accordance with this clause are valid and taken always to have been valid;
21.5.3 consent, subject to clause 24 of this ILUA (and, where relevant, in accordance with and subject to clauses 12.1.3, 13.6.2, 13.6.5[read 13.7.2], 15.7, 19.3, 19.4, 19.6 and 21.1), to the State doing all Future Acts within the ILUA Area (except those Future Acts to which clause 21.3 and clause 21.4.1 apply) during the period commencing on the Registration Date and continuing thereafter for the remainder of the Term. Such consent does not imply permission from the traditional owners to do an act which in whole or part may affect Aboriginal Heritage and that would otherwise amount to a contravention of the AHA or the River Murray Act 2003 (SA) or any other legislation; and

23.1 the First Peoples surrender [Clause 23.2 –which surrender extinguishes the native title rights and interests] to the State all of their native title rights and interests in relation to the land and/or waters within that part of the ILUA Area in respect of which the State does any Future Act which is a Notifiable Act and in respect of which, subject to clause 24, consent is given in clause 21.5.3, where the relevant Future Act is:
23.1.1 a Public Work;
23.1.2 the grant of a freehold or leasehold interest to facilitate the construction of a Public Work; or
23.1.3 any grant of a freehold or leasehold interest that is not a grant pursuant to clause 23.1.2 over land within the ILUA Area other than CD Land.

23.4 The parties agree that subject to clause 21.3 the Right to Negotiate procedure is not intended to apply to the doing of any Future Act by the State within the ILUA Area during the period commencing on the Registration Date and continuing thereafter for the remainder of the Term.

25.1 upon registration of this ILUA the First Peoples surrender any and all surviving native title rights and interests over land where any Miscellaneous Lease for Grazing and Cultivation purposes has been granted at any time in the ILUA Area apart from such leases granted on CD Land; and
25.2 the surrender of native title rights extinguishes the surrendered native title rights and interests at the time of their surrender.

[Definitions for the terms 'CD Land', 'Non-sensitive Land', 'Notifiable Act', 'Sensitive Land' and 'Traditional Rights' can be obtained from the Tribunal by contacting the case manager noted below]

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 South Australian Native Title Services Ltd, 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, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide, SA, 5001 by 15 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 for Transport, Energy, and Infrastructure, SA. 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 Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Nathan logs many miles for baseball

By GRAHAM HUNT



IF points are given for dedication, young Coffs Harbour baseballer

Nathan Cunningham should be richly rewarded.

The 15-year-old student of Toormina High School travels vast distances just to be involved in his chosen sport.

Every weekend during the winter baseball season, Nathan is driven to Lismore to take part in Far North Coast Baseball Association competition.

And now that baseball is in recess in Lismore, Nathan travels even further – to Robina, on the Queensland Gold Coast, to play competition baseball.

His dad Michael Cunningham told the *Koori Mail* that the family had travelled more than 100,000 kilometres in the past three years on baseball outings alone.

During the representative season – from October to January – when Nathan is required to attend training in Lismore and locations around Brisbane, he and others in the household make the trips on Tuesdays and at weekends.

The Gumbaynggirr youngster gets there any way he can – sometimes by car, sometimes by bus and sometimes by train.

He has played the past couple of seasons in the Far North Coast competition – sometimes in the under 16s, under 18s or in the Major League with the seniors.

Baseball in Lismore has a proud tradition, and because of its proximity to Queensland, the Far North Coast association has long been affiliated with Queensland baseball.

Indeed, Lismore has supplied more than its fair share of Queensland representatives in all divisions.

Already, Nathan has represented Queensland.

Before switching to Marist Brothers in the Lismore competition, the right-arm centrefielder and left-hand batter played in Coffs Harbour and in 2010 represented NSW Country at the Australian under-14 titles at Beenleigh.

After switching to the Lismore competition in 2011, he was a member of the winning Far North Coast side at the 2011 Queensland titles at Redcliffe.

He was also judged the most valuable player of the Timberjack tournament in Lismore, which attracted the best junior baseballers from Queensland and parts of NSW.

Played for Queensland

Last year he represented the winning Queensland team at the national under 16 titles and has just returned from Geelong, where he was named in the under 16 All Australian team.

Nathan is in Year 11 at Toormina High School, where last year he represented in rugby league, rugby union, athletics, softball, baseball, cricket and soccer.

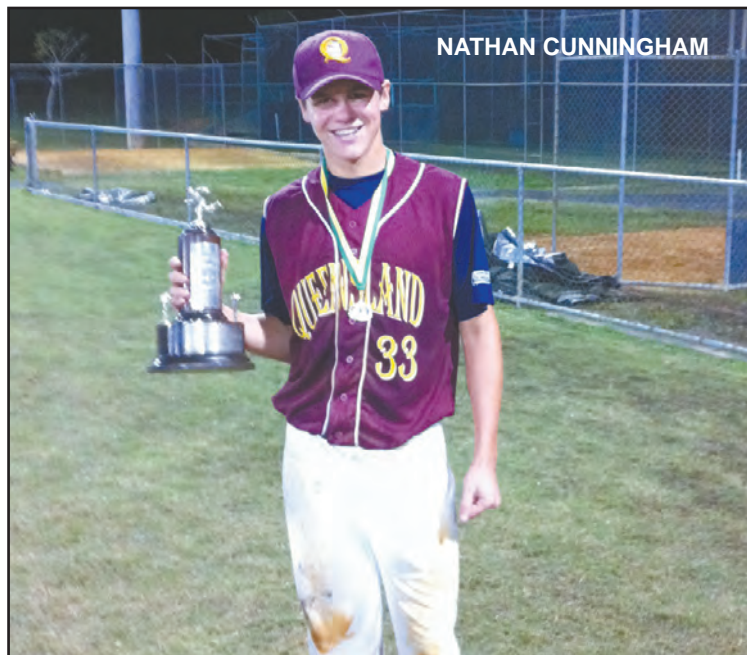
Not surprisingly, his ambition is to one day play for Australia. "That's my goal," he said.

Word around the diamonds is that there are plenty of talent scouts who have given Nathan a nod of approval, but according to his dad, the rules say the talent scouts are not allowed to talk to any players until they're in the under-18 age group.

That may be a couple of years away, but in the meantime Nathan is prepared to put in the hard yards to improve his game even further.

"I pretty much need to work on the basics, like hitting," he said.

"I'm trying to get that better for next time."



NATHAN CUNNINGHAM

PUBLIC NOTICE

AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED WIRI PEOPLE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

QGC Pty Limited ACN 089 642 553 (**QGC**) proposes to explore for gas in the Bowen Basin which may lead to a gas project involving production and distribution of gas through the operation of pipelines and associated infrastructure (**QGC Gas Project**).

QGC proposes to enter **two** Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreement) (**ILUAs**) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with all persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of those parts of the QGC Gas Project shown on the maps below (**ILUA Areas**).

The first ILUA Area is entirely located within the outer boundaries of Native Title Determination Application QUD380/08 made on behalf of the Barada Barna People. The second ILUA Area is entirely located within the outer boundaries of Native Title Determination Application QUD372/06 made on behalf of the Wiri People (**Wiri Claim**).

The Wiri People are described in the Wiri Claim as the descendants of the following Wiri apical ancestors:

Albert Butterworth
Jinny Clark
Nellie Emmerson
Mary Johnson
Jerry & Janie, parents of
Booyah McDonald
Flora Reed
Roger of Nebo
Sarah Sauney
Sophie Skeen
Donald Tears

Dick of Nebo, father of
Sam Murray & Jessie
Billy & Molly, parents of
Jessie Cothstone & Billy
Sullivan
Harry, father of Flora
Doyle & Lilly
King & Meg King
Ida Hess
Maggie Barker.

A meeting will be held for the Wiri People for the

purposes of authorising the two proposed ILUAs in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The proposed ILUAs will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the proposed QGC Gas Project within the two ILUA Areas.

All persons who consider that they are Wiri People, or who otherwise hold or may hold native title in either of the two ILUA Areas, are invited to attend as follows:

1. Wiri authorisation meeting:

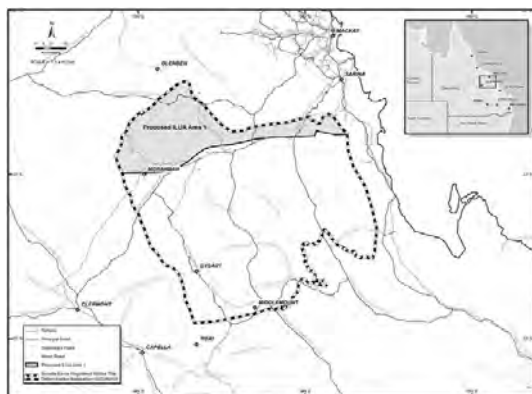
Mackay	Commencing 9am Saturday, 3 March 2012 (A light lunch will be provided)	Mackay TAFE Theatre K Block 90-92 Sydney St Mackay
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No sitting fees will be paid for those attending the meeting. Limited assistance with travel may be available. For further information, and to register your intention to attend the authorisation meeting, please contact Sandlewood on 07 3277 4801 by 5:00pm, Monday, 27 February 2012.

2. Other Interested Parties

Any Barada Barna person who asserts that they hold native title in relation to the first ILUA Area, is requested to refer to a separate public notice for a Barada Barna authorisation meeting for ILUAs for the QGC Gas Project in relation to land and waters over which they hold or may hold native title. Information and contact details are listed in that separate notice.

Anyone who otherwise holds or may hold native title in either of the two ILUA Areas is invited to contact Christine Delaforce of QGC on 07 3024 7699



PUBLIC NOTICE

AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED BARADA BARNA PEOPLE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

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Both ILUA Areas are entirely located within the outer boundaries of the Native Title Determination Application QUD380/08 Barada Barna People (**Barada Barna Claim**) area. The first ILUA covers a small part of the Barada Barna Claim to the north. The second ILUA covers a larger part of the Barada Barna Claim to the south.

The Barada Barna People are described in the Barada Barna Claim as descendants of the following Barada Barna ancestors:

Bob Lotus
Lizzy Payne
Daisy (wife of Booyah McDonald)
Maggie (wife of Toby Barker & Peter Darwin and Michael Angus)

"Polly" Mary (wife of Robert Noble & Bert Fox)
Robert Noble
Lizzie (wife of Paddy Flynn)
Polly (wife of Thomas Mitchell)
Lucy Ross

A meeting will be held for the Barada Barna People for the purposes of authorising the two proposed ILUAs in

accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The proposed ILUAs will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the proposed QGC Gas Project within the two ILUA Areas.

All those persons who consider that they are Barada Barna People, or who otherwise hold or may hold native title in either of the two ILUA Areas, are invited to attend as follows:

1. Barada Barna Authorisation meeting

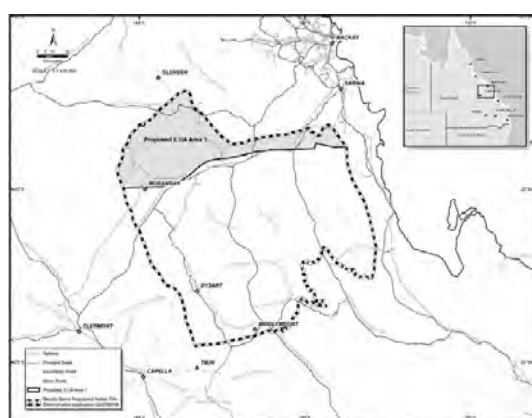
Bidgerley Learning Centre	Commencing 9am Saturday, 3 March 2012	South Walker Creek Mine Access Road, via Peak Down Highway, Nebo
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To register your intention to attend the authorisation meeting and to confirm travel arrangements, please contact Judi on 07 4959 8822 by 5:00pm, Friday, 24 February 2012.

2. Other Interested parties

Any Wiri person who asserts that they hold or may hold native title in relation to the first ILUA Area, is requested to refer to a separate public notice for a Wiri authorisation meeting for ILUAs for the QGC Gas Project in relation to land and waters over which they hold or may hold native title. Information and contact details are listed in that separate public notice.

Anyone who otherwise holds or may hold native title in either of the two ILUA Areas is invited to contact Christine Delaforce of QGC on 07 3024 7699.



NT upset carnival hotshots

By PETER ARGENT



THE Northern Territory pulled off some stunning victories at the national under 17 cricket championships in Hobart in December.

The NT finished fifth overall, winning four and losing three matches.

But they came away with wins over NSW, Victoria, South Australia and the ACT.

Three Indigenous boys were part of the NT team.

Marcus McGregor-Cassidy, who plays with East Torrens in the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) competition, was the NT's wicketkeeper. He's also a handy batsman.

His best effort with the willow was an unbeaten 32 in the round-five clash with Victoria.

Ayden Allan-Vowles opened the batting through the entire tournament and reached double figures in four of his seven innings.

In the opening game against the hosts, Tasmania, Allan-Vowles produced a top score of 33.

This innings displayed his power and range of strokes, as he hit seven boundaries in a 31-minute stay, facing 32 deliveries.

Dylan Fuller, from Tracey Village, played the opening four games of the tournament.

Opening the bowling Fuller's best effort was 1-6 from six overs against Western Australia in round four.

"Aiden is a raw talent and hits that ball hard and has a lot of potential," NT under-age program coach Shane McDermott said.

"Dylan has a fluent action and bowls in the right areas.

"Technically, Marcus was the best 'keeper at the championships.

"He just needs to gain more consistency behind the stumps and his batting.

"I expect these lads will play a lot of cricket in our under-age programs."



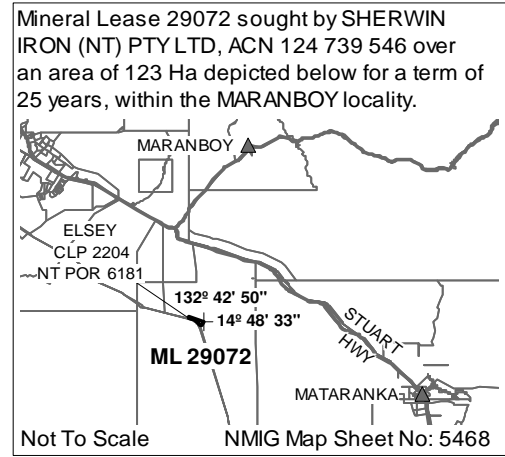
MARCUS MCGREGOR-CASSIDY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

MINERAL TITLES ACT SECTION 71
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources and the Chief Executive, Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) and section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act* respectively, of the intent to do an act, namely to grant the following mineral lease application.

The application to which this notice applies:



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, Chesser House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 or GPO Box 9973 Adelaide, SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

Objection or Submission, Section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act*: The landowner(s) of land in respect of which the following application is made may lodge an objection to the grant or the application; any other persons may lodge a submission. Objections and submissions must be lodged in writing with the Department of Resources at the above mentioned address, within 30 days from the relevant Notification Date which is set out below.

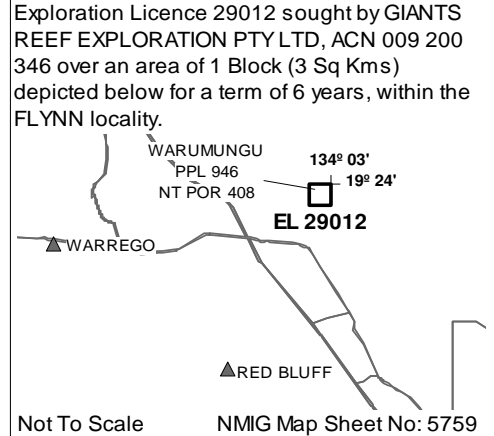
Notification Day: 8 February 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCE

MINERAL TITLES ACT SECTION 71
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, and the Chief Executive, Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) and section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act* respectively of the intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 4 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence-s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 58S 0 / mith / treet Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 99" 322.

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Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure.

/ uch an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 5 months of the notification day.

Objection or Submission, Section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act*: The landowner(s) of land in respect of which the following applications are made, may lodge an objection to the grant of the exploration licence application; any other persons may lodge a submission. Objections and submissions must be lodged in writing with the Department of Resources, at the above mentioned address, within 30 days from the relevant Notification Date which is set out below.

Notification Day 8 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(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION: Portion of Lot 586 on Deposited Plan 69550 depicted as part Lot 586 on Deposited Plan 72903 Volume 3116 Folio 488 Area: 88.29 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 69550 and 72903. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Carnarvon. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered rights and 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:** Inclusion into adjoining Lease L113983. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Inclusion portion of Lot 586 into Special Aquaculture Lease. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The Lessee of Gascoyne Location 387 wishes to expand his Aquaculture facility. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 March 2012. **RDL FILE:** 02925-1986-03RO **RDL REF.:**100706

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, 140 William St, Perth, 6000. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lily Sutomo, State Lands Mid West, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4616. **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 140 William St, Perth no later than **22 May 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 **22 February 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 **22 May 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 16th Day of January in the year 2012

HON BRENDON GRYLIS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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McLeod joins Norwood as forward coach

By PETER ARGENT



ANDREW McLeod has joined the coaching panel of South Australian National Football League (SANFL) club Norwood.

In a great fillip for last year's preliminary finalists, new CEO Bill Leane announced the signing of the Adelaide Crows legend and the AFL's longest serving Aboriginal player.

McLeod, a 340-game and 275-goal Crow, recently retired from the AFL.

He joins the third-placed team from the 2011 SANFL season as a specialist forward coach.

The opportunity has been created by the departure of Scott Borlace for the Brisbane Lions as a development coach.

"Andrew has attracted a great deal of interest from many other clubs and to secure him is a real coup for the Norwood Football Club," Leane said.

"He brings a wealth of knowledge, passion, and a winning track record with two AFL premierships.

"For our young forwards to

learn from Andrew can mean the difference between (them) playing and succeeding."

Senior Norwood coach Nathan Bassett said to have McLeod as part of the team was terrific.

"I am looking forward to working with Andrew," Bassett said.

In accepting this new role at the Redlegs, McLeod said he was looking forward to working at Norwood and at Coopers Stadium.

"It is great to work with a former team-mate in Nathan Bassett and as part of a

well-structured program," he said. "Norwood has some great new recruits and a very exciting forward line and the prospects for the 2012 season are strong."

McLeod will continue in current roles with AFL and the Adelaide Crows.

Interestingly, McLeod played with the Port Adelaide Magpies in the SANFL in the early 1990s, after coming down from the Northern Territory, and before starting his career at the Crows.

While still a teenager, he was a member of the Magpies' 1994 flag-winning success over Woodville-West Torrens.



ANDREW McLEOD

Public Notice of the proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)

Anglo American Metallurgical Coal Pty Ltd ACN 076 059 679 (AAMC) is proposing to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA) with the Barada Barna People, as applicants to Native Title Determination Application QUD380/08, QC08/11 (Barada Barna People) together with all those people who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area but do not otherwise identify as Barada Barna People (Interested Parties). The State of Queensland, acting through the Department of Environment and Resource Management (the State), is a mandatory party to the proposed ILUA.

Under the proposed ILUA, the Barada Barna People and Interested Parties will consent to:

1. AAMC obtaining the grant in the ILUA area of applications for the addition of surface area to Mining Lease 70108, namely:

(a) the corridor of land currently subject to the sections of the Goonyella to Hay Point Railway that cross Lot 1 on RP904445, Lot 18 on SP208194 and Lot 20 on SP156188; and

(b) the area subject to the unnamed road that crosses Lot 1 on SP126833;

2. the surrender and extinguishment of native title to enable the grant of exclusive tenure for the relocation of the Goonyella to Hay Point Railway; and

3. any other future acts in the ILUA area by or on behalf of AAMC or an associated entity, for the purposes of the Moranbah North Mining Lease 70108 project.

The ILUA area (the approximate area of which is shown in Map 2) is entirely within the external boundaries of the Barada Barna People Registered Native Title Determination Application area and is approximately 15km north of Moranbah. The ILUA Area will incorporate:

(a) the area of Mining Lease 70108; and

(b) a corridor of land required for a section of the relocated Goonyella to Hay Point Railway, which is proposed to cross Lot 20 on SP156188, Lot 18 on SP208194, Lot 2 on CP907954 and Lot 1 on RP904445.

The ILUA will provide for the surrender of the native title rights and interests in the area referred to in paragraph (b) for the purpose of obtaining a form of exclusive tenure.

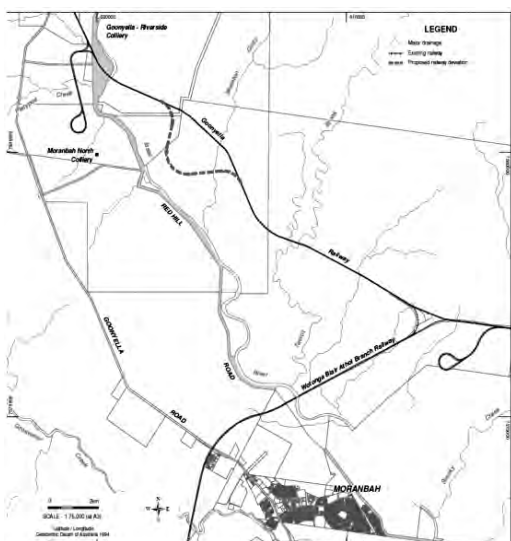
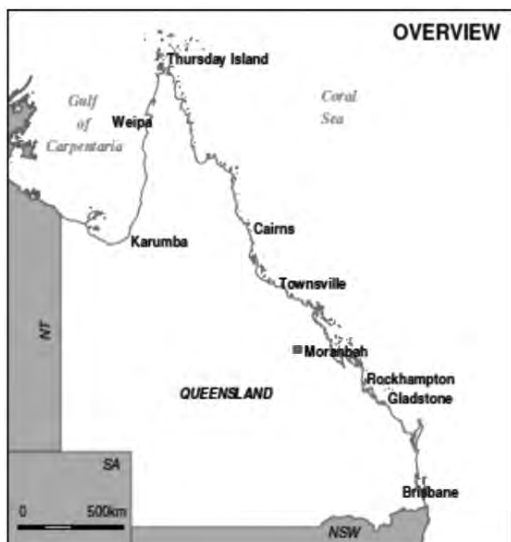
In compliance with the requirements under the NTA, a meeting will be held for the purpose of authorisation by the Barada Barna People native title claim group. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Location: **Bidgerley Learning Centre**, South Walker Creek Mine Access Road, via Peak Down Highway, Nebo, 4742
Date: **Saturday 3 March 2012**
Time: **11:00 AM**

A separate authorisation meeting will be arranged for the Interested Parties, for which a separate meeting notice will be published in due course.

Reasonable travel assistance is offered to those who wish to attend the authorisation meeting, who have registered their attendance and have had travel assistance pre-approved by AAMC. To apply for travel assistance and register attendance at the authorisation meeting, attendees must contact Judi Cavanagh on (07) 4959 8822 by Friday 24 February 2012.

For further information, please contact:
Nathan Brown AAMC
Phone (07) 3834 1218



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	385535	6.00Ha.	68km W'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 25' S Long: 122° 59' E	BROOME SHIRE
28/1786	CARRICK GOLD LTD	388510	591.04Ha.	65km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 122° 3' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
80/4015	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	387034	199.93Ha.	46km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 49' S Long: 127° 46' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act : Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 8 February 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 8 May 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. 8 June 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

Bigambul authorisation meeting for proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) relating to the ARROW ENERGY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

The registered native title claimant for Native Title Determination Application (QUD 101/09) (**Bigambul Claim**), invite all persons who are members of the Bigambul native title claim group (**Bigambul People**), to attend a meeting to consider authorising an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) proposed by **Arrow Energy Pty Ltd** ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**).

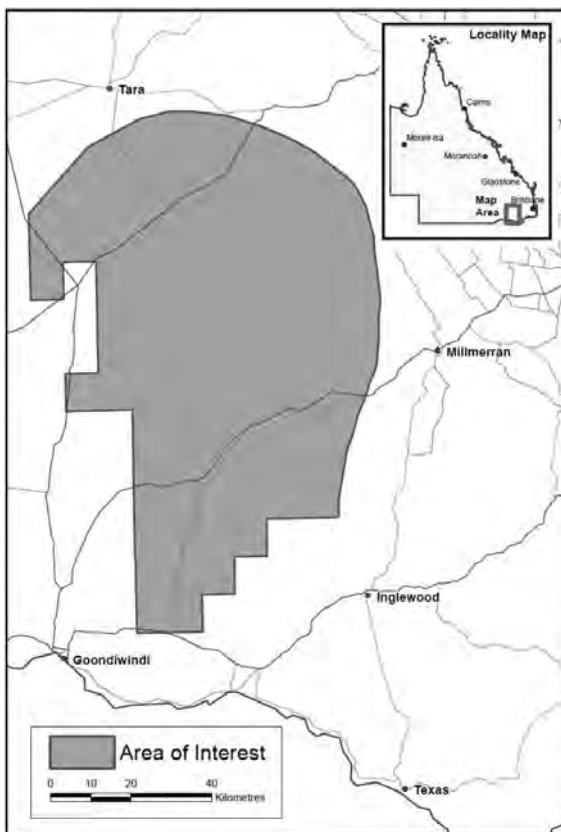
The **Bigambul People** are described as descendants of the following Bigambul ancestors:-

Queen Susan (also known as Granny Susan and also known as Susan of Welltown), "Sally" (mother of Mary Ann Beng), Nellie of Goondiwindi, Nellie Yumbeina, Jack Noble and Sally Murray.

Arrow proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project involving the development of gasfields and the construction and operation of pipelines, facilities for gas processing, gas liquefaction and power generation and all other associated infrastructure to allow Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone. That project is known as the Arrow LNG Project.

Arrow proposes an **ILUA** under Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in respect of certain parts of the Arrow LNG Project area (**Proposed ILUA**).

The Proposed ILUA area will be located wholly within the external boundary of the Bigambul Claim. The Proposed ILUA area is shown in the Map below.



A meeting will be held for the purpose of authorising the Proposed ILUA in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The Proposed ILUA will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the Arrow LNG Project within the Proposed ILUA area.

Bigambul People Authorisation Meeting

All those persons who consider that they are Bigambul People are invited to attend as follows:-

Date: Saturday, 25 February 2012
Time: 10:00am (Qld time), (11.00am, AEST)
Venue: Texas Memorial Hall, 46 High Street, Texas

For Bigambul People, further details may be obtained from **Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects**, phone (07) 3277 4801.

Other Interested Persons

For anyone who is not a member of the native title claim group for the Bigambul Claim, further details may be obtained from **Magda Potasniczak**, phone (07) 3009 5400.

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League champ good fit for Maitland



FORMER Australian rugby league player Robbie O'Davis and the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council have teamed up in a bid to improve the health and fitness of the Maitland community.

O'Davis will lead fitness classes twice a week at the Mindaribba Gym to get people fit and healthy.

Nearly 50 people turned out for the first fitness class recently and more people have since signed up to work out with the football champion.

Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive officer Ken Riddiford said the initiative was a helpful way to encourage people to exercise and be healthy.

"Health and fitness is an important issue for our community," he said.

"Bringing Robbie on board is a great way to make exercise a bit more interesting and fun.

"Robbie is a strong supporter of this community and he is really enthusiastic about this program.

"If anyone is going to get people enthusiastic about fitness, then Robbie is it."

Mr Riddiford said the local community had shown a lot of interest in the program since it began last month.

"People have responded really positively to the group fitness classes," he said.

"It is much more social and fun to work out with other people rather than doing it on your own.

"We have found that there are a lot of people who prefer to exercise this way and we're glad we can provide an opportunity for them to do that.

"It's an added bonus that your fitness leader just happens to be a very fit ex-Australian rugby league star."

The group fitness classes will be held every Wednesday and Friday at the Mindaribba Gym in Metford. For more information or to register, telephone (02) 4015 7000.



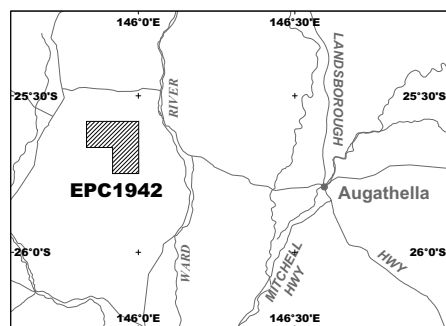
Working out ... from left, Kim Smailes, Anne McDonald and Donna Matthews get fit at the new twice-weekly group fitness classes led by former Australian rugby league champion Robbie O'Davis and provided by the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT

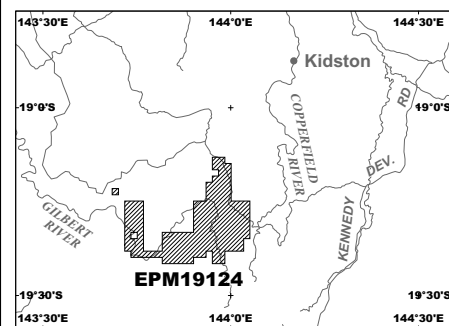
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals and the Exploration Permit for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

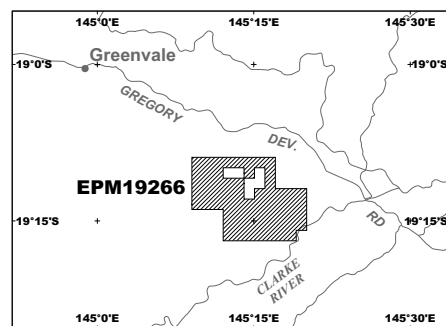
Exploration Permit 1942 sought by RMA Energy Limited, ACN 123 776 652, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (232km²), centred approximately 68km West of Augathella, in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Murweh Shire Council.



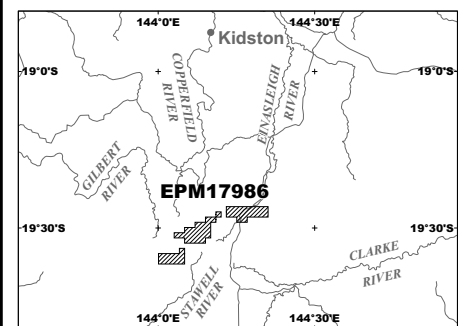
Exploration Permit 19124 sought by Chalcophile Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 090 712 217 over an area of 152 sub-blocks (490km²), centred approximately 52km SW of Kidston, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



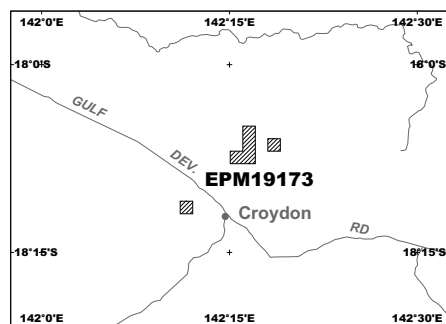
Exploration Permit 19266 sought by Coolgarra Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 151 731 010 over an area of 63 sub-blocks (204km²), centred approximately 31km SE of Greenvale, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



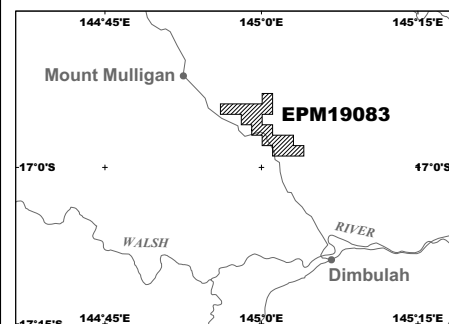
Exploration Permit 17986 sought by Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd, ACN 006 195 982, over an area of 51 sub-blocks (165km²), centred approximately 69km South of Kidston, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council, Etheridge and Flinders Shire Councils.



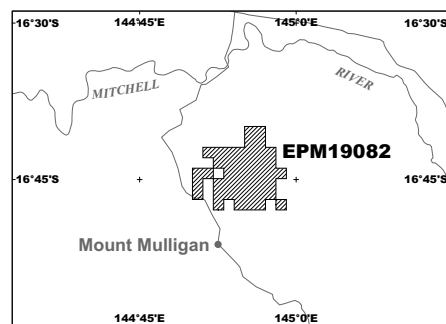
Exploration Permit 19173 sought by Plethora Pty Ltd, ACN 119 722 600, over an area of 6 sub-blocks (20 km²), centred approximately 8km North of Croydon, in the locality of Croydon Shire Council.



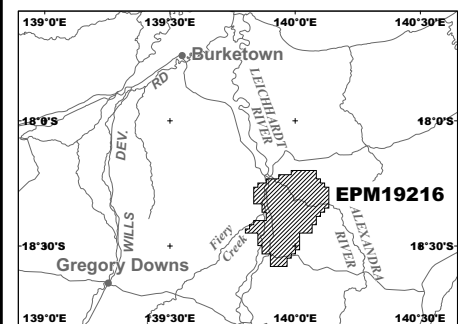
Exploration Permit 19083 sought by Plethora Pty Ltd, ACN 119 722 600, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (52km²), centred approximately 15km SE of Mount Mulligan, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19082 sought by Plethora Pty Ltd, ACN 119 722 600, over an area of 44 sub-blocks (144km²), centred approximately 15km NE of Mount Mulligan, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19216 sought by Mt Isa Metals Ltd, ACN 120 212 017 over an area of 278 sub-blocks (903km²), centred approximately 84km SE of Burketown, in the locality of Burke and Carpentaria Shire Councils.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified or coal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

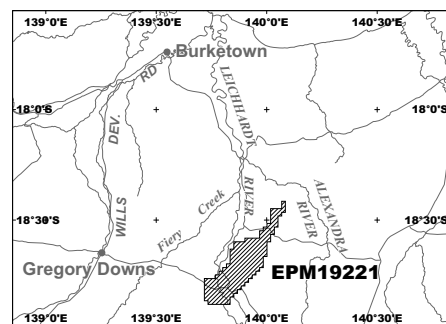
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07)3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

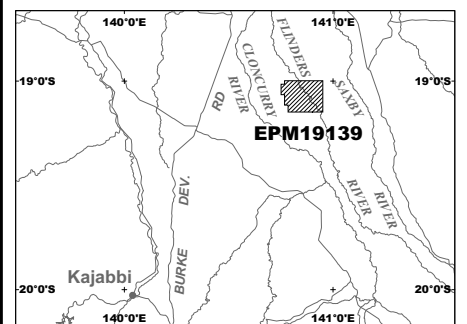
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 29 February 2012

Exploration Permit 19221 sought by Mt Isa Metals Ltd, ACN 120 212 017 over an area of 192 sub-blocks (623km²), centred approximately 108km ESE of Burketown, in the locality of Burke and Carpentaria Shire Councils.



Exploration Permit 19139 sought by Anglogold Ashanti Australia Limited, ACN 008 737 424 (51%) and Falcon Minerals Limited ACN 009 256 535 (49 %) over an area of 100 sub-blocks (324km²), centred approx. 136km NNE of Kajabbi, in the locality of Carpentaria, Cloncurry and McKinlay Shire Councils.



Queensland Government

Left high and dry

Simon's US plans now in disarray



INDIGENOUS Matilda Kyah Simon has been left in the lurch with the cancellation of the US Women's Professional Soccer League (WPS) following a legal dispute.

Westfield Matildas Simon and Tameka Butt had signed contracts with WPS sides during the Westfield W-league off-season, but now find themselves searching for a new club to keep them playing regular football.

Football Federation Australia said on its website that the WPS's board voted to suspend the 2012 season following a convoluted legal dispute with Dan Borislow, former owner of South Florida franchise the magicJack.

Simon and Butt were due to join WPS side Boston Breakers ahead of the US season, and the news comes as a big blow to their ambitions to play in what is arguably the world's best women's football league.

Bill Drossos, manager for the two, released a statement last week saying

Simon and Butt were 'gutted' not to get their chance to play in America, but that they would only move if the situation was right for them.

"Both Kyah and Tameka had offers from clubs around the world, specifically Sweden, Germany, France, Denmark and the UK before agreeing to terms with the Boston Breakers, so this decision by the WPS after the clubs in the USA were assured the competition would proceed and were allowed to contract players is extremely disappointing," Drossos said.

"Accordingly, we will be looking at all legal avenues and recourse available to Kyah and Tameka on the termination of their contracts.

Time running out

Drossos said that given that a lot of clubs around the world had already firmed up on their squads for 2012, it would be difficult now to secure other contracts overseas for Kyah and Tameka.

"However, we are in discussion with other clubs and we are pursuing other opportunities for them," he said.

"The situation is now made more difficult with the many players now available who had come to terms with WPS clubs in the USA so no doubt they will also now be very active in trying to secure positions elsewhere."



A file picture of Kyah Simon, right, and Lydia Williams warming up during a training session for the Australian women's team competing in the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany. – EPA photo

Cousins in national netball team



Cousins Talise, left, and Sezen Heron are in the Australian Indigenous under 18 netball team to contest an international schoolgirls carnival in Adelaide in late May.

By ALF WILSON



COUSINS Talise and Sezen Heron are flying high after representing Queensland in

the Australian Indigenous Schoolgirls Carnival on the Gold Coast last month.

After the carnival, the Townsville two were picked in the Australian Indigenous under 18 team that will compete in the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge in Adelaide from 25 May to 1 June.

The girls, aged 16, said they were in the Indigenous School Sport Australia team that was dominated by Queensland players.

'Intense'

"This is going to be very intense, but we are looking forward to it," Talise said of the Adelaide carnival.

The Gold Coast carnival was contested by teams from all Australian states in two age groups – under 15 and under 18.

At the completion, selectors picked Australian Indigenous teams in under 14, under 15, under 16 and under 18.

Deb Palise was one of the volunteer carnival organisers and said that Queenslanders dominated in the under 18 division.

"This year, we put two Queensland teams in. I couldn't decide who should

be in the Queensland team, so we entered two teams and both teams made the grand final. It was Queensland versus Queensland," Deb told the Queensland Department of Communities's *Namalata* magazine.

The girls said they played in opposing teams throughout the carnival and in the grand final, goal attack star Talise was directly against Sezen, who lined up in goal defence.

"We gave each other a hard time after we had usually been team-mates in our club netball," Talise said.

The International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge grew out of a trans-Tasman challenge that began in 2002. It widened to include other countries and has attracted teams from South Africa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and the Cook Islands, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

The Queensland contingent of the Indigenous School Sport Australia team is: Madison Darin (Brisbane), Taylor Norrie (Brisbane), Victoria Aubrey (Brisbane), Amele Artango (Brisbane), Shiara Adamson (Brisbane), Taleasha Morrice (Bundaberg), Talise Heron, (Townsville), Sezen Heron (Townsville).

The remainder of the 12-girl squad includes two players each from NSW and Victoria.

Women shine in Goldfield Ashes

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL side Black Bream took out the women's division of the three-day Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival at

Charters Towers.

The world's biggest cricket carnival held from 20-22 January, featured 226 teams and was played at 72 fields throughout the north Queensland city and surrounds.

The grades were: Men's A-1 (four teams), A-2 (10 teams), B-1 (26 teams), B-2 (133 teams), Social (46 teams) and women (seven sides).

Black Bream consisted of female Aboriginal players from Charters Towers and Townsville and finished undefeated in their three games, scoring 892 runs and taking 28 wickets for a points tally of 23.52.

Travelbugs XI was the only other undefeated women's side, finishing on 20.75 points, followed by Mount Isa on 17.92 and Hormoans with 17.76.

Second win

It was the second win in three years for the Black Bream women. They did not compete in 2011.

A delighted Black Bream captain Christine Hero said it had been a wonderful team effort.

"All of the girls contributed and we are very happy and proud," Hero said.

Missy Moore shone with the bat, scoring a half century on each of the three days.

Others to shine with the willow were Kamara Thompson, Hero, Kylie Dallachy, Dolly

Anderson and Tyller Masso.

Masso, Dallachy, Missy Moore and Robyn Purcell-White starred with the ball, keeping opponents to moderate scores.

It was estimated that as many as 400 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cricketers competed at the 64th Ashes, which started in 1948 with just six teams.

West Indigies finished a highly creditable 48th in the B-2 grade, scoring 453 runs and taking 24 wickets to register 15.33 points.

"We had plenty of genuine all-rounders and everybody got a good chance," said skipper Glenn Butler.

The Normanton Bulls, from the Gulf of Carpentaria gateway town, contested the B-1 grade, finishing 20th.

The Black Bream men contested the B-1 division and despite fielding a young side and finishing down the ladder, there were some fine individual performances.

In game two, Black Bream batsman Bruce Hero scored a quality 83, and Leroy Dallachy claimed 5/43 with his deceptive medium-pacers.

Black Bream stalwart Gordon Santo Snr deserves special mention, having been a player and later scorer for the side for 18 years. The *Koori Mail* also spoke to the Tropix XI, who had a majority of Indigenous cricketers.

"We are all mates and love coming here," said team captain Dan Ratcliffe.

The A-1 grade was won by A Fish Called Wanda, Mountain Men took out A-2, Townsville Half Carton won B-1, Rayless XI won B-2 and Carl's XI the Social grade.



The Black Bream men. They finished off the pace in the B-1 division.



● ABOVE: West Indigies fielding against Leftovers.



The victorious Black Bream women's XI.



Ricky Ross is all smiles at his 32nd Ashes campaign.

32 years on, Ricky still plays

RICKY Ross has been competing at the Goldfield Ashes for two-thirds of his life.

The 48-year-old was part of the Tropix XI that contested the B-2 section of the famous Goldfield Ashes.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with him at field 67, which is on a private station at Sellheim, about 20km from Charters Towers, where Tropix was playing the Salisbury Boys XI.

"This is my 32nd Ashes and I started playing as a 16-year-old, which was the youngest age you could play," he said. Once a tearaway fast bowler, Ross has fond memories of early Ashes when he played with Garbutt Magpies – made up of players of Aboriginal and TSI descent.

Ten pace bowlers

"We had ten pace bowlers in that team and most of us also played Australian rules football for the club in Townsville," he said.

These days, Ross bowls friendly medium-pacers or gentle spinners.

"I scored a century at the Ashes once – 123 runs – and got a lot of wickets as well," he said.

Tropix XI is a team of mainly Indigenous cricketers, who have remained mates.

"My aim is to have a reunion of cricketers from Garbutt Magpies, who once came to the Ashes. Many are old now," he said.



Biggalo's Babes players, from left, Nikki Ritson, Tahlia Ritson and Leita Wason.



From left, Black Bream's Kerrod Santo, scorer Gordon Santo and Leroy Dallachy ready for play.

Sport – 2012 Goldfield Ashes



The West Indigies XI at the Airport Reserve.



Black Bream men's players, from left, Marvin Bell, Leroy Dallachy, Chris Kennedy Jnr and Gordon Santo Jnr.



A Black Bream batsman collects his belongings from behind the stumps after being bowled in the match against Corfield.



Black Bream men's team supporters, from left, Maggie Masso, Courtney Jarrett, Tegan Kerr and Robyn Dallachy.



Bing Rockley, of the Weipa Crocs, scored a whirlwind 126 at All Souls College against Wanderers in B-1 grade.



The Tropix XI team.



Normanton Bulls players Sorren Owens, left, and Derek George.



Batting gloves are passed from one Laxatives player to another. The team was called Laxatives because players wanted to get the runs.

Tallis, Sailor join the Charters Towers fun

SOME famous Indigenous sportsmen lined up at the Ashes, including former champion footballers Gordon Tallis and Wendell Sailor and Test cricketer Andrew Symonds.

Symonds lined up for a game with Hidden Talent XI, while Tallis played on day three with family team NACL, which has attended the Ashes for decades.

Tallis and Sailor also played in a special Twenty20 match on day two for the

Queensland Bulls Masters team before 2000 spectators at York Street Ashes headquarters.

The Masters team included Ian Healy, Jimmy Maher, and other former sporting greats, but could only manage 9/99 against the 107 scored by home side the Charters Towers Invitational XI.

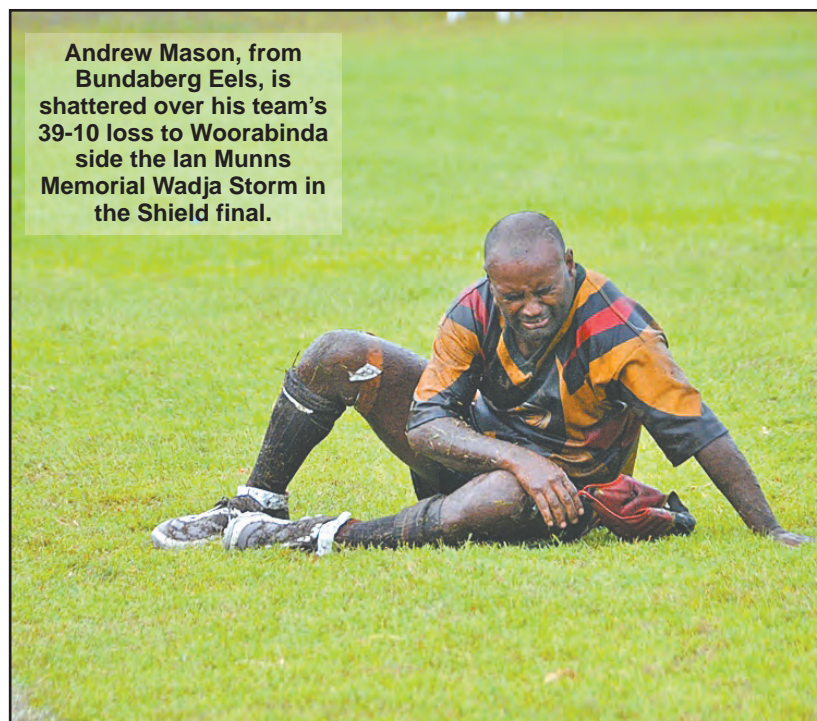
Queensland Imparja Cup star Bradley Stout top-scored for the Charters Towers Invitational XI with 61.



Gordon Tallis, middle with his Uncle John Macdonald, left, and cousin Steve Macdonald in Charters Towers.



The victorious Ian Munns Memorial Wadja Storm side (purple) and the beaten Bundaberg Eels after the Shield final. – All pictures by the Koori Mail's Naomi Moran



Curtis Bobongie Memorial team hooker Zahfia Bobongie in action against Central Qld United.



Action from the Cherbourg Hornets Young Stingers v Rocky Thunder Bowl final. Rocky Thunder won 16-12.

Success reigns over Rocky rain



MISERABLE weather couldn't wipe the smiles from elated officials at the conclusion of the fifth Central Queensland Indigenous Development Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival at Rockhampton last month. Carnival co-ordinator Justin Loomans says he now wants the carnival to become the biggest of its type in Queensland.

This year's carnival was held for the first time in Brown Park, at the University of Central Queensland at North Rockhampton.

After rain on the opening day and more miserable weather the following day, things didn't improve on the final day – 29 January.

The Reconciliation Shield final was won by Woorabinda side, the Ian Munns Memorial Wadja Storm. They beat the Bundaberg Eels 39-10 and went home with a \$20,000 cheque,

while the Eels walked away with \$6500.

In the Plate final, Gladstone Goori United collected \$4500 when they beat Purga Wagtails 22-16. The Plate division was contested by teams beaten in the first round of the Shield competition.

Rocky Thunder beat Cherbourg Hornets Young Stingers 16-12 in the Bowl final. The Bowl was contested by teams eliminated in the first round of the Plate event.

In the women's final, Central Queensland United beat Curtis Bobongie Memorial 10-8.

At the conclusion of the carnival, officials named the 2012 CQID Reconciliation Merit side:

- 1 Malcolm Darkin (Ian Munns Memorial Team)
- 2 Sai Vatubua (CQ United)
- 3 Matt Templeton (Bundaberg Eels)
- 4 Ryan Wilson (Gladstone Goori United)
- 5 Hughie Stanley (Ian Munns Memorial Team)

Memorial Team)

- 6 Theeron Pearson (Guru Gulu)
 - 7 Benard Hopkins (Woorie Pythons)
 - 8 Jale Vatubua (CQ United)
 - 9 Josh Tanner (Bundaberg Eels)
 - 10 James Livoc (Ian Munns Memorial Team)
 - 11 George Jarret (Ian Munns Memorial Team)
 - 12 Garret Field (CQ United)
 - 13 Nathan Freeman (Woorie Pythons)
 - 14 James Waterton (Ghungalu Knights)
 - 15 Lyndon Law (Marcia's Mob)
 - 16 Yileen Gordan (Purga Wagtails ARJMT)
 - 17 Yoreen Major (CQ United)
 - 18 Danial Pickering (Ghungalu Knights)
 - 19 Tom Quill (Bundaberg Eels)
 - 20 Haofanga Rabakewa (Gladstone Goori United).
- Coach: George Asse (Ian Munns Memorial Team).



Players from the women's final between Central Queensland United and Curtis Bobongie Memorial. CQ United won 10-8.



The Woorabinda and Rockhampton Under 12 teams played an exhibition game.

Sport – CQID Reconciliation Rugby League



The Cherbourg Hornets Young Stingers and the Rocky Thunder battle it out in the Bowl final. Rocky Thunder won 16-12.



It was heavy going in the Bowl final between the Rocky Thunder and the Cherbourg Hornets Young Stingers.



Action in the women's final between Curtis Bobongie Memorial and Central Queensland United. CQ United won 10-8.



James Livock, from Wadja Storm, takes on Bundaberg's Matty Tanner in the Shield final.



Bundaberg kicking off with hopes of coming back in the Shield final.



Action from the Purga Wagtails v Gladstone Goori United Plate final. The Gladstone team won 22-16.



● LEFT: Action in the Shield final between Wadja Storm and Bundaberg Eels.

● RIGHT: Wadja Storm breaks through Bundaberg and heads for another try.

● BELOW LEFT: Gladstone Goori United celebrating during the final countdown with their win against Purga Wagtails in the Plate final.

● BELOW RIGHT: Celebrations for Wadja Storm after their convincing Shield final win over the Bundaberg Eels.



Step closer to London

Story and pictures by
JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL boxer Cameron Hammond is a major step closer to Olympic selection after fighting his way to

the 69kg title at the Australian Amateur boxing championships in Hobart on Sunday.

The Kamillaroi man from Moree was so exhausted after his 19-16 win over Victorian Mark Basile, who had beat him in the Australian championships two years running, that he sat down in the middle of the ring after the bout.

Following the medal presentation and on an undoubtable high, Hammond told the *Koori Mail* he was ready for anyone.

"Bring on anyone you like, I'm ready," the ecstatic 22-year-old said.

He will compete in the Oceania championships in Canberra next month, determining whether he gets a prized ticket to the London Games.

Murri lad Damien Hooper – world number two 81kg light-heavyweight and the only Australian boxer with an Olympic spot secured – watched the championships in Hobart and believes Hammond will make Olympic selection.

"I met Cameron at the Institute of Sport when we were 16, we said then we'd go to the Olympics together," he said.

"He's got the hard fights out of the way, now he's a step closer, he's won Oceania before, he should do well," Hooper told the *Koori Mail*.

Hammond and Hooper are training together in Canberra this week.

Aboriginal boxers Luke Boyd, from Mt Druitt, in NSW, and Adrian Andrews, from Canberra, missed out on qualifying for the Oceania tournament when they were beaten in their final in Hobart.

Boyd, a four-times Australian title-holder and Beijing Olympian, said he was gutted with his loss 40-37 by countback in the 69kg bantamweight bout against Ibrahim

Balla – by far the closest fight in the championships.

Boyd said he planned to turn professional.

On the other hand, Andrews, a Jagera man originally from Brisbane, who had lost 2.5 kilograms the night before the finals to weigh in for the 81kg division, was ecstatic with his silver medal.

"I'm 29 and it's the furthest I've come in the finals. I'm ecstatic and very proud to have come this far," said Andrews, who took up boxing at 16 to pull himself out of a dark hole and is unsure whether he'll continue his boxing career.

A further five Aboriginal boxers came out of the five-day event on top, to progress to the next level of championships in their respective divisions.

Women's title

First-year boxer, 25-year-old Nyoongah women Kaila Riley, from Perth, claimed the women's 48kg light-flyweight title in an exciting 18-17 win, qualifying her to compete in trials next month, to secure a place in the 2012 World Championships. The 48kg women's is a non-Olympic weight.

Women's Olympic hopeful Noby Clay, who was featured in the *Koori Mail* last edition, dashed her chances for a spot in the 2012 Olympics, when the 51kg flyweight was a no-show at the Hobart event.

Fellow Palm Islander David Sam's bout barely lasted the first round when he outclassed his opponent to hold on to the 91+kg super heavy youth division title.

Clay Waterman, the world champion Bundjalung boy from Logan, in Queensland, claimed the 54kg bantamweight junior division title in a 15-4 win on his 16th birthday.

Jahmarley Dawson, from Caboolture, in Queensland, took out the 49kg flyweight youth division title, by walk-over, and 13-year-old Julian Jeakings, from Perth, claimed the 38kg schoolboys gold medal with an 8-3 win.



Luke Boyd was gutted at losing his Australian title on a countback. He is pictured here before his final bout of the titles.



Cameron Hammond in his 19-16 win over Victorian Mark Basile in the 69kg division final.



Proud 49kg Youth division gold medallist Jahmarley Dawson, from Caboolture, near Brisbane.



Kaila Riley, from WA, during a training session at the national boxing championships in Hobart.



Adrian Andrews, representing ACT, was ecstatic with his silver medal.



Aboriginal boxers Cameron Hammond, left, and Damien Hooper, who has already qualified for the Olympics Games. They are hoping to be room-mates at the London games later this year.

Sandgropers out to win back Imparja Cup



AFTER winning in 2010 and narrowly losing the final last year, Western Australia should be well in the mix at the end of the Imparja Cup cricket tournament being played this week in Alice Springs.

Former WA Imparja Cup representative Matt Abrahamson is coaching this year's side after taking over from Phil Petricevich.

He said that while he learned a lot from his predecessor, he would use his own experience to help steer the squad to another championship victory.

Since 1994, the Imparja Cup has served as a showcase of the best Indigenous cricketers in the country.

With all matches being played in the Twenty20 format, Abrahamson said his side had what it took to go one step further in 2012.

"The guys just need to play their own games, we've assembled a squad with a good mix of youth and experience," he said in the lead-up to the tournament.

"These guys will play positively and make sure we take it up to the benchmarks of the competition, like New South Wales."

Western Australian was expected to benefit from the experience of young stars Michael Bailey and Ali Bivens, who have been fixtures of the Imparja Cup for a couple of years.

Both regulars in the Gosnells first grade

side in Perth, but Abrahamson said the injection of newcomers should bring freshness to the group.

"Wayne Norman, from Perth, has shown some real promise as a medium-fast bowler, and we have two guys from Albany, Dallas Coyne and Rob Gibson, who show some real potential, so those are ones to watch," he said.

The WA Imparja Squad:
Keren Ugle (Captain) – Shoalwater Bay CC, LHB/TM.

Liam Ugle (Vice Captain) – Shoalwater Bay CC, LHB/TM.

Michael Bailey – Gosnells CC, RHB/LAOS.

Alistair Bivens – Gosnells CC, RHB.

Jay Collard – Rockingham-Mandurah CC, RHB/RMF.

Dallas Coyne – Warriors CC (Albany), RHB/RM.

Trent Davies – Swan Athletic CC, LHB/OB.

Rob Gibson – Warriors CC (Albany), RHB/RM/WKT.

Sean McMeekin – Mandurah CC, RHB/RM.

Wayne Norman – Perth CC, RHB/RMF.

Dane Ugle – Shoalwater Bay CC, RHB/LM.

Lewis Upton – Gosnells CC / Dampier, RHB/WKT.

Yagan Walley – Mount Lawley CC, RHB/LB.

Coach, Matt Abrahamson.

Assistant coach, Jermaine Davis.

Manager, Merv Abraham.



It's all smiles as West Australian players pose with the Imparja Cup after their win in 2010. Skipper Matt Abrahamson is at front left. He is the WA coach this year.

Player of the Year



Lydia Williams with the Westfield W-League premiership trophy.



LYDIA Williams has played a big part in Canberra

United's unprecedented success in soccer's Westfield W-League premiership.

The goalkeeper has just been named United's Player of the Year in a season where the team went through the W-League competition undefeated, beating Brisbane Road 3-2 at McKellar Stadium, Canberra, in the final on Saturday 28 January.

It was a fitting result for Williams, who has missed just one half of one game since Canberra United entered the W-League four years ago.

Williams also has cemented her place as the Matildas' first-choice 'keeper, meaning she is regarded as the best goalie in women's football in Australia.

Her Canberra club said that surely, there now could be no doubt that Williams was the undisputed number one female goalkeeper in Australia.

"Another epic campaign for the United custodian was glossed with a premiership title and three clean sheets in a series of performances that were simply magnificent," United said.

"Williams' agility and shot-stopping were, as ever, second to none and her vocal instructions certainly improved in season four with her commanding presence a regular throughout all matches in 2011-12.

"In fact, Williams is now the only United player to have played in



Canberra United Player of the Year Lydia Williams with her award. She is flanked by Senator Kate Lundy and Acting ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr.

– Pictures: Joseph Mayers Photography

every game since the club's formation.

"Indeed, but for the fact that she was replaced at half-time in the final game of the season, a 5-0 romp against Adelaide, thus giving her understudy Aroon Clansey a debut, Lydia would have been on the field for every minute of every game.

"That she was happy to stand aside for young Clansey also shows her class and commitment to the team."

After conceding an unfortunate goal to Adelaide in the opening match of the season, Williams was called upon to make some sensational saves in the home match against Perth Glory as United squeezed out a 3-2 win.

The following week saw her keep her first clean sheet of the season as Sydney FC were beaten 1-0, with Williams making a string of superb stops.

Further clean sheets were obtained in the return match at Deakin Stadium, where Sydney FC were kept goal-less for the second

time, and this against the highest scorers in the League.

The third shut-out was the final regular game of the year when Williams kept the Lady Reds out as United led 2-0 at the break upon her departure.

Williams conceded just 11 goals in Canberra's unbeaten 12-match run, a vital statistic in helping United to a breakthrough W-League title.

Her club said that with the changing of the guard at national team level looking ever more likely, Williams was set for even greater heights.

"There is little doubt that Lydia Williams is the best goalkeeper in the women's game in Australia," United said.

"That comes as no surprise to the Canberra United faithful — we've known that for a long time."

A clean sheet in the semi-final win over Melbourne Victory preceded her epic showing in the 3-2 grand final win victory against Brisbane Roar.

"A close season move to Pitea IF in Sweden will improve her standing even further, although surgery on her wrist will delay her return to Canberra United in season five," United said.

Williams also received the Best Sportswoman of the Year at the 2006 Deadly Awards.

She and fellow Indigenous player, Sydney FC striker Kyah Simon, are members of the Australian Matildas women's team.

But Simon's plans to play with the Boston Breakers in the US women's professional competition have struck a snag following a dispute (See page 97).

Passion not enough

LIKE all true fans, I am still hurting at the loss of the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars in last Saturday's third clash between the teams.

Like all true fans, I am also extremely proud of the boys and the pride and passion they displayed in a game that they could easily have won.

But pride and passion was not enough because they were matched in this department by an All Stars side equally determined to win the trophy named in honour of the great Arthur Beetson.

In pure football terms, the match had undoubted credibility as both sides not only displayed great skills in this thrilling encounter, but also put their bodies on the line as they vied for superiority.

I must admit that while I remained supremely confident of an Indigenous win, the tenacity of the All Stars side did not come as a complete surprise.

'Enemy' territory

On Friday night, after the jersey presentation to the Indigenous team, I was invited by Wayne Bennett to the NRL All Stars hotel to present the jerseys to his team.

It did feel a little surreal entering the 'enemy's' camp, but it was an honour to be with some of the biggest stars in the game.

It soon became apparent to

me how important the game was to them and how they had built their own traditions over the past two years.

It was equally obvious that they took pride in what they were contributing to in terms of what the game was achieving off the field.

When Bennett spoke, you could sense the team was preparing for a big game.

The intensity of the opening reflected this and even when the boys got to an impressive 12-0 lead, I knew the game was far from over.

Bennett reflected this in his comments after the game.

Passion, emotion

"I think the Indigenous team really came at us hard at the beginning there. Lots of passion and emotion was running through them," he said.

"Thank God it ran out in the end and it gave us a chance to get back in the game.

"It was just starting to run out at half-time and starting to wane a little bit. We picked our (intensity) up in the second half and they'd fired all their bullets."

I don't agree that the team fired all their bullets because our guys were trying to the end.

But you could tell after the game that both sides had been caught in the cross-fire of battle.

When I hugged Nathan Merritt as he walked off the field, his battle-scarred face winced in pain.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

I then sat next to 'GI' with his injured ankle encased in ice as the boys sat down and pondered what might have been.

I have been in many dressing rooms during my career, but the feeling in this one is unique.

Despite the defeat, there was a true sense of brotherhood in the room.

The loss was hurting, but there was still a huge sense of pride in the room for what we

have achieved and will continue to achieve during the year as a result of this game.

As we walked back to the Titans Centre of Excellence after the game, a young kid summed it up for all of us.

It was a young girl who came up to have her jersey signed.

As she got her autographs, she looked up and said something that captured what the game is all about.

"I want to be an All Star," she said.

She may never play a game of rugby league in her life, but she has dared to dream.

It was for kids like her that I agreed to play the didge before the game.

To stand out from the crowd makes most of us feel shame.

Make statement

But I needed to make a statement to the kids at the ground and watching on television that it is OK to be proud of who you are and where you come from.

As I played the didge, I thought of all the kids who have been reached through the programs started through this game.

As Learn Earn Legend! ambassador for the Federal Government, I thought of all the kids who have been helped to make the transition from school to work or further study.

The kids at the Youth Summit during the week inspired me with

these young leaders preparing to start their working careers or study to join professions such as teaching, community work and medicine.

These are proud young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are already making a difference.

They are not just our leaders of the future – they are leaders now.

I thought of my own mob at Tingha and how we need to continue to invest in our kids for the future.

That's why I also made special mention of the youth from Mornington Island, Doomadgee and Cherbourg, who were at the game as part of the Titans Achievement Program (TAP).

Every kid deserves a chance, no matter how remote an area they come from.

Every one of the TAP participants made me so proud when they walked into the official reception during the week.

They were proud of who they were and the communities they represented.

My final thoughts were for my own kids who are at the centre of all I do.

At the end of the day, that is why the Indigenous All Stars will always be winners, no matter what the result of the game.

They play for their family.

They play for their mob.

They play for all of us and a better future for our kids and all Australians.

Big Jim a true leader

IN all walks of life you meet special people, and sport is no exception in providing stories of inspiration.

While many of these tales relate to on-field glories there are just as many characters who have inspired with their deeds off the field.

On rare occasions there have been individuals who have managed to inspire us in both areas of their life.

Retiring Melbourne Demons President Jim Stynes is one of those unique individuals.

His story continues to inspire me.

People understand the emphasis I place on leadership and Stynes provides a walking definition of what true leadership means.

Leadership can be spiritual or practical, but rarely both.

Jim Stynes possesses both qualities.

"His legacy is he will be the king, and he'll always be the king whether he's president or not," great mate Garry Lyon said.

"Talk about leadership ... you're not a leader if no one follows, and people followed Jim."

Stynes has been the face of

the club and has tried and largely succeeded in uniting the football club.

The players loved him.

The fans loved him.

Almost everyone else admired him.

The positive of Stynes having cancer meant hardships people faced didn't seem so hard after all.

It is always hard to say no to those who have already demonstrated they are willing to make a personal sacrifice beyond the call of duty.

Not that Stynes skulked in self-pity. Through his battle, his family and his football club meant everything.

He would leave hospital to attend a Demons game on a Sunday afternoon, scarf around his neck and beanie on his scarred scone, and return to hospital that night.

Sometimes, such was the exertion, Stynes would vomit in the MCG carpark.

He would turn up to pre-season games, exhausted, mostly blind, and hand out water bottles to the players.

Another time he almost collapsed at half-time in the change rooms.

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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There are countless stories of Jim's dedication to the club.

His regret as president would be his lack of knowledge about the internal rumblings at the club last year.

Stynes should not have handled the demise of coach Bailey.

Everyone at that fateful press conference at AAMI Park knew he shouldn't have fronted, Melbourne officials included.

But that was Jim Stynes.

He was president and it was his responsibility.

We didn't see Jim for months after that.

Overall, he's had more than 20 tumours removed and had six brain surgeries, and is currently in hospital.

Arguably, Stynes' impact on his football club in the past four years has been greater than his remarkable 264-game career.

Stynes' substance motivated others, including Lyon, who spoke of Stynes' personal impact on his decision to help his ailing club.

The former skipper became football director during the turmoil last year.

Lyon, and others, visited Stynes' house the day after the 186-point belting by Geelong and emotions were high.

Stynes' wife Sam is said to have made a plea.

Her husband, she said, was maybe dying and he needed help,

and that for the first time his health had to come before the footy club.

"A football position is not my go, as you know, but Jim had that impact on me," Lyon said.

"It speaks volumes of him as a person and a leader."

Lyon and others, namely incoming president Don McLardy, would and still sit with Stynes in hospital for hours, talking all issues, amid laughter and tears.

Stynes has a unique ability with people: He makes them smile.

Of all the images of Stynes as president, be it when he was bald and showing off new staples, or in the rooms, or on TV, or hugging the players, one stands out.

It is of Stynes and Austin Wonaeamirri's old man, Matthew, two rows from the MCG fence, their smiles bursting from their face.

It says everything about the bloke they call 'Big Jim'.

His should be an inspiration to us all when we think that any challenge is too hard.

Or when we think that we don't have the time or the energy to help others.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming.



Banguyarri Wunungmurra waits to be called up for her event.



Yolngu lifesavers from the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Live Saving Club, in Arnhem Land, from left, Wunyangga Wanambi, Banguyarri Wunungmurra, Gudalum Mununggurr, Dhimurru Mununggurr, and Yirmal Marika.

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Beach specialists



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A GROUP of Yolngu lifesavers from the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Live Saving Club (WDSLSC) in Arnhem Land competed in beach events at the Australian interstate championships at Queenscliff, Sydney on 23 January.

There were part of the Northern Territory team. It was their first major surf lifesaving competition and for most, their first experience in a major city.

Surf Life Saving Australia said the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Club was 'certainly unique', with the club consisting only of two shipping containers – one for boards and skis, and the other an inflatable rescue boat and a barbecue.

The club does not operate ocean activities between the November and May wet season, due to crocodiles and box jellyfish.

The wet season training is focused towards beach events, including flag races, sprints, beach relay and beach volleyball.



Yirmal Marika competing in the beach flags event.

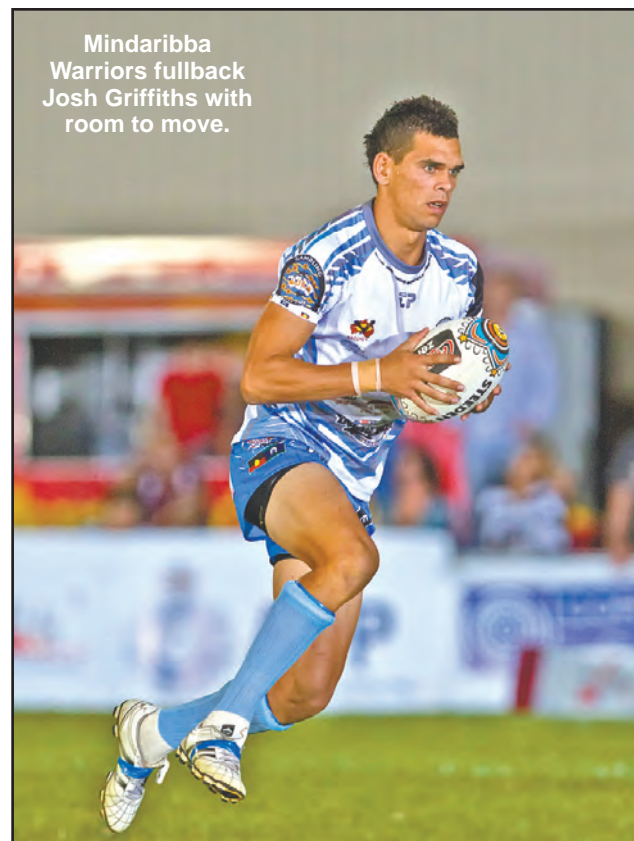


Wunyangga Wanambi in a heat of the beach sprint.

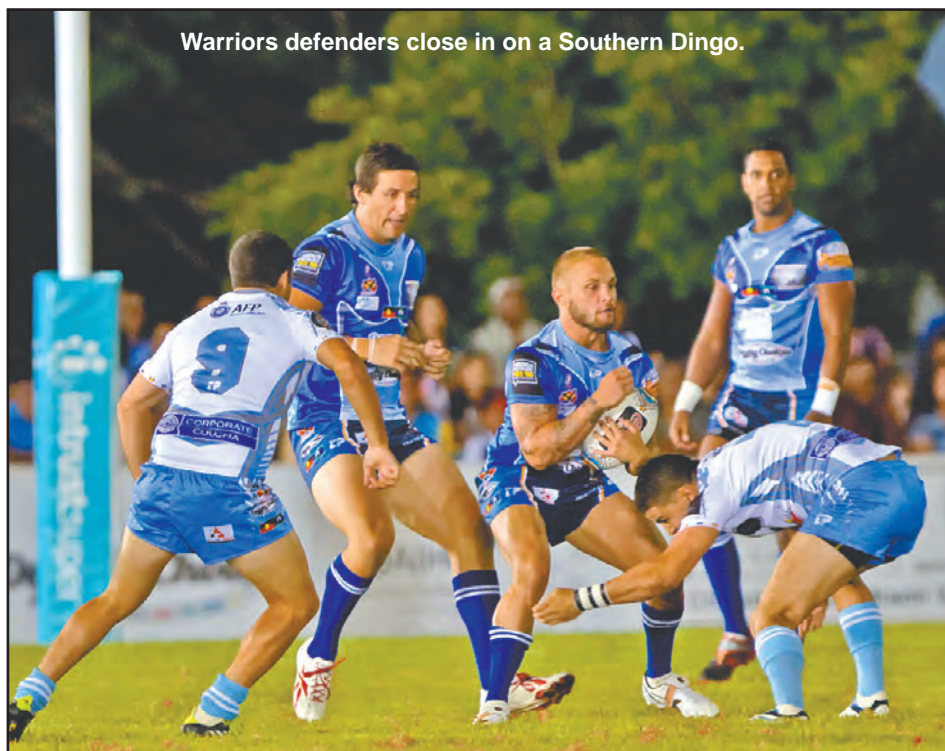
Rugby league's 2012



The Southern Dingoes were all smiles despite their loss to the Mindaribba Warriors in the NACCHO-Deadly Choices Interstate Rugby League Challenge on the Gold Coast on Friday night. *All pictures by Joseph Mayers*



Mindaribba Warriors fullback Josh Griffiths with room to move.



Warriors defenders close in on a Southern Dingo.



Warriors Josh Jerome (No 3) and Shannon Tanner (No 2) prepare to make a tackle.



Big Southern Dingo James Livock runs into a brick wall.



A Mindaribba Warrior is well held by a Southern Dingoes defender.

interstate challenge



Luke Young on the charge for the Warriors.



Southern Dingoes fullback Gene Slookee tries to break free.



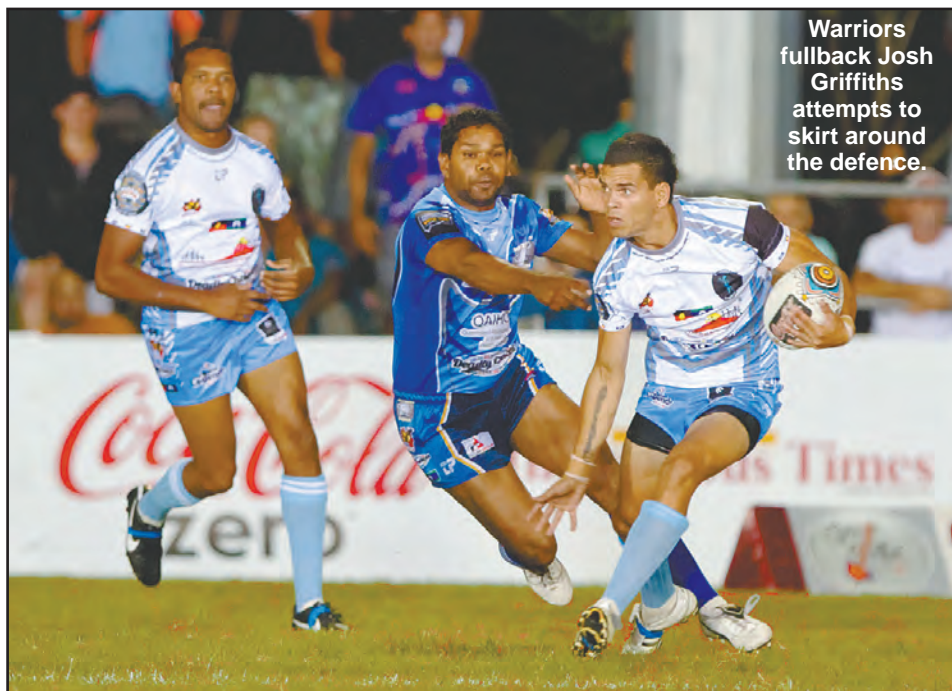
Southern Dingoes fullback Gene Slookee in open space.



Southern Dingoes defenders bring down the Warriors' Luke Young.



The Warriors' Alfred Whaleboat tackled by the Southern Dingoes defence.



Warriors fullback Josh Griffiths attempts to skirt around the defence.



Imparja Cup battle begins



CRICKET'S Indigenous Imparja Cup is in full swing this week in Alice Springs, with a record 34 teams and 500 players being

hosted by Northern Territory Cricket.

Now in its 19th year, the tournament blends male, female, elite and community participation across five divisions: Men's and women's State and Territory, Major Centres and men's and women's Community.

NSW are defending their men's and women's State and Territory titles.

All State and Territory games are being contested in the Twenty20 format for the second time after the successful adoption of the shortened form in 2011.

The carnival opened last Sunday with a Twenty20 match between the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) Masters and Black Caps Indigenous representative team at Traeger Park.

The ACA is the representative voice of past and present first-class cricketers in Australia. The ACA Masters team was to include Jimmy Maher, Mick Lewis, Greg Matthews, Wayne Holdsworth, John Davison and Graeme Vimpani, and was blended with some of Alice Springs' most promising players.

Cricket Australia game development general manager Damien de Bohun said the tournament's burgeoning status bode well for Indigenous cricket.

"It's incredibly pleasing to see a record number of teams and participants in this year's Imparja Cup – it's a statement of the appeal of cricket to Indigenous Australians, and the commitment of Australian cricket to make the game accessible to all," Mr de Bohun said.

"We are starting to see the growth in participation numbers reflected at the elite level through Dan Christian's selection in Australian squads and Imparja Cup products Josh Lalor and D'Arcy Short making their State debuts this season for New South Wales and Western Australia, respectively.

"As seen in the cases of Josh and D'Arcy, the Imparja Cup gives Indigenous cricketers the chance to advance their development and complements cricket's elite pathways and grassroots participation programs.

"The growth of the carnival and Indigenous cricket more broadly is important to driving cricket towards our vision to be Australia's favourite sport."

● Western Australia out to regain title – P103



The Mindaribba Warriors, from the NSW Hunter Valley, after their 40-18 win over the Southern Dingoes in the inaugural NACCHO-Deadly Choices Interstate Rugby League Challenge on the Queensland Gold Coast last Friday night. The Warriors, as winners of the 2011 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, took on the Southern Dingoes – winners of the 2011 Queensland Murri Carnival – to be crowned the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island champions.

Picture: JOSEPH MAYERS

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NSW Kooris beat Murris

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE Mindaribba Warriors, from the NSW Hunter Valley, were too fit and too fast for the Southern Dingoes in the inaugural NACCHO-Deadly Choices

Interstate Rugby League Challenge on the Queensland Gold Coast on Friday night.

The Warriors ran away in the second half to win 40-18.

Until three-quarter time, the south-east Queensland based Southern Dingoes were well in the mix – trailing 24-18 after being down 18-14 at half-time.

But in the final term, the gap grew greater as the Warriors put their foot on the accelerator and their speed and fitness began to tell.

The game brought together the winners of last year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout and the inaugural Queensland Murri Carnival on the Gold Coast.

State of Origin status

It was billed as a match of State of Origin proportions on community levels and was incorporated into the Harvey Norman National Rugby League All Stars week.

The match was played at Bob Singh Oval at Miami – home of the Queensland Cup club the Burleigh Bears.

The Southern Dingoes qualified for the Interstate challenge by beating the Ipswich-based Purga Wagtails 44-24, while the Mindaribba Warriors beat Yuin Monaro (South Coast) 56-22 in the NSW

Aboriginal Knockout final.

On a balmy Gold Coast evening, a couple of thousand fans turned out to watch the game.

The Southern Dingoes led 8-6 at quarter-time after each side scored a try. By half-time, the Warriors had edged ahead 18-14.

The third quarter was an even affair, but it was one-way traffic in the final term.

Forward Darcy Etrich led the way was for the Warriors and was voted man of the match.

Scores: Mindaribba Warriors (NSW) 40 (Ryan Walker 2, Jeremy Marshall, Luke Young, Coby Walker, Dan Randall, Darcy Etrich tries; Joby Patten 6 goals) d Southern Dingoes (Qld) 18 (Luke Dumas, Brandan Marshall, Tyrone Cohen tries; Danny Kerr 3 goals).