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# New gap report attacked



INDIGENOUS leaders have warned the Federal Government that its efforts

to close the gap in life expectancy are doomed to fail unless it adopts a new approach, especially in areas such as the criminal justice system.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard last week delivered the latest installment of the annual report – again late – and admitted that only two



Cartoonist Danny Eastwood's take on the report – see Page 20

of six key areas were on track.

There were also calls for a seventh key area, focussing on reducing the incarceration rate of

Indigenous people.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun pointed out that Aboriginal young people were 28 times more likely to be incarcerated compared with other Australians.

Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda warned that 'if we don't do anything about it we'll lose another couple of generations'.

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## Festive in Melbourne



JANINA Harding and Kylie Belling show their delight during a performance at the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival this month. Organisers were pleased with the response and welcomed a promise to make the festival an annual event. Report and more photos on Pages 30-32. Photo: James Henry

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# My FAMILY KIM KNOX – Tamworth, NSW



● From left, Paris Knox (12), Kim Knox, Jakai Knox (1), Kristi Murray, Jeshurun Murray (2).

I'm here at the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase in Tamworth (NSW) with my sister Kristi and her son Jeshurun and my two children Paris and Jakai. We have a lot of family that participate, so we go along every year. The Tamworth Country Music Festival is like a tradition for us.

My mum is first cousins with (country music star) Roger Knox. Ever since we were kids we've had uncles and cousins who either busk or have gigs and we would always have family coming down from Brisbane to pitch tents in our backyard.

It hasn't happened so much in the last 15 years, but last year my step-dad came down and it brought back memories of when we were kids and we'd have about three tents in the backyard.

My mum has four children, and I'm the eldest. Kristi is the second eldest. There's five years between us. My youngest brother is also in Tamworth, he's just turned 18. My other brother lives in Toowoomba and he works as an Aboriginal health worker. My dad also has two children from another marriage.

I was born in Brisbane but we moved to Tamworth when I was five. I did move back to Brisbane a few years ago, but I call Tamworth home. I've been here 27 years.

Kristi and I are always at each other's houses. We spent a lot of time at the river this summer together as a family.

Jakai and Jeshurun crack each other up. For their age it's really funny to hear them laughing at each other.

Paris has just started high school. She's very involved in athletics and she made the state finals last year as well as the year before. She also competes in touch football and netball.

Kristi and I work as receptionists at the Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service. It's been running for about six years, but we've just moved into new premises. I work part-time, three days a week.

Because I'm single it seems like a lot, with Paris at high school and a little baby. Those couple of days off (from work) I can get the washing done, or I get the shopping done with no kids.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Kids take the plunge during celebrations to mark the second anniversary of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney. Turn to Page 28 for a report and more photos from the event.

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# Eight years since TJ's death



members and supporters during the march on 14 February to mark the eighth anniversary of the death of Redfern teenager Thomas 'TJ' Hickey. TJ died after being chased by police in Redfern. At this year's march, attended by about 150 people, family members renewed calls for the inquest into TJ's death to be reopened. See our report and more photos on Page 16.

Photo: Joseph Mayers



# NT hearings by senators



A SENATE committee scrutinising the Federal Government's Stronger Futures legislation is holding hearings in Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Alice Springs, Maningrida and Darwin this week.

The legislation, essentially to extend the Northern Territory intervention, is before the House of Representatives and has already been attacked as discriminatory and draconian by many Indigenous organisations.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has called on the Government to withdraw the legislation, saying 'Congress opposes any legislation or policy which is racially discriminatory'.

"We remain concerned that there are provisions in the legislation which will in effect discriminate against Aboriginal people," Congress co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer said in a statement.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), the peak body representing Aboriginal children and families,

## 'Stronger Futures' legislation labelled draconian

said measures must be re-developed to fit in with Australia's international human rights obligations, and with the recommendations of the report that originally sparked the intervention – the 'Little Children Are Sacred' report.

### Measures

The legislation before the House of Representatives will extend measures brought in under the Howard Coalition Government's NT intervention policy that targeted Aboriginal communities.

The Labor Government plans to continue alcohol restrictions and introduce

18-month jail terms for Aboriginal people caught carrying more than 1.35 litres of alcohol and six-month sentences for possessing grog in certain areas. There will also be a Territory-wide extension of a controversial pilot scheme that links school truancy with cuts to parents' welfare payments.

An evaluation released in February found the trial in 14 NT schools and 30 Queensland schools did not improve student attendance.

The Senate committee is due to report back by 29 February.

Meanwhile, Greens senator Rachael Siewert warned that legislation currently before Parliament could actually widen the gap.

Senator Siewert echoed calls for a new closing-the-gap target to reduce the high rates of Indigenous incarceration and feared that elements of the Stronger Futures laws could exacerbate the situation.

"The draconian top-down approach doesn't work," she said.

"If you look at community-driven programs there's much more success."



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# Pat batters way to victory



Pat Rosser is greeted by team-mates after his mighty innings. Behind him is NSW captain Jeff Cook.



**NEW South Wales batsman Pat Rosser gave a**

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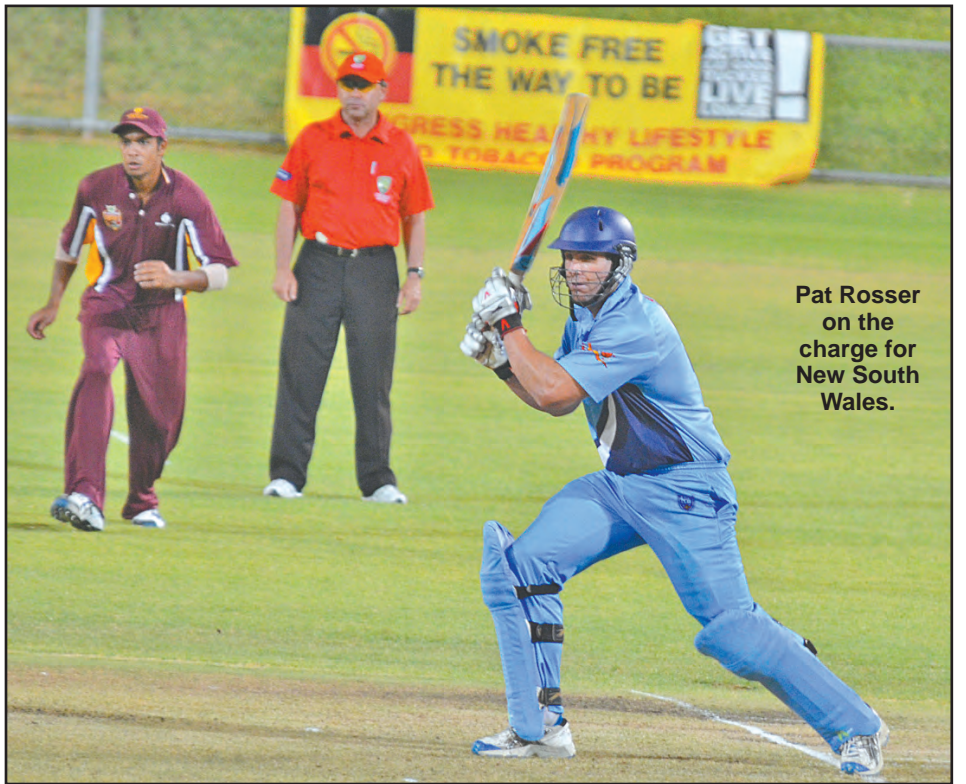
Rosser blasted an unbeaten 87 from just 35 deliveries as NSW (3-118) cruised past the Queensland total of 9-114 in just 11.1 overs in the T20 final.

In one over, he set an Imparja Cup record, helping himself to 30 runs (6, 6, 6, 4, 6, 2) off

Queensland spinner Adam McDermott.

The lop-sided result was a surprise, given that during the qualifying games earlier in the week, NSW scraped past Queensland, winning with the last ball of the match.

● See the sports pages for our big coverage of the Imparja Cup.



Pat Rosser on the charge for New South Wales.

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# Constitution awareness \$10m pledge



THE Federal Government has promised \$10 million to help build public awareness and

support for constitutional recognition of Indigenous people. Prime Minister Julia Gillard said Reconciliation Australia would use the funds to support community groups and activities.

"Constitutional recognition is a significant step towards recognising the unique and special place of our First Peoples," Ms Gillard said.

"This important work will be led by Reconciliation Australia, supported by a reference group of business and community groups, the Australian Human Rights Commission and the National Congress of Australia's First People and members of the Expert Panel."

Ms Gillard said the funding would allow Reconciliation Australia to support groups

and activities aimed at giving Australians the opportunity to learn more about constitutional recognition.

Reconciliation Australia co-chairs Melinda Cilentio and Tom Calma welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement.

They said it was both a great honour and responsibility to be at the forefront of a national movement for constitutional recognition.

#### Platform

Ms Cilentio said the work of the panel appointed by the Prime Minister to give advice on how constitutional recognition could be achieved had established a strong platform to build public support through extensive consultations and research.

"As the peak national organisation building and promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians,

Reconciliation Australia is ideally placed to build on this work and lead the next phase," she said.

"Achieving meaningful recognition in the Constitution is fundamental to achieving real reconciliation for the benefit of all Australians."

While conceding achieving a successful referendum would be challenging, the co-chairs were optimistic.

"We are confident we can build on the positive mood for change identified through the hundreds of consultations and thousands of submissions received by the constitutional recognition panel and we welcome the cross-party, in principle support for constitutional change," they said.

"We are also determined to enlist the abilities and experience of the constitutional recognition panel members. We see them playing an important ongoing role in the campaign ahead."



# Closing the Gap report criticised

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government's latest Closing the Gap report has been criticised as full of spin, late, and too focussed on remote areas.

Indigenous leaders have also urged the Government to get real in tackling the shocking over-representation of Indigenous people in jails and spiralling rates of suicide.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard last Wednesday released the latest annual Closing the Gap report on the progress of key areas, including life expectancy, infant mortality, childhood development, education and employment.

Just two out of six targeted measures, developed by the Council of Australian Governments, were on track.

Those two are halving mortality rates for Indigenous children under five by 2018 and ensuring access to early childhood education for all Indigenous four-year-olds in remote communities by 2013.

Progress on other targets, such as Year 12 retention rates and Indigenous employment, won't be known until the latest national census data is released later in the year.

Before addressing Parliament, Ms Gillard came under fire from NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Stephen Ryan, who noted she had already missed the first sitting day of Parliament – the day former PM Kevin Rudd had promised the report would be tabled every year.

## 'Credibility gap'

"The gap they're not closing is their credibility gap – the gap between what they say they're going to do and what they actually do," he said.

"That gap is widening at about the same rate as the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians, and it's no less indicative."

Liberal MP Ken Wyatt praised the report but said there were still key areas where work needed to be done.

"Over 75 per cent of Aboriginal people live within urban capital cities and it's a key area we're going to have to do a lot more work in," he said.

"One of my criticisms of Closing the Gap is, it is a tremendous initiative, but it doesn't capture people living in the urban context. That's a gap in itself that we've got to address."

Ms Gillard said, however, that Australia had made some real gains towards the target of halving the gap in reading, writing and numeracy achievement for Indigenous children by 2018.

But closing the gap on life expectancy by 2031 remained the most challenging target of all.



Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who released the Closing the Gap report, with her Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin at rear. *Newspix image*

"When fewer Indigenous men between 35 and 45 die of disease, we will know we are closing the gap," she told Federal Parliament.

"Today, we know we have a long way to go."

In response, Opposition Leader Tony Abbott vowed to work constructively on overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

"We will not be taking a lowest common denominator approach to this," he said.

However, it was 'vital great symbolism is accompanied by even greater substance'.

"So often when we hear the statistics there is a nagging sense that they can obscure as much as they reveal," Mr Abbott said.

## Area of concern

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun said that while there was some good progress in health and education, justice was an area of concern.

"There's enough evidence to show things have gotten worse over the last 20 years in terms of incarceration rates and

representation in the criminal justice system," she said.

"We need a focus on that."

Ms Broun said Congress and the other partners in Closing the Gap would continue to focus on seeing progress towards all of the six targets across health, education and employment.

The Congress also called for Close the Gap funding to be continued beyond 2013 when the current agreement finishes, saying this year's report proved that longer-term effort and better data collection were needed.

Congress also identified that it would engage with the Government on including justice outcomes in future commitments.

## Worse off

"In terms of our justice systems, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are now worse off than we were 20 years ago," Ms Broun said.

"We are massively over-represented in the justice system which is both a cause and effect of the poor state of health, education and employment of so many of our families and communities."

"For example, young Aboriginal people are 28 times more likely than non-Aboriginal juveniles to be incarcerated and Aboriginal people in some states are twice as likely than non-Aboriginal people to have their case proceed through the court system, rather than receive a caution or other diversion from the court system."

"We will work with the Standing Committee of Law and Justice to address this."

Meanwhile, the Government is yet to respond to the call for a seventh target focussing on incarceration rates, but Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda agreed it should be included, saying more Indigenous youth were being locked up.

"It's going through the roof in this country, and if we don't do anything about it we'll lose another couple of generations," he said.

Mr Gooda said that in Western Australia scores of Aboriginal people were in jail for minor traffic offences or not paying fines.

"I don't advocate getting rid of jails ... but we have to change the narrative in this country that more jails make safer communities. Stopping people offending and reoffending does," he said.

On education, Mr Gooda said efforts to reduce truancy rates needed to go hand-in-hand with quality education programs.

"We now have kids graduating from Grade 12 with problems with basic literacy and numeracy," he said.

Waanyi Nation Aboriginal Corporation (WNAC) manager Derek Flucker said

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# Closing the Gap report attacked

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a suicide cluster in the remote community of Doomadgee in Queensland had led to questions about the effectiveness of government strategies.

"There were 15 suicides in Doomadgee in 2011, this year alone there have been four, a significant number when you consider the population is only 1200, in a town where everyone knows everyone," he said.

"Today, the Prime Minister said in her Closing the Gap statement that 'health outcomes... are improving, they need to keep improving and to improve more quickly... this is our progress towards Closing the Gap'.

"One factor of the initiative is to attempt to close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"When it comes to suicide, consideration of not only increasing life expectancy but also preventing the termination of life in the first place is crucial.

"Mental health is not addressed as a strategy in the Closing the Gap report and in reality, nothing really is happening nor working, clearly evidenced through the recent cluster in Doomadgee."

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Sydney Archdiocese executive officer Graeme Mundine said media reporting of Ms Gillard's Closing the Gap statement was 'overwhelmingly positive, shallow and generally did not question what has actually improved under this agenda and this Government'.

## 'Life and death'

"These are not academic questions, they are literally life and death issues for many," he said.

"When life expectancy is still significantly lower for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and in some age groups the differences are vast, we should not let the Government fob us off with smoke and mirrors in their reports.

"Indigenous 35-44-year-olds are four times more likely to die than non-Indigenous Australians and Indigenous 15-24-year-olds are three times more likely to die.

"These aren't just statistics, they are real people in real families.

"There is despair out there; suicide rates are increasing, particularly in the Northern Territory where they have doubled since the Intervention and where more girls under 17 kill themselves than anywhere else in the world.

"Another area of grave concern is deaths in custody as well as the serious over-representation of Aboriginal people in prisons.

"Young Aboriginal people are 26 times more likely to be in detention.

"In some states it's worse, for example in Western Australia young Indigenous people are 50 times more likely to be in detention."

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert said she was not confident the six closing the gap targets would be met because of doubts about the reliability of the data, particularly Census figures which were only collected every five years.

But Senator Siewert supported adding new targets to reduce high rates of Indigenous incarceration. — With AAP

# Native title

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THERE'S about a billion dollars in payments and land transfers on the negotiating table, as well as joint management

of national parks and legislative recognition of traditional owners.

But a mooted deal between the West Australian Government and the Noongar people of the state's south-west is far from signed and sealed, having ignited community division and, at the weekend, led to the dramatic shutdown of a protest 'tent embassy' (see separate story).

Early this month, the Government detailed an in-principle offer to settle once and for all native title claims over the south-west of the state, including metropolitan Perth.

It was the latest major twist in the saga, following a Federal Court decision in April 2008 to overturn a previous decision to recognise Noongar native title over Perth and its surrounds.

Via the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), the State Government has offered around 35,000 Noongar people a package of benefits that it says would create a Noongar 'social legacy', including:

- A Noongar governance structure with a central administration and six regional corporations;

- An investment trust into which about \$600 million would be paid over ten years. However, only the interest on these trust funds would be accessible over the initial ten years;

- Formal legislative recognition of the Noongar people as the traditional owners of the south-west;

- The transfer of hundreds of thousand of hectares of land, including Aboriginal lands trust land and Crown land, valued at about \$400 million; and

- Joint management of a conservation estate including the D'Entrecasteaux, Leeuwin Naturaliste, Shannon and Fitzgerald River national parks.

In return, the Noongar people would be expected to surrender in full and forever all native title over an area running from a point south of Dongara on the west coast, proceeding roughly east to a point north of Moora in the southern Wheat Belt and then south-easterly to a point midway between Albany and Esperance.

WA Premier Colin Barnett described the offer as 'a very far-reaching and very dramatic step forward' and said he was optimistic it would be settled by the end of the year.

"This is a full and final settlement, a major step forward for the state and for Aboriginal people in the state and the south-west," he said on 4 February.

"That will mean that property development, mining, fishing, farming development will all be able to proceed and will not in any way be under any threat of



Robert Eggington and Greg Martin (seated, front), with Tyson Headland, Clinton James and other opponents of the proposed native title deal behind them. Photo: LESLEY DESMOND



WA Premier Colin Barnett

disruption or delay through native title issues.

"...For Aboriginal people, there is obviously a quid pro quo – a recognition, first, of the place of Noongar people as the original inhabitants and the traditional owners of that land and that will be enshrined by an act of Parliament.

"There will also be substantial payments in the form of cash from the State Government into an investment fund... this will effectively give the Aboriginal people a capital fund if you like, in a sense, almost a future fund for their future."

Attorney-General Christian Porter called upon the Commonwealth to live up to what he said was a long-standing promise to pay 75 per cent of the cost of negotiated native title agreements.

That's by no means a done deal, but Mr Porter said WA would proceed, with or without Commonwealth buy-in, towards 'the most important resolution of native title in Australia's history'.

"The Commonwealth's involvement is critical but not contingent," he told journalists. "We will work to a resolution (but) I think that that resolution will be much better for the Noongar people if the Commonwealth is involved."

SWALSC, the official native



SWALSC CEO Glen Kelly

title representative body (NTRB) for the area under the *Native Title Act 1993*, maintains that the offer is a once-off chance for land justice for the Noongar people.

"The fact is that the overwhelming majority of Noongar people have already had their native title rights extinguished, which means that if we went through the courts and won, we'd actually be entrenching people's dispossession forever," SWALSC CEO and Noongar man Glen Kelly told the *Koori Mail*.

## 'Nothing to sell'

"We have nothing to sell. It's been taken off us already and we're trying to get it back.

"(If the deal goes through), for the first time in a very long time, we will once again have full unfettered access to our traditional land where people can re-establish their connections, start transferring cultural knowledge to younger generations and, basically, re-engage and rebuild our Noongar culture.

"Our whole strategy is about how we overcome the limitations of the *Native Title Act* and native title."

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) swiftly congratulated the WA

Government and SWALSC on what it described as 'what will be the most comprehensive native title deal the country has seen'.

But the Government's offer has placed the land and sea council and its 4000-plus membership at odds with some other Noongars – provoking claims that those supporting the negotiations had sold out and forgotten the struggles of their Noongar ancestors.

On 12 February, some of those opposed to the deal set up a 'tent embassy' on Heirisson Island, a small island in the Swan River adjacent to the Perth CBD.

In a statement entitled 'This land is not for sale', they referred to the island as Matagarup and described it as 'a significant birth area, significant country and sacred ground for our people'.

"We are here because we want to protect our country," said the group.

"We are taking affirmative action to reaffirm our sovereignty status as the original owners of this land.

"...We are asserting our rights to our land. We never ceded our land, we never gave it away.

"Today Australia is illegally occupying and breaching international laws... We are the oldest living culture in the world and although we may be asked to move on, we are survivors. We're still here and we care about our future and we will continue to survive and get stronger.

"Preserving our heritage is not only for our own people, but for everyone."

One of the tent embassy protesters was head of the local Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, Robert Eggington.

On Saturday, he told the *Koori Mail* the embassy was 'a peaceful occupation of us practicing our rights to cultural traditions', a form of resistance and a call for unity.

"This would be the most

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# offer division

## Police shut down embassy

AN Aboriginal 'tent embassy' set up to protest the proposed \$1 billion native title settlement deal with the Noongar people of Western Australia's south-west has been shut down by police.

About 50 police descended on the embassy on Perth's Heirisson Island on Sunday morning to enforce a City of Perth move-on notice for protesters to remove tents and cars from a public reserve.

Two days earlier, council representatives delivered a move-on notice to the Swan River protest camp, saying tents and cars must be removed from the public reserve.

The protesters ripped up the notice and vowed to stay on what they say is sacred tribal land.

However, police arrived at the site at about 6am (Perth time) on Sunday to enforce the council notice. About 30 officers gathered under trees near the embassy, while others on bicycle and horseback surrounded the camp.

About 60 protesters were at the camp at the time and agreed to pack up as officers watched on.

WA Police spokesman Bill Munnee said early on in the process that the protesters had made the right choice, saying 'they have



Protester Herbert Bropho confronts WA Police Inspector Bill Munnee (left) after police moved in on the Aboriginal tent embassy on Sunday. AAP Image

been reasonable and we are grateful'.

But angry scenes erupted when flat-bed trucks arrived to load up protesters' cars and police marched in to enforce the removal of the vehicles.

Protesters and police confronted and jostled each other at the cars as abuse was hurled at officers. Some protesters shouted

out 'WA police murderers' and 'airheads'.

Protesters eventually drove their cars off the reserve. No arrests were made.

As the police contingent marched off the reserve after enforcing the council notices, they were accompanied by flag-waving protesters shouting 'shame, shame'.

"You are officially evicted from Nyungar land," protester Greg Martin told officers.

The Perth council has said protesters can stay on the reserve but must not camp overnight in tents or park cars there.

Some protesters said they would re-erect their tents at the reserve.

By late Sunday morning, about 50 people remained at the camp under gum trees on the shores of the Swan River to discuss their next move.

Meanwhile, the last surviving co-founder of Canberra's Aboriginal Tent Embassy lent his support to the Perth activists.

"We expect that the Australian governments will now depend very heavily upon their police to terrorise our sovereignty movement, rather than speak to us as one would expect diplomacy would dictate," Michael Anderson said in a statement on Sunday. "To accept this offer is to sell your sovereignty right down the drain." – AAP

# A good deal, says SWALSC

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complex, challenging and important decision that Nyoongar people have had to face in terms of the last 200 years of enforced occupation," Mr Eggington said.

"I have spoken to our Elders and we will try every action possible to negotiate the unity of our people before any deal is done. The unity of our people is our driving objective.

"We'll be calling for meetings with (SWALSC CEO) Glen Kelly and others to try to create a unification.

"If that doesn't happen, people will need to know that in this generation not all Nyoongar peoples signed away their land, culture and heritage.

"And we'll need to identify those who stood strong against that continuous forced occupation of our lands."

Mr Eggington invoked the words of Noongar warrior Yagan, who is reported to have told an early settler words to the effect of 'You came to our country – you have driven us from our haunts, and disturbed us in our occupations. As we walk in our own country we are fired upon by the white men; why should the white men treat us so?'

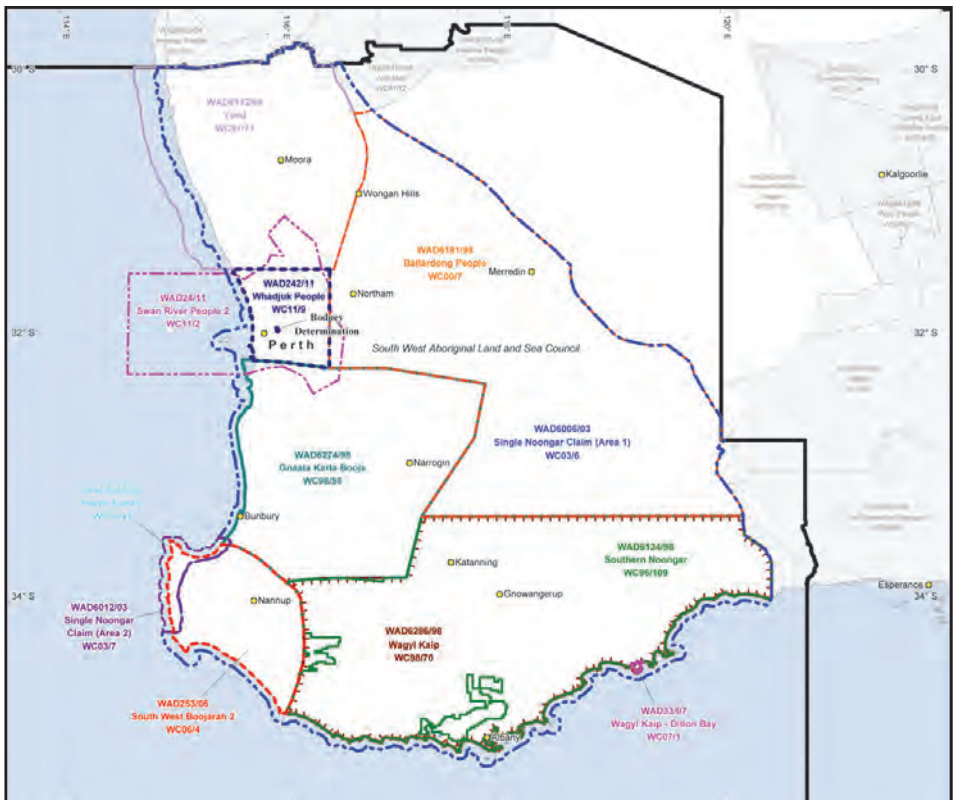
Another embassy spokesman, Greg Martin, told the *Koori Mail* on Saturday that the last thing the group wanted to do was get into a slanging match with other Nyoongar people.

"As far as we're concerned, we've got this legitimate authority to be where we are... This is about who speaks for country," Mr Martin said.

Earlier, another Aboriginal group declared in a statement 'No deal on SWALSC surrender of native title'.

"We give no permission to SWALSC (to) be selling out our rights from under us," said the statement quoting Albert Corunna, Richard Wilkes, Victor Worrall, Greg Garlett, Bella Bropho, Kathy Penny and Clive Davis.

"All we want is to see fair play and things done properly. We want to stick to our native title rights and not surrender them.



A map of south-west Western Australia showing the area subject to claim under the united Noongar native title claim. Source: National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)

"...This deal is all smoke and mirrors, and apart from providing cushy jobs for a select few it will not benefit the majority of Nyoongar people."

But SWALSC's Glen Kelly dismissed as 'ridiculous' the charge of giving things away or selling out.

"People are voicing opinions while having no understanding of native title and none of the facts," he said.

"...The easiest thing in the world is to stand up and shout slogans like 'We'll take the Government to court' but, for most Noongar people, there would be nothing."

Mr Kelly said he was not sure yet if the offer constituted the best possible deal – that would be determined in coming months – but 'as a first-off, it is very, very positive'.

"The question for us is how do we overcome this extinguishment to gain people rights to country, to get hold of an actual land estate?" he said.

**'Self-determination'**

"How can we overcome that and build something that creates rights, gets land and allows us to become more self-determined?"

"That's the proposition of the alternate settlement. It is more accurate to describe this as an exchange because we're getting

the state to surrender much to the Noongar people."

Mr Kelly said he believed some people were confusing native title rights with cultural identity.

"We were Noongars before the *Native Title Act* and we'll still be Noongars after the *Native Title Act*. A surrender in terms of native title terms doesn't mean we surrender our cultural and customary rights to country. It doesn't mean we give up culture and assimilate," he said.

"It means we do away with this silly system of white law and get some outcomes from it that will actually strengthen our cultural identity, our control of traditional lands and our rights to land.

"The time for slogans is over... We've decided that we're not going to just sit here and shout about our discontent. We're going to actually do something that rebuilds the Noongar nation and leaves a legacy for the Noongar people."

The Federal Government said last week it was yet to receive any formal application from the WA Government but, if it did, it would be 'carefully considered, having regard to whether the proposed settlement promotes broad and sustainable benefits to the Noongar community, and would be subject to available funding'.

Late on Saturday, a spokeswoman for Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon told the *Koori Mail* the Commonwealth had made it clear it had no legal or other obligation to meet the States' native title costs.

"Previous attempts by the Commonwealth to settle an agreement to contribute to native title compensation costs were not agreed to by the States and Territories," the spokeswoman said.

"In particular, WA did not accept the Commonwealth's previous offer to contribute to native title compensation costs, as has been formally acknowledged by the former WA Government."

● Editor's note: There are several accepted spellings of Noongar, including Nyoongar, Nyungar and Nyungah.





The main image shows the scale of the Munday Wall and, above, Kidogo Arthouse artists Wendy Hayden, Deborah Bonar and Joanna Robertson.

# Huge mural honours WA clan

By LIZ MURRAY



A HUGE mural featuring an Indigenous artwork reproduced onto glass has been unveiled in the Perth suburb of High Wycombe.

Called the Munday Wall, it is the brainchild of glass company Cooling Brothers, which commissioned artists from Kidogo Arthouse to create a work to decorate its premises and demonstrate the use of the ceramic printed glass technology.

Cooling Brothers design consultant Will Main said the large-scale collaborative project with Kidogo Art had been a

challenge, but together they had fulfilled the ambitious design.

"We are extremely happy to be able support local artists by creating an opportunity to produce a lasting artwork printed using our ImagInk technology," he said.

Kidogo Arthouse artist and participant in the project Deborah Bonar was also happy.

"As an artist group, we like to strongly link our public art practice to Aboriginal history and land use and the significance of a particular area to the local Aboriginal owners," she said.

"We were inspired by the history of the area where Cooling Brothers is presently

located. The Munday Swamp wetlands were a rich source of food and material resources for Munday's people, the Beeloo Clan.

"They hunted and camped there, made tools, weapons and ceremonial items, looked after their land and their Dreamings.

## 'Educate'

"We want the artwork and its story to educate the viewer about Munday, the Beeloo Clan and their land."

Cooling Brothers selected Kidogo artist trio Ms Bonar, Wendy Hayden and Joanna Robertson from entries co-ordinated by Artsource, a WA arts

body that co-ordinates work opportunities for local artists.

Home to two galleries and an art school, the Kidogo Arthouse is an Indigenous arts hub located on Bathers Beach in Fremantle.

The Munday Wall artwork was printed through a digital ceramic printing process which uses inorganic pigments to create a printed image that is UV stable, so it is resistant to the rigours of the Western Australian summer.

The glass was installed at the Abernethy Road site by Cooling Brothers' glazing division using cranes and sucker units, and will be lit up at night with halogen spotlights.

# Film catches union official



VIDEO has emerged of a Canberra union figure telling

Aboriginal Tent Embassy activists that Opposition Leader Tony Abbott had called for the structure to be pulled down.

The vision, screened on ABC TV, shows Tent Embassy representative Barbara Shaw speaking to a woman who is out of camera range, but whose voice can be heard.

The ABC report identified the woman as Unions ACT secretary Kim Sattler.

The woman is heard telling Ms Shaw where both Mr Abbott and Prime Minister Julia Gillard could be found.

"They're both in a reception at The Lobby restaurant, which is just up the corner, and Abbott's just made a statement to the press that the Tent Embassy should be pulled down," the woman says.

Ms Shaw then repeats what she has been told to the crowd at the Tent Embassy, who then shout out in anger.

Protesters later marched on the nearby restaurant and banged on the glass walls, causing a

security scare that led to Ms Gillard and Mr Abbott being bundled from the building by officials.

Ms Sattler has previously stated that she did not tell the protesters that Mr Abbott said the Embassy should be pulled down.

Prime ministerial staffer Tony Hodges resigned over the 26 January incident after admitting he had spoken to Ms Sattler and told her Mr Abbott was at the restaurant. — AAP

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# Anderson looks to 'Sovereign Union'



ABORIGINAL activist Michael Anderson is planning to visit Aboriginal people across the country with the aim of forming

a national unity government to be known as the 'Sovereign Union'.

Mr Anderson, the last survivor of the four men who set up the Aboriginal Embassy in 1972, said the union was one of the outcomes of the Embassy's 40th anniversary corroboree from 26-28 January.

"We will commence formal talks when I meet with delegates of 45 Aboriginal nations from across the Murray Darling Basin at the end of this month in Canberra," he said. "I will then travel to Western Australia to meet with representatives of the Nyoongar nation and others who are in the process of organising their delegates in Perth."

Mr Anderson said other meetings were being organised around the country.

"I will be able to have governance meetings with Aboriginal people wherever and whenever they seek to join and become part of this national unity government," he said.

Mr Anderson said he would also seek talks with non-Aboriginal people 'to explain what this new national unity government is all about'.

"I hope that the non-Aboriginal people will join in with us to establish this government," he said.

"The national unity government will work towards making Australia an independent republic, totally separate from England, as we are now mature enough to stand alone amongst the nations of the world."

The discussions would include finalisation of a constitution to set up an independent republican state.



# Micro-grants help mark the day

AT NSW Government House last week, the Healing Foundation announced 101 micro-grants of \$500, provided by the Federal Government, to help Indigenous organisations fund activities to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the National Apology.

In Labrador, at the northern end of the Gold Coast in Queensland, the Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation will use its \$500 to hold an Art Healing Circle to explore the significance of the Apology through art.

Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation CEO

Rosemary Norman-Hill said the circle would bring young people and Elders together and celebrate culture, diversity and community.

"The circle is about having a conversation in our community; to listen to stories and learn from those stories," she said.

Two Indigenous artists, Liz Childs and Laura Peacock, will help participants create rock art that they can take home and a huge collaborative canvas, for which each person has been asked to choose a positive word and apply their creativity to it.

Ms Norman-Hill is hopeful that Gold Coast

City Council will hang the huge canvas in their foyer.

"We're very fortunate that we've had two really wonderful artists and people to help us," she said.

At the circle there will be a table of documents and memorabilia from the Stolen Generations and they will replay former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology speech.

Ms Norman-Hill is a descendant of one of the first Aboriginal children, Kitty, to be taken from her parents, in 1814.

"She was six, of the Warmuli clan, and put in the Parramatta Native Children's Institution, which was set up by Governor Macquarie to 'educate and civilise Aboriginal children', until 1822, when she was married off to a 39-year-old black constable, Colebee, the first Aboriginal man to be granted land," she said.

Laura Peacock grew up in the Bomaderry Children's Home and both artists will be discussing with participants what the Apology meant and Stolen Generations members are

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# Four years on, grief loss – and healing



FEBRUARY 13 marked four years since then-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised to the Stolen Generations

for the 'laws and policies of successive parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these, our fellow Australians'.

In ceremonies around the country, Indigenous and other Australians paid tribute to the strength and resilience of the Stolen Generations, spoke about healing and reconciliation and the work that still needs to be done.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda spoke about the emotion of the Apology.

"Like many Australians, I remember where I was on that historic day when the Australian Parliament acknowledged the pain, trauma and distress caused to many of our Elders who were forcibly removed from their families," he said.

"Like many Australians, I was profoundly moved by the fact that after so many years, our mothers and fathers, our sisters and brothers, our aunts and uncles and even some of our children, finally received the acknowledgement and apology they deserved for lives torn apart by policies and practices of past governments."

Mr Gooda said it was time to build on the foundation started by the Apology.

"With bipartisan support, the National Apology brought the nation together," he said. "I believe the time is right to build on this and take the next step in asking the nation to come together again in one voice and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution."

"I believe in 2012 we stand at a point in time where we truly can focus the nation's efforts on building understanding and respect for Australia's First



With former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at the National Stolen Generations Alliance parliamentary seminar in Canberra, from left, Josie Williams, Matilda House, who gave the welcome to country, Gail Pencheff and Louise Brown.

Peoples by recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the nation's founding document.

"To do otherwise would be a disservice to all our Elders, ourselves and our grandchildren and would rob us as a nation of the opportunity to make a lasting difference."

In Canberra, the National Stolen Generations Alliance hosted a parliamentary seminar, that included a morning tea with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Mr Rudd and launched a new website featuring testimony from members of the Stolen Generations (see Page 10).

In Melbourne, Aboriginal community organisations held a breakfast under the banner of 'I feel proud today'.

In Sydney, Ministers Rudd and Macklin attended a breakfast at

Government House, where the Healing Foundation's Florence Onus addressed the audience.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Stephen Ryan used the milestone to criticise the Gillard Government's commitment to Aboriginal affairs, which he said stood in stark contrast to that of the NSW Government, which has been working co-operatively with Aboriginal communities on a major reshaping of government policy.

### Committed

"It's early days in my state with the O'Farrell Government, but they have committed to a ministerial taskforce, and to widespread consultation throughout NSW to address the massive failures of government over the past decade," he said.

"The O'Farrell Government has

also kept its promises to keep individual ministers engaged in the process – there are seven ministers on the taskforce, and their personal attention to the consultation process has been a welcome change.

"As I said, it's early days, but if you can get the conversation with Aboriginal people right, I think you've got a much greater chance of getting the outcomes right."

Mr Ryan said the Gillard Government wasn't talking with the Aboriginal community of NSW.

"The Prime Minister is yet to visit a NSW Aboriginal community, where the majority of Aboriginal Australians live. Her predecessor didn't either," he said. "After the recent Tent Embassy fiasco, I think the Gillard Government needs to also look at how it can reset the relationship with Aboriginal people."

"I don't doubt their intentions – no-one wants to see my people stuck with third-world life statistics, as is the case in many communities in NSW and beyond."

"What I doubt is their political resolve to get the job done."

St Vincent de Paul Society National Council chief executive Dr John Falzon called on the Federal Government to 'reverse its roll-out of damaging policies such as compulsory income management and the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM)'.

"The members of the St Vincent de Paul Society were deeply moved by the events of 13th February, 2008. We will never forget the powerful words of the then Prime Minister..." he said.

"Neither can we forget the graciousness and generosity of spirit shown by Australia's First Peoples, including members of the Stolen Generations, in accepting this apology."

"It was a time of deep reflection. Now it is the time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be able to determine their own futures rather than suffering the indignity and degradation of policies that discriminate against them and take away control over their lives."

"We also continue to be deeply concerned by the disproportionate rate of incarceration of Indigenous Australians, especially the young."

Glenice Garvie, who is the first director appointed to the designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian Association of Social Workers board position, said it was a very emotional day.

"I remember the lives of people who were and are part of my life and who helped shape me to be the person I am today," she said.

"To me the Apology was a very powerful thing as it acknowledged what we Aboriginal people knew to be the truth. That is all I needed to know and now I can move on with my life and not pretend nothing happened."

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## Deadly event organised by Bowral High



YOUNG Aboriginal leaders from the Bowral High School came together with Gibbergunyah

Aboriginal Association, the Southern Highlands Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Moyengully Natural Management Resource Group, Kula n Gadu, Loorunga Irandi and Mirri Mirri Bunderra to form a Talking Circle to mark the fourth National Apology Day at the Bowral High School.

Bowral High School hospitality students 'a la Bowral Cafe' concluded a 'Deadly' event with a feast for the Talking Circle foundation members, who are working to build a pathway to 'talk up the aspirations of our young peoples' by facilitating a culturally competent implementation model.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation funded the event, kick-starting an exciting calendar of Aboriginal events in the NSW Southern Highlands.

## Feeling proud on the Yarra



ON the banks of the Yarra River at Birrarung Marr on 13 February, community organisations held

an event to commemorate the Apology. The eight organisations launched the 'I Feel Proud' campaign, wearing badges and T-shirts to ensure that the history of the Stolen Generations will not be forgotten.

MC Jade Johnson from Connecting Home introduced speakers, including Sandy 'Jarrett' Greenwood, read a poem, titled *Black Women, I*, written by her mother Lauren Jarrett, from the Gumbayngir clan (NSW).

Members of the Stolen Generations shared their stories and thoughts.

## Micro-grants fund events

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welcome to share their stories if they wish to.

Events will be held in every State and Territory except Tasmania, from which no applications were received.

Healing Foundation CEO Richard Weston congratulated the funding recipients.

"We received so many wonderful applications for meaningful events to commemorate the anniversary of the Apology," he said.

"It is more important than ever to reflect on the progress we have made since 2008 and the steps we still need to take to heal our community and continue moving forwards.

"The response to these grants demonstrates the continuing impact of the Apology on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

The Healing Foundation was established on the first anniversary of the Apology. It supports culturally strong, locally run Indigenous healing programs, and funds education and research on Indigenous healing. More information and a full list of recipients of the microgrants is available at [www.healingfoundation.org.au](http://www.healingfoundation.org.au)

# Alliance hosts Parlt seminar



ON the anniversary of the Apology, the National Stolen Generations

Alliance (NSGA) held a Parliamentary breakfast in Canberra and hosted a seminar.

Levon Ennis and Leone Pope were removed from their families and grew up in the United Kingdom.

They spoke of their experiences of returning home to Australia.

NSGA national co-ordinator Gillian Brannigan said it was moving to hear Mr Ennis and Ms Pope speak.

"They related the difficulties of returning home and reconnecting, and the fact that they're still dealing with that," she said.

"They look Aboriginal but they sound like they're from the UK, particularly Leone.

"When she speaks it floors

people to hear the different accents, and it's another barrier to reconnecting.

"Singer and member of the Stolen Generations Shellie Morris' performance lifted the spirits of the audience, before they attended the seminar, which addressed (issues) including Stolen Generations content in

"We just want a seat at table.

Tertiary education is not our speciality, but when we go and do talks at unis and TAFEs, students say 'Why hasn't anybody told us about this? We need to know more about it'.

"Often for students it's very traumatic, they feel betrayed, that they don't know the proper

a good response, it's downright damaging, but I think that the country is virtually schizophrenic in our understanding of ourselves.

"On one hand you have the glossy Australian patriotism, where it's pretended everything is okay and then you have a seething undercurrent, knowing

that things aren't all right."

Ms Brannigan said the anniversary of the Apology was a key opportunity to get exposure for Indigenous issues.

"There are mixed feelings about the Apology," she said.

"Some of the Stolen Generations

found it life-transforming, and some feel let down by the lack of follow-on.

"In terms of gaining attention for issues, it's one of the few times of the year that the mainstream media even glance at the issues."

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university curricula.

"We wanted to talk about getting a seat for Stolen Generations at the table in discussions.

"We made some good connections with politicians and within the academic sector.

history of their country.

"We believe that the healing is for the whole Australian community.

"As long as we can't face our past truthfully, it eats away.

"That's probably why you get that shock jock response, it's not

# Message stick holds historical documents



IN a special ceremony to mark the fourth anniversary of the Apology, three Aboriginal people

presented a message stick to the Australian Parliament containing seven historical documents.

Caleb Jones, Dindima Moran and Jessie Simon-Fitzpatrick presented the Seven Historical Documents of Truth and Justice, which are:

- Petition to King George VI and The Day of Mourning Resolution 1938

- The Barunga Statement 1988

- The Report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 1991

- The Bringing Them Home report 1997

- The Australian Declaration Towards Reconciliation and Roadmaps 2000

- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 2007

- The Australian Parliament's Apology to the Stolen Generations 2008.

The message stick was carved by Wiradjuri artist Duncan Smith.



Front, from left, National Sorry Day Committee non-Indigenous co-chair Sally Fitzpatrick, students Caleb Jones, Dindima Moran and Jessie Simon-Fitzpatrick and NSDC member and Stolen Generations member Michael West with other members of the NSDC and the message stick.

Indigenous chair of the National Sorry Day Committee Helen Moran said the documents represented the journey that First Nations Peoples have endured over the past two centuries and

the steps that have been shared toward rectifying some of that history.

"They remind us of Australia's unfinished business in realising the human rights and full

citizenship of this country's First Nations Peoples – with so many of their recommendations still yet to be fulfilled," she said.

"They continue to light the pathways toward truth, healing and justice for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

"These documents are also testimony to the courage, honesty and openness with which significant issues have been approached in the past by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous leadership.

"The bipartisan courage and vision that was demonstrated by the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader for the delivery of the National Apology in 2008 is essential to achieving further advances such as Constitutional Recognition.

"There is already strong support in the community for such an act of recognition, which can be harnessed with powerful leadership.

"These seven historical documents are a gift of encouragement and reminder of what is possible when we share an equal partnership and aspire to tell the truth."



# Governor hosts breakfast



NSW Governor Marie Bashir hosted the National Apology Breakfast at Government House in Sydney, with members of the Stolen Generations, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Ms Macklin said it was important to 'mark the significance of that February day four years ago, when our nation took such an important step towards healing and reconciling' and praised the Healing Foundation and other groups.

"Because as we meet here in Sydney, so too are Australians meeting in communities across the continent," she said. "To reflect. To reconcile. To continue the process of healing. One of the most enduring legacies of the 13th of February 2008 has been the way it brought communities together."

"Australians literally crossed bridges together. Arm in arm. They gathered at Parliament House in Canberra to hear that important word: Sorry."

Ms Macklin said the next step in reconciliation would be to 'recognise our First People in the Constitution'.

"To have the foundation document for our laws and our government reflect the special place Indigenous Australians hold our nation," she said. "As custodians of the oldest continuing cultures in the world, and of our land, and for the contributions made to our nation, both past and present."

Ms Macklin used the example of Reconciliation Action Plans as something



Florence Onus and Kevin Rudd at the Sydney National Apology Breakfast.

that had grown directly from the Apology.

Mr Rudd said reconciliation was a continuing process and affected Australia's international standing.

"The business of reconciliation is ongoing, that's what's important," he said.

"If we get this right, we've got a message to sell to the world as well. And if we don't, we're going to have a bad message to sell."

Mr Rudd, who is now the Foreign Minister, said he wanted to work with Aboriginal communities in finding the next steps to close the gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"(The gap) in the practical areas like health, like education, like employment, like housing," he said. "We made some progress and we've got a whole lot more progress to make."

Mr Rudd is patron of the National Apology Breakfast. "It's my annual opportunity to make a reflection," he said.

Ms Macklin announced a new Stolen Generations initiative by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation that will focus on the social and emotional well-being needs of the Stolen Generations as an ageing population group.

The Stolen Generations Reference Committee is: Heather Kamarra Shearer, SA (Aranda People), Lorraine Peeters, Qld (Wailwan/Bidgera), Vicki Lee Knowles, NT (Malak Malak/Marithiel, Daly River), Helen Moran, ACT (Wiradjuri and Wongaibon), Carolyn Fyfe, Qld (Juun Ju Warra woman from the Guggu Yimthirr tribe) and Florence Onus, Qld (Birri-Gubba and Kairi/Bidjara clans).

The Healing Foundation has allocated \$750,000 to this program, with an additional \$200,000 coming from the Federal Government.

The committee will guide the use of these funds for Stolen Generations dedicated projects as well as have input across all Healing Foundation activities including research, evaluation, training and education.

The Healing Foundation will also allocate a proportion of any future funding to this initiative.

"The Stolen Generations initiative will ensure healing responses to overcome the trauma of removal and limit the transfer of trauma from generation to generation are led and developed by Stolen Generations members ourselves," Healing Foundation chair Florence Onus said. "Healing is a journey of rebuilding the spirit, cultural identity and pride. As well as increasing the opportunities for Stolen Generations members to develop our own solutions to grief and loss, this initiative will help us work together to increase our resilience and strength."

# Stories are shared



DEBRA HOCKING, a descendant of the Mouheneenner people from south-east Tasmania, doesn't

remember being forcibly taken from her parents because she was only 18 months old.

"In my experience, the sense of loss and grief from being removed as a baby has left a scar so deep that recovery seemed almost impossible," she said.

"We find forgiveness to allow our own healing to begin, but that should not give qualification or sanitisation of these wrongdoings and injustice."

"My mum and dad, I am sure, would have loved me very much and the pain they must have had to endure is unimaginable. My strength of spirit has been challenged many times as has keeping the anger and frustration at bay."

Ms Hocking is one of 31 members of the Stolen Generations who shared their stories on video with the Stolen Generations Foundation, which can be seen on their website [www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com](http://www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com)

"We share our stories so that others may understand what the legacy of child removals has left behind," she said.

"It is not about blame or guilt now, as that takes us to a negative space which I consider produces destructive behaviour. It is about considering the ways we can make sure this never happens



Pictured are the 31 members of the Stolen Generations who shared their stories for a new website. The photo is taken from the website [www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com](http://www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com)

again. If we become forgetful, the injustices of the past could very well be repeated.

"Listening to these stories which I consider are so generously shared with all, may seem hard and confronting for some, but just remember, it has been even harder to live the journey."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin launched the Stolen Generations' Testimonies website at a morning tea with Stolen Generations' members to mark the fourth anniversary of the National Apology.

Over the past three years filmmaker Melanie Hogan has

interviewed members of the Stolen Generations, recording their stories.

She chose people who did not usually speak in public about their history.

"For me, it was a great honour; I felt a duty of care to the people I spoke with because I knew that they were being so brave," Ms Hogan said.

"Each person shared what they wished to share, that's why each testimony is unique. It was their chance reach people directly."

"Nanna Clara Johnson (Brady) remembers being ripped from her mother when she was six and kicking and punching the

policeman. She remembers what life was like before, what it was like being brought up with traditional culture.

"Her testimony was so powerful, it rips you to shreds."

"At the end of each interview I said to each person 'do you want to share any final thought?'"

"Clara said 'I've learnt in this life not to hold on to hurts, 'cause if you hang on to those hurts you're hurting yourself'."

"I've learnt such a lot, particularly about big trauma."

"Some of the people I spoke with are so far down the track of their own healing, and some are still in a lot of pain."



DEBRA HOCKING

Ms Hocking relates her story of sexual abuse at the hands of the foster family who were supposed to be caring for her, then her journey to find her mum and of learning about and reclaiming her culture.

She, like many of the interviewees, talks about strength through pain.

"What I don't think came into their plan, what they didn't know, was the strength of Aboriginal spirituality and how it prolongs and how the spirit might be a bit bent but it never gets broken," Ms Hocking said. "And so that's why we are the longest surviving race in the world. That's why, you know, because I think we do have an inherent strength."

The transcripts of the testimonies can also be read at [www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com](http://www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com) if internet connections cannot support video.



## ICAC set to investigate land council



THE NSW corruption watchdog will investigate allegations of corruption involving former boxer Lucky Gattellari, Ron Medich Developments and a south coast Aboriginal land council.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) says it will hold a public inquiry as part of investigations into the allegations relating to Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The inquiry will centre on the council's former chairman Ron Mason, former co-ordinator Ken Foster and CEO Vanessa Mason.

It is alleged that between March 2005 and April 2006, Mr Mason and Mr Foster received corrupt benefits from Mr Gattellari for arranging negotiations between the land council, Mr Gattellari, Ron Medich Developments Pty Ltd and Waterview Developments Pty Ltd.

The ICAC is also investigating an allegation that between January 2008 and April 2010, Ms Mason received corrupt benefits from Mr Gattellari for facilitating negotiations between the three parties.

The public inquiry will start on 27 February and will be heard by ICAC Assistant Commissioner Theresa Hamilton. Ron Medich and Lucky Gattellari have both been charged over the September 2009 murder of Sydney businessman Michael McGurk. — AAP

## Torres Strait tuberculosis fears raised



THE Federal Opposition has called on the Government to increase tuberculosis care in Papua New Guinea and the Torres Strait Islands following an outbreak of the

deadly disease in the region.

Liberal MP Warren Entsch, whose northern Queensland seat takes in the Torres Strait Islands, had his private member's motion on the issue pass the House of Representatives this month.

Mr Entsch demanded the Government, through AusAID, immediately provide long-term funding to clinics providing tuberculosis services to PNG nationals and Torres Strait Islander residents.

His motion also called on the Government to formulate a long-term strategy to ensure PNG programs and Torres Strait Islands clinics deliver tuberculosis care.

"This is certainly a matter of life and death to people living in the western provinces of Papua New Guinea and Torres Strait Islander Australians that are living in the islands as very near neighbours to Papua New Guinea," Mr Entsch told Parliament.

"Tuberculosis is now endemic in this region and we're seeing a rising death toll as the medications that are being used there are becoming less and less effective because of the inadequate delivery of services due in many cases to a difficulty in access.

"One thing we can't afford to do is to withdraw these services. We need to increase them significantly."

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease that usually attacks the lungs. It is spread from person to person through the air when someone with active TB of the lungs or throat coughs, sings, laughs or sneezes. — AAP



Private Jesse Coleman with dancers, from left, Danial Wyles, Evan Fisher, Sitarr Wyles, Wheelan Wyles, Ashley Saltner jnr and Jai Cummings in Townsville, north Queensland.

## Dancers welcome soldiers

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL soldier Private Jesse Coleman was delighted to see a strong presence of Indigenous dancers and speakers when members of his Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR)

were welcomed to Townsville this month.

Originally from Charters Towers but raised in Brisbane, Private Coleman was amongst 750 soldiers who marched along Townsville's Strand before a traditional and civic welcome at nearby Anzac Park.

The soldiers had relocated to Lavarack Barracks from Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney.

Originally formed in 1945, 3RAR is an infantry battalion which has seen active service in Japan, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, East Timor, the Solomon Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reg Saunders, the first Aboriginal soldier to be commissioned as an officer, served as a captain in 3RAR and fought at Kapyong (Korea).

At Anzac Park in Townsville, the troops were welcomed to country by academic Gracelyn Smallwood for the Bindal people

and Arthur Johnson of the Wulgurukaba mob. Mr Johnson's niece is Lee Smallwood, the Lavarack Barracks-based Indigenous engagement officer with Defence Indigenous Affairs.

Soldiers and spectators were treated to dancing by the Wulgurakaba Walkabouts entertainers.

It was estimated there were about 20 Indigenous soldiers amongst the contingent. The battalion will be deployed in Afghanistan from May.

Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell and 3RAR Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Trent Scott spoke at the welcome.

# Indigenous TV hopes dwindle

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE prospect of an Indigenous-controlled free-to-air television channel is dwindling, with talks between National Indigenous Television (NITV) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) grindingly slow.

NITV's Federal funding runs out on 30 June and, although its Indigenous board is still hopeful of a positive outcome, its chairperson Ken Reys has admitted the negotiation process has been slow and frustrating and little has been tied down.

On Sunday, Mr Reys told the *Koori Mail* that NITV had sought a meeting with Communications Minister Stephen Conroy three weeks ago, but was still waiting.

Similarly, it had been unable to secure a meeting between its board and that of the ethnic broadcaster, with negotiations to date having been conducted only at an executive management level. At present, the NITV board comprises Mr Reys, Grant Hanson as deputy chairperson, barrister Nathan Jarro and businesswoman Lani Blanco.

Launched in 2007, NITV currently screens Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs on Foxtel, Austar and other subscription TV networks, with free-to-air coverage in some remote regions.

But following a review of the Indigenous broadcasting sector last year, the Federal Government backed NITV moving to an SBS-hosted free-to-air channel and Senator Conroy 'invited' the two entities to start talks.

Since then, NITV's board has sought assurances that any such arrangement would include secure funding for Indigenous programming quarantined from SBS's overall cash-strapped budget, Indigenous editorial control, and ongoing employment for as many as possible of its 45 staff.

Mr Reys said one of the first messages NITV received from SBS was that it was 'happy to talk' about NITV's editorial policies and how they might be 'augmented into the broader SBS framework'.

"That's positive; at least they haven't kicked that notion out the door," he said, but conceded this fell short of Indigenous editorial control. He said SBS had indicated that it

would prefer – but had not guaranteed – that any new Indigenous channel was managed by an Indigenous person, and was open to the appointment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to its board.

But, beyond that, 'they haven't guaranteed too much'.

"They're guarded. They've been told by the Government to talk to us and we know they're in a quandary themselves. SBS has a \$4 million deficit load but that's not our problem and that's one of the reasons why we want our money ring-fenced," Mr Reys said.

### 'Not happy'

"SBS are certainly not happy with that and the Government is virtually saying they can't tell the SBS how to spend their money. But, come 1 July, the funding from government will be directed to the SBS and we believe it is right and proper to ensure the proper benefit of this overall government directive for a dedicated Indigenous channel."

Mr Reys said the NITV Board was yet to make any formal decision about a transfer to SBS, per se.

"But, of course, we've got to be mindful as a board that we don't cut the nose off to spite the face; that we don't lose the opportunity to at least structure up this new channel appropriately and sensitively from an Indigenous perspective," he said.

NITV has only ever had 12-month funding at a time – currently at \$15.2 million per year – frustrating programming and the retention of experienced and highly qualified staff.

Mr Reys said the board was keen to give staff some certainty and to clarify for the Indigenous community generally what lay ahead, but was not in a position to give too many assurances.

"We're still negotiating and we're still wanting to take up some of those important issues. We'd say they're imperative, but SBS mightn't agree, and we're trying to get the best we can."

"It's very tough and it's frustrating but, as we say, there's still a bit of fight left in the old dog," he said.

A response was sought from Senator Conroy's office but had not been received when the *Koori Mail* went to print.



# Palm Island council members stay on job

By ALF WILSON



THE Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council now looks certain to run its full term until the 28 April Queensland local government elections after being in turmoil when three councillors threatened to resign. Palm Council is made up of Mayor Alf Lacey, Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley, and councillors Ruth Gorringe, Hal Walsh and Zina Prior.

Cr Walsh resigned early this month after claims Mayor Lacey was a passenger on a boat intercepted at Forrest Beach (30kms away on the mainland) on 27 January, allegedly carrying alcohol in contravention of the unpopular, state-imposed Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) that is in force on Palm Island.

Mayor Lacey had not been charged with any offence by police and would not comment further on the matter, which received widespread media coverage.

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

Cr Sibley and Cr Gorringe also threatened to hand in their resignations to Palm Council CEO Ross Norman on 6 February.

If three councillors had resigned it would have forced the Queensland Department of Local Government and Planning to dissolve the council and appoint an administrator.

However, Mr Norman advised the *Koori Mail* on 17 February that Cr Sibley and Cr Gorringe had not resigned.

Cr Sibley also told the *Koori Mail* that he would not be resigning.

Mayor Lacey has indicated he will stand for his second term as mayor at the elections, and Cr Sibley has indicated he will also be a candidate for the top job.

The *Koori Mail* understands that any councillor who resigned would still be eligible to stand at the coming election. But if they were a successful candidate, the Queensland Department of Local Government would have the power to veto their election.

Under the AMP laws, Palm residents are restricted to taking one 30 pack of mid-strength or light beer to Palm Island. Full-strength beer, wine and spirits are banned and between 600 and 800 Palm residents have faced court on mostly minor



Police searching the bags of passengers ready to board the Sealink ferry to Palm at Townsville Breakwater ferry terminal on 10 February. There is widespread anger among Palm Island residents over the searches.

charges of breaching the AMP.

Sly grog is often transported to the island, bringing those who take it huge profits despite the risk of being caught by police.

The AMP laws and police searches of bags of ferry passengers heading for Palm Island at the Townsville Sealink terminal have angered most residents.

Such searches have been done by police on 17 and 10 February, and on 26 and 27 January.

The *Koori Mail* was there on 10 February when three police officers arrived at noon, 75 minutes before the ferry left for Palm Island.

Scores of passengers told the *Koori Mail* they felt the searches were racist and invaded their privacy.

"They send three police down here to search bags and there is widespread media coverage of a sex offender on the loose in Townsville. Why aren't these police out looking for that person?" Palm man Phillip

Kyle asked. Palm Island football official Vernon Walsh questioned why such rules should apply to his island and not on mainland Townsville.

"We feel as if we have rules on us that others don't and it is not right," he said.

Tim Miller, who manages Palm Island's Bwgcolman Radio Station, said the searches were degrading.

Bronwyn Kerr described the searches as disgraceful and said they were targeting Aboriginal people.



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## Rights Commission chief expected to go



AUSTRALIAN Human Rights Commission President Catherine Branson QC is expected to leave the position at the end of July.

Ms Branson, a former Federal Court judge, started her five-year term as president on 14 October 2008.

Attorney-General Nicola Roxon thanked Ms Branson for her service. "The Government thanks President Branson for her dedication and hard work in leading the commission and her passionate advocacy for the rights of all Australians, particularly those most vulnerable in our society," Ms Roxon said.

"President Branson has led the commission's increased role in building greater understanding and respect for human rights in our community, a key plank of Australia's Human Rights Framework."

"As a committed advocate for strengthening human rights in our region, president Branson has also been instrumental in cementing the Australian Human Rights Commission as a leading National Human Rights Institution in our region."

## Mardi Gras paraders will walk the walk



A GROUP of First Australians will again lead this year's Sydney Mardi Gras Parade, under the theme True Love Tru! Instead of being on a float, the contingent will be walking to represent the first footsteps of First Australians.

ACON Aboriginal project team leader Meggan Grose said the contingent would be giving a 'walking welcome and acknowledgment of country'.

Selected Elders will travel by car, while the walkers will be handing out small gifts to well-wishers along the parade route.

The Mardi Gras parade will be on 3 March from 7.45pm to 10pm. Those wanting to be a part of the First Australians contingent should register with ACON at <http://www.acon.org.au/get-involved/mardigras2012>

## Reconciliation Award nominations sought



NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2012 Queensland Reconciliation Awards.

Now in their 10th year, awards aim to recognise Queenslanders who are working in partnership with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on important reconciliation projects and initiatives across the state.

The awards program offers a total prize pool of \$25,000 across five categories: Business, Education, Community Organisation, Partnerships and an overall Premier's Reconciliation Award.

Nominations close Friday 9 March. For more information or to download a nomination form, visit [www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au](http://www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au) or telephone (07) 3224 6831.

Award winners will be announced at a ceremony during Reconciliation Week in May 2012.

# Congress spells out its priorities



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has detailed its priorities to

Federal politicians including Opposition Leader Tony Abbott. And it says it received a positive response to the 'robust and frank discussions' held alongside its first meeting for 2012, in Canberra.

The representative body's co-chairs, Les Malezer and Jody Broun, said issues discussed included achieving a bipartisan response to Constitutional change and debate on the Federal Government's contentious Northern Territory Stronger Futures legislation.

The Canberra meetings and briefings were 'a critical part of achieving better political outcomes' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the first of many forums where the National Congress would argue its case, Ms Broun said.

Mr Malezer said the Congress Board welcomed the opportunity to talk with



National Congress co-chairs Jodi Broun and Les Malezer (second from left and centre) with Opposition Leader Tony Abbott, Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion and MP Ken Wyatt.

MPs, especially Mr Abbott who 'has experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'.

"We look forward to forging an honest and effective relationship with him and the Coalition," Mr Malezer said.

"The meeting follows last year's discussions with the Prime Minister and is part of a Congress commitment to work with the whole Parliament – the Independents, Greens,

Government and Opposition."

Mr Abbott was embroiled in controversy last month when comments mis-attributed to him sparked protests from supporters of Canberra's Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

The *Koori Mail* asked the National Congress whether its board had discussed the matter with Mr Abbott, but was told only that 'a range of sensitive issues were discussed'.

"The conversation was robust and frank and the

Congress's support for the existence and purpose of the Tent Embassy remains unchanged," a Congress spokesman said.

Last Wednesday, in response to the Federal Government's 2012 Closing the Gap report, Mr Abbott said there was a new appreciation of Indigenous Australians and thanked Noel Pearson and Warren Mundine for helping him on his journey towards understanding Indigenous disadvantage. – *With AAP*

# Scullion is not happy

THE Opposition says Federal Indigenous programs are in such a 'shambolic' state that the Gillard Government has 'no clue' how much taxpayers' money is being spent on them.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion issued a statement on Friday venting at what he said was a broken promise to Senate Estimates to list Indigenous programs and associated funding.

He said the Senate committee had received such information in the past and was assured a week ago that it'd be

forthcoming on Friday, only to be told then that 'it was too hard to deliver'.

"It is outrageous to be promised a list of programs and associated costs by today and now told it can't be done," Senator Scullion said.

### 'Millions spent'

"...Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent and book shelves are full of Government-produced reports and glossy brochures containing Government promises of what they want to do to address Indigenous disadvantage.

"Yet when asked to detail where and

how much money is being spent, the Government appears incapable of providing this most basic of information."

A spokesperson for Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin told the *Koori Mail* that each government department reported regularly on its programs and the information sought by Senator Scullion was publicly available online.

A spokesperson for Ms Macklin's own Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) said the department had 'nothing to add' to what had been said at Senate Estimates.

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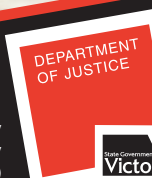
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# Fingers crossed for trip of lifetime



SEVEN Aboriginal women from western NSW are pinning their hopes of the trip of a lifetime on their local State Emergency Service.

The women from the Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Wilcannia and Bourke women's safehouses, are due to address the second international conference on women's shelters in Washington DC about their jobs and how they help women and children in their communities.

But flood waters have isolated their communities and, in order to catch their plane to the US from Sydney, the women were hoping the local SES would fly them to Dubbo.

Liz Smith and Marcia Barker, from the Lightning Ridge Safe House, were crossing their fingers when they spoke to the *Koori Mail* last week.

"It's pretty surreal," Ms Smith said. "Out of the seven of us only one had had a passport before."

Walgett and Lightning Ridge are isolated by the swollen waters, and major flooding is expected along the Bokhara, Birrie and Narran rivers in north-west NSW in coming weeks.

At the time of going to press there were flood warnings for the Gwydir, Mehi, Moomin, Lower Namoi, Birrie, Bokhara, Culgoa, Narran, Warrego, Paroo, Barwon



Liz Smith and Marcia Barker, from the Lightning Ridge Safe House, are crossing their fingers that helicopter pilots Chris Wilcock and Matt Edwards and the SES will be able to fly them over flood waters to Dubbo. Liz, Marcia and five of their colleagues from women's refuges in western NSW are due to catch a flight to America to speak at a conference. Photo by Maude Harrison, *The Ridge News*

and Darling Rivers at Mungundi and downstream.

"It's just part of living in the bush," Ms Smith said.

If the SES were able to help the women, they would not be

able to take their luggage and they were planning to go op-shopping in Dubbo to get warm clothes for the American winter.

Last year the group presented a talk at a conference on

homelessness in Brisbane and caught the eye of the Women's Refuge Network, who then encouraged them to apply for the Washington conference.

In 2005 the project received

funding to set up shelters for women and children who were victims of domestic violence or living on the streets.

As well as helping their clients, the shelters have provided training for the women who run them, many of whom have since completed qualifications in Aboriginal health.

"It's very exciting, going to the conference, and scary at the same time," Ms Barker said.

"I'm really looking forward to it, especially the chance to meet other women from around the world – we can share things about what we do, about the services we provide for women and children.

"It can be really challenging doing the job we do but it's rewarding at the same time, making a difference to people's lives.

"It's all about empowering our women and their families so they can have a more independent, safer, healthier future."

Marcia and Liz will be joined by Kayleen Sharpley (Walgett), Aileen Harris, Patricia Whyman and Erica Mitchell (Wilcannia) and Mary Romaine (Bourke).

And while the nature of the conference is serious, it won't be all work and no play, as the group has a scheduled stop-over in the bright lights of Los Angeles and some time to do some sight-seeing around Washington DC.

# Call for more rangers

By DARREN COYNE



TRADITIONAL owners along Queensland's coastline want up to 30 more Indigenous rangers to be employed, especially in places south of Townsville.

Their call is backed by the World Wildlife Fund environmental group, and follows an announcement last week from the Queensland Government that a further \$5 million of Federal funds will be spent employing six rangers.

Eddie Smallwood, chairman of the Gudjuda Reference Group which represents traditional owners from the Whitsunday Islands through to Townsville, said his area could easily accommodate five rangers.

"Traditional owners have been doing great work tackling illegal poaching and

responding to the current turtle and dugong starvation crisis," he said.

"We already have an agreement with the State Government around turtle and dugong conservation but we lack the resources to do the monitoring and research and to work in with the Environment Protection Agency."

Based around the Burdekin River, Mr Smallwood's group already has people working with James Cook University on projects involving turtle conservation, as well as with Queensland Parks and Wildlife, but all work was voluntary.

## Increase funding

"If they want to build the capacity of the Indigenous ranger program they need to increase the level of funding and positions," he said.

WWF spokesperson Darren Grover backed the call, saying the Queensland

Government should match the Federal funding and extend the program to up to 30 rangers.

"This is a good first step, but we need a co-ordinated network of Indigenous rangers that stretches across the length of the Great Barrier Reef," he said.

"WWF has written to all major parties asking that they commit to \$30 million of new investment over five years for Indigenous Ranger programs.

"These programs would include employment of 30 rangers in around 10 communities with support for junior rangers, ranger training and research into turtle and dugong biology and local habitat suitability.

"WWF has called on all Queenslanders to treat the upcoming state election as a referendum on the future health of the Great Barrier Reef."

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke

said the knowledge of traditional owners was crucial to the ongoing management of dugongs and sea-country in Queensland.

He said about \$2.5 million would be used to implement the Cape York Sea Country strategy to develop community-based management plans and legal frameworks and to develop the capacity of Cape York traditional owners to manage sea country effectively. An allocation of \$700,000 would go to compliance training and data collection and monitoring.

Mr Burke said a \$300,000 sea country network would be set up so traditional community leaders had a forum to share experiences in managing dugong populations and could discuss ways to work together to stop illegal poaching.

There will also be grants for traditional owners to undertake sea country activities that are local priorities.



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# Thomas 'TJ' Hickey remembered



The Thomas 'TJ' Hickey march and rally passing through Redfern in Sydney eight years after the teenager died. There was a strong police presence again this year.



Some of the 150 family members and supporters of TJ Hickey moving through Redfern during the rally.

## Family, friends call for action

Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



FAMILY and supporters of TJ Hickey have renewed calls for the inquest into the Indigenous teenager's death to be reopened during a rally in inner Sydney.

Thomas Hickey, known as TJ, died on 14 February 2004 after he came off his bicycle and was impaled on a fence in Waterloo.

His family says police chased the 17-year-old while he was on his bike and were responsible for his death.

The incident later led to violent clashes between police and members of the Indigenous community.

However, NSW Coroner John Abernethy found in 2005 that while police had been following the teenager, they were not responsible for his death.

At a rally marking eight years since TJ's death, about 150 people chanted and called for justice as they marched through the suburbs of Waterloo and Redfern.

The crowd paused for two minutes' silence at the site of the old Redfern Court House, at Redfern police station and at The Block.

The march, accompanied by a heavy police presence, was peaceful.

### 'Terrified'

TJ's aunty, Bowie Hickey, told the crowd the 17-year-old was 'terrified' of the police and believed he would be killed.

"This little boy was an innocent child. It's injustice," she told the crowd.

The family have called for the current NSW Government to reopen the inquest into the death.

Founding member of the Indigenous

Social Justice Association, Cheryl Kaulfuss, said the family believed there was a sham coronial inquiry and a cover-up by the NSW Government.

She said the family had lodged a communication with the United Nations Human Rights Committee to reinvestigate the incident.

"I'd love to see them come in and say there should be a proper inquiry into his death," she said.

A spokesperson for New South Wales Attorney-General Greg Smith said the office had received correspondence from the family late last year, but no formal meeting had been arranged nor had there been a formal request to reopen the coronial inquest.

He said there was no doubt about the cause of TJ's death and the circumstances surrounding his death were 'fairly clear'. —AAP



Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) spokesman Ray Jackson at the TJ Hickey rally.



Marchers in the rally marking two minutes' silence in memory of TJ Hickey.



# 'Blockholder' happy



Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal and his father Alf with the lease document making Mr Neal Snr one of the north Queensland community's first 'blockholders'.

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ONE of Yarrabah's very first 'blockholders' is an Elder who never stops working, says Mayor Percy Neal. He should

know. The 'blockholder' in question is Mayor Neal's father Alf, who is one of a group of 60 or more who have signed up on the land deal so far.

Mayor Neal said his father has taken up a 30-year lease on a block of land at the north Queensland community, with an option to extend that to 99 years, and it was now a matter of waiting for the paperwork to go through the Yarrabah Council and State Government.

"It's a 30-year lease, first up for the land," he said. "After working on this for the last 10 years, this is the best deal we could get that I could see – at least it gives our people a formal land tenure that they can be safe in. The main thing was to get our people on land, to get a document to say they are the legal owners."

"And I think it's a good thing because this is the first time it's happened in Yarrabah, and I'm quite happy."

"I'd like to see everybody get a freehold title, that's the ultimate, but unfortunately you take it step by step."

"Who knows, you might get a government that's strong towards Aboriginal people."

"My dad is 80-plus and he's happy."

**'The main thing was to get our people on land, to get a document to say they are the legal owners'**

The Yarrabah Blockholders Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) was an area agreement made between the State of Queensland, Les Murgha on his own behalf and on behalf of the Gunggandji People, and the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

It was signed off late last year and its purpose was to allow for the granting of leases by the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council as trustees of the Deeds of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) area, which lies to the south of Cairns, borders Mission Bay and includes the Yarrabah township.

Mr Neal Snr said he didn't want any of the tribes in Yarrabah to think he was taking their land.



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Further information and submission forms are available at: <http://www.communities.qld.gov.au> or by contacting the Department of Communities, Far North Queensland Region (07) 4036 5318.

**Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 2 April 2012.**



Authorised by the Queensland Government, George St, Brisbane.



At the Katungul meeting in Narooma, from left, special administrator Alan Eldridge, Sue Heycox, of Narooma and of Uniting Care Moruya, her sister Sandra Patten, of Dalmeny, and Norma Parsons, of Wallaga Lake.

# Support for Katungul action plan

By LAURELLE PACEY



A STRONG willingness to rebuild Katungul Aboriginal Corporation

Community and Medical Services was evident at recent community meetings at Narooma and Bega on the NSW far south coast.

About 70 Katungul members including many Elders attended the two meetings called by Katungul's special administrator, Alan Eldridge.

Mr Eldridge explained how poor corporate governance and weak financial management led to Katungul being placed under special administration in December by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

The meetings heard that if the registrar's office (ORIC) had not intervened when it did, Katungul would have had to close completely.

Mr Eldridge explained Katungul's current financial status but said that, with the community's help, it would be back in community hands with a strong board by the end of June.

"Katungul's strength is community, but it's going to take a little bit of time to get it back because brand 'Katungul' is damaged," he said.

Representatives of ORIC, the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AHMRC), and the

Federal Department of Health and Ageing addressed both meetings.

"We're here to listen to community, advise community and work with community to get Katungul back to community," said AHMRC chief operational officer Roger Williams.

Mr Eldridge has finished his investigations into Katungul's finances, but investigations into the alleged bonus payments to Katungul's former CEO continue.

Meanwhile, ORIC is continuing to investigate how Katungul was able to mortgage its Bega Clinic in November 2009 without permission of the Department of Health and Ageing as required under its funding agreement.

### Responsible

Mr Eldridge said that despite Katungul being responsible for a range of Aboriginal health services from Ulladulla to Eden, it had no funds at the moment to do anything other than service clients through its Narooma and Bega offices, and that was only through special arrangements with Federal and State funding bodies and creditors.

He was critical of Katungul's failure to work with other services 'out there' in recent years, instead becoming 'increasingly isolated'.

His call for expressions of interest from people interested in forming an advisory committee to assist in getting

Katungul back on track was well received. That committee will be announced soon.

Initially, Katungul members wanted each community along the coast represented on that committee, but Mr Eldridge stressed it was more important to have people with the necessary skills and experience to do the job.

Mr Beven said Katungul's board was responsible for a company with a \$3 million turnover. "The buck stops with the directors," he said. "They have to think strategically and work co-operatively with other bodies to ensure Katungul provides the required services."

"We want competent leaders as directors with medical skills, financial skills or other expert skills going forward. Once they join the board they represent the whole Katungul footprint, not their particular community."

Meanwhile, Federal Court interim orders that secured the assets of Katungul's former CEO, Damien Matcham, against a potential claim will expire on 1 June.

These orders restrict Mr Matcham's access to his finances and dealings with his residential properties, protecting them for a potential claim against him under *The Corporations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2006*. ORIC returns to court on 1 June to advise of the progress of its investigations and their outcomes.



# Tears flow as homes put on list

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FORMER residents of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home

Elaine Randall and Lila Dotti went through a range of emotions when they heard that the institution where they spent their childhood had been heritage listed last week.

"We screamed, we cried, we laughed when we found out," Miss Randall said.

"It's fantastic. We've been working on this for years and we've finally got it.

"But a lot of the girls say it's too late. Because there's hardly anything left of what was originally there. The dormitories and furniture have all gone.

"It was our home. The Government took us away from our parents, and now they are giving something back to us. But it's not enough. We lost our families, our Aboriginality, our heritage, our language – everything."

NSW Heritage Minister Robyn Parker announced that three former Aboriginal children's homes had been added to the State Heritage Register on Tuesday 14 February – Cootamundra, Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home and Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home.

Miss Randall, now 68, doesn't remember how old she was when she and her siblings were taken from the Catholic School in Ashby, near Maclean in northern NSW, which they attended at the time. She lived at the Cootamundra home in the 1950s

and 60s, and was sent out to work as a domestic on a local farm, as were her two sisters.

She never saw her father or grandfather again, something which still brings tears as she tells the story.

"I didn't go to my father's funeral, it wasn't allowed at that time," she said.

"I didn't even know my father had passed away until weeks later. I was still under the



The former Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home, which has been placed on the NSW State Heritage Register.

Aborigines Welfare Board. And my grandfather, he was so kind and gentle. I never saw him again either."

When she was finally allowed to go home and visit her mother, she says the mother-daughter bond had already been broken.

"I couldn't relate to her as my mother any more," Miss Randall said.

"Too much water had passed under the bridge. We became mother and daughter years too late."

abuse – mentally, physically, emotionally and sexually. I want to know the real meaning of the word 'welfare'. They abused us and used us. They didn't look after us.

"The Aborigines Welfare Board, the protection board – they didn't protect us. We had cruel staff.

"I'm still waiting for somebody to tell us what the real meaning of the word 'welfare' is. I don't suppose we'll get an answer."

Centenary commemorations are planned in August this year at the former Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home (see story below).

A Gumbaynggir

woman now living in Cairns, Miss Randall said she would definitely be attending.

"I'll be the first one there, and the last one to leave," she said.

"A lot of us have lost our immediate family, so the girls from Cootamundra are my family.

"I consider myself one of the luckiest Aboriginal women in Australia because I've got at least 76 sisters still alive."

**'I'm still waiting for somebody to tell us what the real meaning of the word 'welfare' is. I don't suppose we'll get an answer.'**

Miss Randall said that while the Kevin Rudd's Apology had been 'exciting', the Cootamundra 'girls' deserved compensation from the Government for the damage that had been done.

"Why can't they pay us compensation?" she said.

"Why can't they? Why won't they? It's something that the girls deserve.

"We done the hard yards at Cootamundra. There was a lot of

## Invitation to join in commemoration

FORMER residents of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home are being invited to commemorate its centenary.

The institution was run from 1912 until 1968 by the NSW Aboriginal Protection and Welfare Boards. During that period, about 1200 Aboriginal girls were placed in the home after being forcibly removed from their families under the *Aborigines Protection Act 1909*.

Organising committee spokesman Bob Glanville said the centenary would be commemorated in Cootamundra, southern NSW, with a number of planned events on Saturday 11 August.

Family and friends of former residents are also welcome to attend.

To register interest in attending, telephone 1800 263 881.

## Grants and Sponsorships Program 2012/2013

To make Sydney a connected, creative and sustainable city, the City of Sydney has a range of grants and sponsorships programs that provide funding or related support.

### Annual Grants

The City invites applications from local, non-profit organisations for one-off grants/sponsorships for community, environmental or cultural projects occurring within the City of Sydney Local Government Area between **1 October 2012** and **30 September 2013**.

There are currently five annual grants programs open:

- Local Community Grants Program up to \$5,000
- Community Services Grants Program over \$5,000
- Cultural Grants and Sponsorships Program over \$5,000
- Environmental Grants Program over \$5,000
- Heritage Grants Program matched up to \$10,000

**Applications close at 6pm Monday 16 April 2012.**

### Community Information Sessions:

- **11am – Monday 27 February 2012**  
Marconi Room, Level 4, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney
- **6pm – Monday 27 February 2012**  
Marconi Room, Level 4, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney
- **6pm – Thursday 1 March 2012**  
Redfern Community Centre, 29–53 Hugo Street, Redfern
- **11am – Thursday 8 March 2012**  
Marconi Room, Level 4, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney

### Grants Open All Year

In addition to the annual grants programs, the City also has the following programs open for applications all year:

- Commercial Creative Events Sponsorship Program
- Conference and Business Events Sponsorship Program up to \$20,000
- Finegrain Business Development Matching Grant Program matched up to \$30,000
- History Publication Sponsorship Program up to \$15,000
- Local Action Plans Matching Grants Program matched up to \$10,000
- Redfern Shopfront Improvement Matching Grant Program matched up to \$3,000
- Village Business Partnership Program up to \$80,000
- Reduced Rates (Banners)
- Reduced Rates (Community Venues)
- Reduced Rates (Major Venues)

**For guidelines, application forms or more information:**

- [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Community/GrantsAndAwards/](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Community/GrantsAndAwards/)
- Visit the City's One Stop Shop at Sydney Town Hall or any Service Centre
- Email [communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)
- Call 9265 9333.



## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### Quote



**'The gap they're not closing is their credibility gap – the gap between what they say they're going to do and what they actually do'**

– NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Stephen Ryan on Government moves to close the gap

● See Page 5

### Unquote

## Time to listen and act wisely

The Federal Government's latest Closing the Gap report, delivered by Prime Minister Julia Gillard last week, spoke about progress or lack of it in six key areas – life expectancy, infant mortality, childhood development, education and employment.

And while the PM was able to assure the Parliament that two of the six measures were on track – halving the mortality rate and childhood development – she had to admit that the remaining four were proving harder nuts to crack.

In her speech she also spoke at length about the importance of listening. Hang about. If the Government had truly listened, it would know that Indigenous organisations and individuals across the country have long called for a real dialogue on issues affecting their everyday lives. They want to be heard.

Take the Northern Territory Intervention as a case in point. From the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, childcare experts and churches, through to grassroots activists and international lobby groups, the chorus calling for a new approach has been almost deafening.

This week a Senate Committee is in the NT, holding meetings to get feedback from Aboriginal people and organisations on the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

The Federal Government appears intent on ramming this legislation through without listening to what Indigenous people are saying. And they're saying quite clearly that they're



not happy with legislation that treats them as second class citizens, with little regard to the human rights obligations to which Australia has signed up.

Ken Wyatt, the Liberal MP from Western Australia, has also been vocal in criticising the Government for concentrating too heavily on remote areas, especially as the majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are living in urban areas.

And calls for a renewed approach to justice issues also need to be heard. Far too many Indigenous people are being locked up, often for trivial matters such as driving offences.

And far too many young people, seeing no hope for the future, or shamed by draconian measures contained in top-down legislation, are taking their own lives.

There are answers to these issues and problems, and they are being suggested from one end of Aboriginal Australia to the other. The problem appears to be a lack of will, or a repugnant sense of paternalism, that permeates through the offices of many in positions of power. Until they start to listen, nothing much will change. At least, not for the better.

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## A Yarn With...



### BONNIE RILEY

**Aged 17  
Peak Hill, NSW**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Quandong.

**Favourite other food?**  
Chinese food – Short soup.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite movie?**  
*Center Stage.*

**What are you reading?**  
The last thing was *Twilight* – *New Moon.*

**What are you watching on TV?**  
Right now, *Friends.*

**Favourite sport?**  
Touch football.

**Which three people, living or dead, would you invite for an evening around the campfire?**  
Because I'm studying music and I want to have a singing career, I'd invite Whitney Houston, Jessica Mauboy and my mum.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
There's a lot of support out there for sport. I always hear about people getting into boarding school with scholarships for sport. But I'd like to see more support for arts and music. To encourage people not to be shame and show their talent. There are so many talented people out there, but they are too shame because nobody else is doing it.



By RACHEL SCOLLAY

**R**ISING Aboriginal comedy star Kevin Kropinyeri is about to bust out into the mainstream – big time.

With his catch phrase ‘stay black’, Kropinyeri is well and truly a household name in Indigenous circles, having performed at the Deadly Awards and numerous other events over the past four years including The Dreaming festival, Yabun, Vibe Alive tours and Deadly Days around the country.

His success is staggering considering the Ngarrindjeri man only made his comedy debut in 2008. Before that he was an artist, making his living from painting. And in an even earlier incarnation he was a good AFL footballer, getting paid to play at country level. But where he really excelled was in basketball, playing at state level.

“I’ve always been naturally funny and had people in tears and been the life of the party,” he said.

“When (national Indigenous comedy competition) Deadly Funny was coming to South Australia I got about 16 emails from family and friends saying – ‘you have to go in this competition. You’ll win it!’

“I thought I’d give it a crack. It was just so I could say ‘I’ve ticked that box. I’ve done it’.”

After placing third in the South Australia Deadly Funny state finals in March 2008, a wild card entry saw him go on to the national finals, which he won. A year later and he was already making a living from his comedy.

“It’s been amazing,” he said. “My head is still spinning. It’s like a duck taking to water.”

Now, Kropinyeri wants to ‘crack the mainstream’, with a 22-night season at this year’s Melbourne International Comedy Festival starting on 29 March and a ‘warm up’ at the Adelaide Fringe earlier in the month.

While he’s already had successful stints on the Sydney and Perth comedy circuits, he says for a lot of people he’s still an unknown, and the Melbourne festival will give him exposure to a whole new audience.

“I still want to do my community gigs and be loyal to that,” he said. “But I feel can do more for my mob if I can crack the mainstream comedy scene.

“I would like to hilariously educate white Australia.

“I’m pulling back the curtains and saying ‘come and look at our funny take on the world’.

“I’m breaking down stereotypes, and having a laugh at those stereotypes.”

While Kropinyeri considers himself ‘a comedian who happens to be Aboriginal, rather than an Aboriginal comedian’, he still reckons blackfella humour is unique.

“We’ve got different stories, we’ve got a different brand of comedy,” he said.

“And now we’re sharing our brand of deadly comedy with Australia and the world. I take my hat off to Mary G and Sean Choolburra, they’ve been out there doing it. Now me. I think there’s going to be a whole wave of Indigenous comedians coming through.”

## Cultural divide

Kropinyeri says it’s taken him three years to learn how to translate his comedy across the cultural divide between black and white.

“When you’re performing for a 100 per cent Indigenous audience, you can talk about Koori love, the funny points of jealousy,” he says.

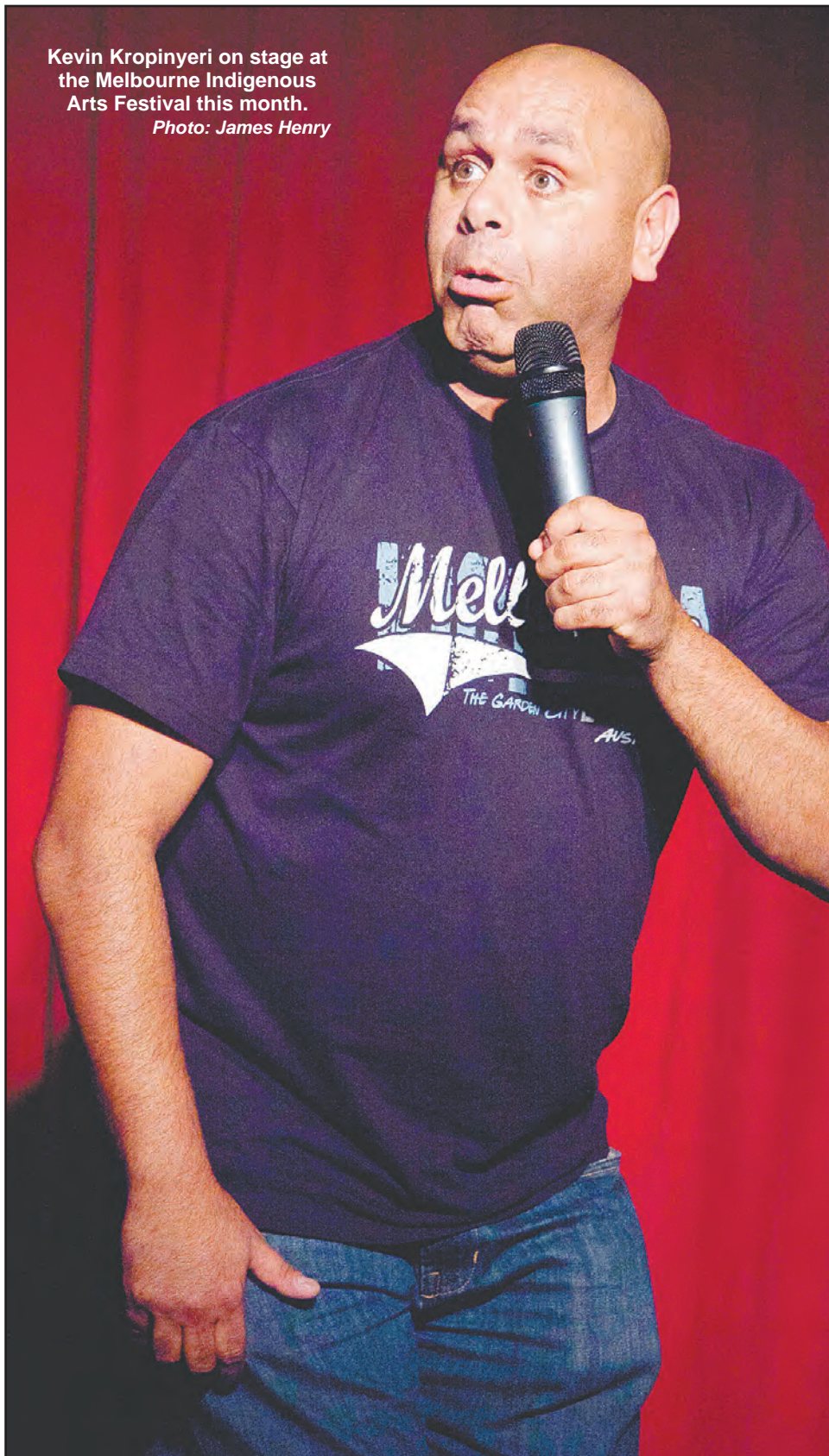
“I look at domestic violence in my shows. How do you make it funny? I’ll show you how.

“There’s some hard issues there that I can highlight and address and make it comical.

“Put me into an Indigenous crowd and I can just be me. With a non-Indigenous crowd you have to explain things. It’s just about the wording you use and being

Kevin Kropinyeri on stage at the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival this month.

Photo: James Henry



# Staying

# Black!

more clever with your delivery.”

Kropinyeri says he’s warm and friendly on stage and makes sure the audience feels comfortable laughing – even at subjects that might normally be considered off limits.

“I reassure the non-Indigenous crowd: ‘I haven’t got a bus-load of blackfellas out the back to terrorise you. So feel free to laugh’,” he said. “The flip side of tragedy is comedy. We’ve been laughing at

ourselves for generations. What we ask is: laugh with us, not at us.”

Like most comedians Kropinyeri, now 38, liberally mines his own life for material for his comedy routines.

## ‘Colourful past’

A grassroots blackfella, he freely admits to having a ‘colourful past’. He’s seen violence and dysfunction and was in trouble with the police in his 20s.

“I haven’t done jail, but I’ve been locked up more times than I can count on my hands and toes. ...I’ve been locked up in three different states,” he said.

“I turned my life around 10 years ago, and it’s been snowballing positively ever since.

“I was sitting in a cell in Dubbo and they were going to take me to Bathurst (correctional facility) the next day. At the last minute my lawyer came in to appeal... I got a suspended sentence and I just ran with it. I never looked back. That was the last time I’ve ever been in trouble with the police.

“I had a lot of hatred and unforgiveness in my life. I had to try and learn to forgive. That was the key. I’ve had the healing in my life and I’ve moved forward.

“I should have went away for a while. I’d really like to find that judge and say ‘thank you’... so he can see that I’ve really made the most of what he’s given me.”

## Seven kids

Kropinyeri has seven children and says he’s passionate about being a good role model for the younger generation.

“I go to youth detention centres and jails,” he said. “I go in and do a 20-minute comedy spot – bust them up laughing. Then I tell them about my career, and then I tell them ‘it hasn’t always been like that’.

“I know what it’s like to grow up with violence and have hatred in your heart that burns so deep you can’t control.

“Then I talk about my turning point, my resilience and... I talk about forgiveness. This is what has worked for me, it doesn’t necessarily mean it’s going to work for everybody else.

“I try and plant some positive seeds. It’s something I really want to be doing.

“A lot of our mob share the same stories. Having been on that side (in the lock-up), I know you do a lot of thinking about your life, and even if it’s just one positive seed that you remember.”

While Kropinyeri’s country is the lower River Murray Lakes and Coorong region in South Australia, he currently lives in Victoria because he’s married a Koorie girl from Swan Hill.

He quotes a line from his comedy routine: ‘It’s true I’m married to a Koorie girl, I’ve got the scars to prove it’.

When he met Sandra – ‘a proud Wamba Wamba woman’ – nine years ago, he says he knew she was ‘the one’.

“I pointed her out to the lads and said ‘see that woman. I’m going to marry her’. This year will be five years of marriage.”

Kropinyeri says he’s been grateful for her support for his new career.

“It’s not easy to have your husband travelling around the country doing what he does, and to be 100 per cent behind me and supporting me,” he said.

“They say that behind every successful black man is a very jealous black woman,” he jokes, again borrowing a line from his comedy routine. “But on a serious note, I wouldn’t be where I am today without her love and support.”

And how about plans for the future?

“There’s a few things in the pipeline. The main thing is having a really successful Melbourne Comedy Festival,” he says.

“I’ve had four years to fine-tune my craft and I’ve had the minutes on stage. My manager says that nobody comes to their first Melbourne Comedy Festival with as much experiences as I have.

“So I’ll be ready with a finely-tuned, funny act where I’m playing to a whole new crowd.

“I love my people, warts and all. I’m very black and proud. When I’m performing, I’m performing for my people – and I don’t just mean the Ngarrindjeri.

“It’s good to be shining for all the mob.”

● Kevin Kropinyeri is appearing at the Adelaide Fringe, Tandanya Theatre, 1-4 March at 7.30pm, and at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival at the Melbourne Town Hall – Backstage Room, 29 March-22 April, Tue-Sat 7pm, Sunday 6pm.



## MURRAY CHAPMAN AWARD

for Research into Aboriginal Placenames

The Geographical Names Board of NSW is sponsoring a \$5000 award in 2012 for research into Aboriginal placenames, to honour the memory of Murray Chapman, a Yuwalaray man who was a member of the Board and a champion of Aboriginal languages. Researchers are invited to submit papers, not previously published or accepted for publication, of up to 5000 words. The Board is seeking contributions which add to the knowledge base of Aboriginal placenames in NSW.

The authors of the winning paper and of other papers deemed to be of high quality will be asked to submit their work for inclusion in the proposed third volume, to be edited by Luise Hercus, Ian Clark et al., of an ANU E Press series on Aboriginal toponymy. (The earlier volumes were *The Land is a Map and Aboriginal Placenames*.)

Papers should be submitted by 16 April 2012 to: The Secretary, Geographical Names Board of NSW, PO Box 143, Bathurst NSW 2795. Email: [GNB@ipi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GNB@ipi.nsw.gov.au)

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Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD) is looking for an **Aboriginal design** to raise the profile and recognition of Aboriginal health initiatives.

**\$2,000 up for grabs for the winner!**

**Do you like to paint, sketch or print?**

**Would you like to see your artwork and name appear on every Western NSW LHD Aboriginal Health initiative every time?**

**What is the theme?**

The theme is **"Healthy Living, Healthy Choices"** You are invited to interpret this theme in a design of your choice. The artwork should respect and acknowledge the theme and link the different cultural boundaries across the WNSWLHD.

All entrants will receive acknowledgement of entry from the WNSWLHD Chief Executive, Ron Dunham and all finalists will have the opportunity to showcase their design at an exhibition to be held at the **Macquarie Regional Library, Dubbo NSW 6pm on the 3 May 2012**.

Western NSW LHD communities are listed in the terms and conditions of entry. **Closing Date: 5pm on March 30, 2012.**

**How do you enter?**

Please contact Wendy Moore on 02 6363 8063 or mobile 0437 268 029 or email [wendy.moore@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wendy.moore@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)  
To register your name and to get an application form.



**Transport**  
Roads & Maritime  
Services

**Aboriginal Heritage**  
Werrington Arterial Road

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for an area to be called Werrington Arterial Road to register to be consulted.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to construct a new arterial road between the M4 Motorway and Great Western Highway, Claremont Meadows.

To register your interest, please contact: Barry Gunther, Roads and Maritime Services Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Team Leader on: T (02) 8849 2006 or F (02) 8849 2886.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Wednesday 7 March 2012**.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

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

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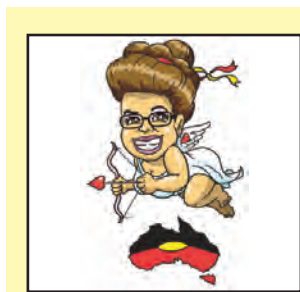
# Keep your exes close, and your lubbas closer

WELL, haven't I had a busy few weeks. I've been busy organising my mini-books launch (see below), turning up to work every day and trying to keep myself fabulous in the process!

It was a bit of a journey, but here I am on the other side looking back with a bit of pride in myself. Thank you to every single reader of my itty bitty columns – without you I wouldn't be here. Ms Koori Love loves you more than she likes cake!

Book launches are fun but there is one main aim of having a book launch and that is to sell books.

Now, to make this happen you have to have lots of people there. So I did what any good promoter would do and invited every single person I knew to come along – my Facebook friends, my



**Ms KOORI LOVE**

[mskoorilove@koorimail.com](mailto:mskoorilove@koorimail.com)

family, all my friends and the coffee lady. I also invited my exes – well, the ones who are still in Australia and out of jail that is.

It was a very 'interesting' experience to be in a room with all these different mob

from various times and places in my life. Some knew me from back in the day, yet others I have just met. But the weirdest was having my exes in the same room!

You may be feeling all squirmy at the thought of having your exes in the same room, but fear not!

There was a time when we shared big love. For one reason or many, we just didn't end up together happily ever after.

It is true that I was worried about people telling yarns and swapping stories about me over the roo bruschetta. Would they tell embarrassing stories about me? Would they be proud of me? Would they start a punch up?

I was a bit on edge but at the end of the day I thought 'nah, it doesn't matter what they say, it's probably the truth'.

I would be like totally embarrassed if something bad happened, but I did choose some lovely people to be involved with so why would they start dramas for me? Thankfully I had no dramas and sold half my books – yay!

Being an adult is hard work, and one of the jobs adults have is to have grown-up friendships with people. We can't hide our past, we just have to grow up through it.

Achieving a happy life and fulfilling relationships means keeping as much love close to you as possible. After all, there is enough rotten stuff going on in the world, so why would you want to create more?

Live that good life my little angels! Keep your exes close and your lubbas closer.

# Labour of Love finally pays off



Ms Koori Love cuts the cake at the launch of her new mini-books series in Sydney. Photos by Joseph Mayers

If you like Ms Koori Love's columns in the *Koori Mail*, you'll love this. Our very own relationships guru has officially released *Ms Koori Love's Mini Books* – a collection of her best works as published in this newspaper.

Friends and fans turned out on Valentine's Day to Redfern's Purple Goanna Café for the launch of the four mini-books – aptly titled *Ms Koori Love's Adventures*; *Love*; *Modern Life*; and *The Mob*.

Ms Koori Love, who's been writing her columns for coming up to six years, said it was no easy task narrowing down her best works. So difficult, in fact, that it's taken more than 12 months since the mini-books fundraiser in November 2010.

"It's been a labour of love, but I think we've got a selection of columns that will keep readers turning those pages," she said.

The mini-books are dedicated to Ms Koori Love's mum, Aunty Tam, to thank her for 'growing me up to be a strong black woman'.

With the mini-books now done and dusted, Ms Koori Love is moving on to her next projects – a cartoon animation series as well as an app for smartphones.

"I'm busting with excitement to be exploring animation and the digital stuff because I want everyone to have a little bit of Koori Love in their hands!" she said.

To order copies of the new mini-books (\$35 plus \$5 postage and handling), go to [www.mskoorilove.com.au](http://www.mskoorilove.com.au)







# A cry for help from our youth

WHILST we sit back and evaluate and even judge one young girl's action in the burning of the Australian flag (in Canberra on 27 January after protests at the nearby Aboriginal Tent Embassy), did we get the message of what was being expressed?

In the past two months 13 children from one community in South Australia have died from suicide.

The statistics have shown that one youth suicide a week occurs in the Kimberley region (WA).

Youth in many areas are drinking themselves to oblivion every day, simply not being able to cope with the daily horrors of what we have been handed down.

The young girl who burnt the Australian flag during 'Australia Day' celebrations is a reflection of what many of the youth are feeling. We must listen to what they have got to say and act upon it.

The Government should evaluate and see anger levels are rising, particularly amongst the youth.

Why is there no response to the children suicide epidemic by the Government, yet a delay of one day in the parliamentary hearing over the Australian Flag burning?

Is the Australian flag really more important than our youth and the future they bring?

Are not flags meant to be inclusive of all people?

Our children die under the Australian flag and there is no response from Government, and when our kids burn the Australian flag there is community uproar.

I not for one minute say this is a proud moment in history, but surely this is a wake-up call with alarm bells on that the youth are crying out.

We need to listen to their cries.

**ALICE HAINES**  
Canberra



The Australian flag burns in front of Parliament House on 27 January. Photo: Kirstie Parker

## POETRY

### Whistling Kite

The missing-man is trapped in a grainy photograph from 1945  
Horizontal gaze from beneath a slouch hat, a tracker's eyes  
Boots crunching on parade ground, trudging, jungle mud  
Soldiers return, to broken farewells and fringe-dwelling lives

The missing-man, his footsteps in my foreground, but where?  
His tracking ways in my background, I pause as his trail runs dry  
'guide me with thy helping hands o' mother earth'  
'guide me with ancient pineal glands o father sky'

And so I march down Military Lane, to trudge up Hill 60  
To track unseen tracks to Wentworth Street and Coomaditchie  
Wreck Bay, Wallaga, Burnt Bridge, Box Ridge and Roseby Park  
Track, track, trackin', like the train's click-clackin as I ride it through the dark

Foggy morning mission in border ranges, a shroud of mystery  
A rush of recognition as the sun begins to shine, down, into Gittabul time  
Are these people my people? With their easygoing ways?  
Could it be I have stumbled upon my kind?

But that name so common, 'if you're Brown stick around'  
But you didn't stick around, you are surely gone, and yet,  
Elusive as a dream, you linger, in the faraway summer haze,  
like the lonely cry of the whistling kite.

**GRAHAM BALLARD**  
Woonona, NSW

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

**A** BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you.

You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and

poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and State/Territory, and a contact number so we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

And we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

– EDITOR

## Looking for Darren Bates

I AM seeking to contact Darren Bates, also known as Darren O'Connor.

He was born on 28 March 1983 and is the son of Ruby O'Connor and James Bates.

If anyone knows of Darren or his whereabouts, please contact me at the SA Link-Up Program of Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc on phone (08) 8406 1600, Fax (08) 8223 6086 or through email at [toni@nunku.org.au](mailto:toni@nunku.org.au)

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# How Kayla has changed a life

A COUPLE of months ago at the Aboriginal aged care Gilgai's Christmas lunch I was introduced to Ann Brown, of Seven Hills. Ann is the grandmother and full-time carer of beautiful 11-year-old Kayla Maree Roberts.

Kayla has a terrible disease 'Glutaric Aciduria Type 1'. She became affected at four months of age. She is unable to walk or talk and all of her food and medication has to be taken by a tube directly into her stomach.

Ann tracked me down because she was told that I was related to Kayla – and yes I am. Kayla's

grandfather is my nephew.

What gets to me is Kayla's attitude to life. She smiles so easily and most of the time she tries hard to talk and with facial expressions is able to communicate, especially to her grandmother and even some things to me as well.

There is a very strong spirituality about this child. She has an effect on me like nothing I have ever experienced. Ever since we met, much of my thinking and attitudes have changed.

Any time I think a negative thought, Kayla flashes across my mind.

If I become impatient, Kayla flashes across my mind, any sign of anger, again Kayla appears. This child to me is a real life angel.

During my visits to her I usually just hold her hand and talk and I always come away feeling free and relaxed.

We talk on the phone every morning now, and whilst I can't hear exactly what she is saying I know Kayla is enjoying the connection with me.

This child has done something to me that I have never experienced before. She is God's gift to me and I'm sure to everyone

else who may have been blessed with meeting her.

When I meet people like Kayla it is a reminder of just how well off I am by being able to walk and talk.

For me, most of my life has been one of trying to improve on what I have, and to do that it is necessary to do some giving.

Of all the people I've met in similar situations as Kayla, what stands out is the amount they are prepared to give without any expectations of something in return.

With so much research and surveys being done on just about anything that moves, when are

surveys going to be done to highlight what these so-called disabled people do for the country and the community at large on a daily basis?

Years ago I asked a man who had to be washed, dressed and fed how we should describe such people – disabled or handicapped?

He looked me in the eye and said, 'We don't care, you can do things that I can't do, and I can do things that you can't do'.

What an awakening!

**HAROLD J HUNT**  
St Marys, NSW



**Trade & Investment**  
Arts NSW

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

### 2012 NSW Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund

As part of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy, Arts NSW will provide support in 2012 for arts projects that celebrate and promote Aboriginal cultural identities in regional NSW.

Details of the **2012 NSW Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund** including Guidelines and Application Forms are available for download at [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au)

Applicants should ensure they have read the 2012 NSW Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund Guidelines before submitting an application.

**Closing Date: 5pm, Monday 2 April 2012**

The guidelines and application form are available for downloading from:  
[www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au)

Or contact Arts NSW at  
Email: [arts.funding@arts.nsw.gov.au](mailto:arts.funding@arts.nsw.gov.au) or  
Freecall: 1800 358 594 (NSW) or  
the Aboriginal Cultural Development Officer,  
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**Cancer Australia**

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Supporting people with cancer Grant initiative 2012

The *Supporting people with cancer* (formerly Building Cancer Support Networks) Grant initiative aims to reduce the burden of cancer through the provision of grants to community organisations. Effective partnerships between organisations are encouraged in order to:

- improve the coordination, accessibility and development of quality cancer support networks,
- better support people affected by cancer,
- focus on local community needs,
- develop innovative approaches to support options,
- initiate visible partnerships and linkages to services which will foster appropriate referral to information and support.

Cancer Australia's priority target groups for the grants will be:

- Rural and remote communities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- People whose cancer outcomes are poorer

**Cancer Australia invites interested community organisations to apply for funding under the *Supporting people with cancer* Grant initiative.**

Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$80,000 (GST exclusive) over a two year period (2012-2014). For further information, application forms, selection criteria and Grant Guidelines:

- Visit the Cancer Australia website: <http://canceraustralia.gov.au> or,
- Contact Cancer Australia: [contactofficer@canceraustralia.gov.au](mailto:contactofficer@canceraustralia.gov.au)

**Applications are now open**  
**Closing date: 10 April 2012**

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Letter-writer Marc Daley at the Sacred Fire.

# The fire is burning!

MY Mother told me about this sacred place the Tent Embassy one day. I remember this talk well as I sat before her as a young man asking questions about the struggle.

She said there was a sacred fire that had been burning since the early 1970s and it was our job as a people to keep it well alight.

But this fire is more than just flames and smoke, it's our way of showing the world that us as Aboriginal people will never give up the fight for justice.

After reading the biography of the late Uncle Charles Perkins, having the pleasure of sharing a cuppa with the late Uncle Chicka Dixon in the snake pit country and trying very hard to follow in the footsteps of Uncle Gary Foley and Uncle Lyall Munro Snr, the fire in the belly is burning and I guess it started with my talk with my Mum Jannay Daley – a Gumbayngirr Woman!

My work as a consultant led me to Canberra and after a coffee and a strum on the six string I made my way to this sacred place. I got there about 6am and as I

walked toward the fire it was great to finally feel the warmth of this place and yes I took a lot of pleasure stoking the fire. At that very moment I felt I had done a little bit of justice to the names mentioned above.

These days I am taking small steps to educate myself around the history of our people so my kids can have this knowledge and therefore the culture will still be alive and the fire in the belly will be passed on to the next generation – just like Mum did that day for me.

At least I can look in the mirror and breathe a little easier in knowing that I can help with any questions they have along their path in the struggle, as being Aboriginal is not just a piece of paper, it is a way of life, and we must continue to be proud of who we are and where we come from.

It's as simple as that.  
"Our Revenge Is Our Survival"  
– Gary Foley.

**MARC DALEY**  
Bundjalung Man  
South Grafton, NSW



# A great opportunity

ON the fourth anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, the Australian Reconciliation Network encourages all Australians to consider carefully the recommendations made by the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We believe that recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution is another positive step

forward for our nation. The Panel has produced an excellent report that shows viable options exist to achieve this goal.

Many Australians would be surprised to learn that our Constitution currently allows Governments to discriminate against any group on the basis of race. We believe this is out of touch with modern Australia and does not reflect who we are as a nation today.

Historically it has been the Australian

people who have led the way towards reconciliation—overwhelmingly voting yes in the 1967 Referendum to count Aboriginal people in the census, walking across bridges in crowds of hundreds of thousands in a show of reconciliation, and turning out in droves to watch as Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made the formal Apology—unifying moments in our history that should not be forgotten.

Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples in the Constitution continues the unfinished business of the recommendations made by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 2000.

Extensive community consultations and polling that informed the Panel's report suggest that changes are worthy and capable of support for a referendum.

We have before us a tremendous opportunity to define our nation's story and

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One of the Dhinawan Dreaming dancers performing during pre-match entertainment at the All Stars Rugby League game.  
Photo: Joseph Mayers

## Rich culture on display at All Stars

I HAVE just witnessed the cultural traditions for the Indigenous All Stars versus NRL All Stars on television, and as a person of non-Aboriginal background I must let you know how proud I was to have witnessed part of your wonderful rich culture.

Why isn't your strong culture displayed more in sport, especially when Australia plays a sport against another country (eg soccer or rugby union)?

You have the right and deserve to show the rest of the world who you are.

My children were so fascinated watching the Indigenous performance on TV. It was fantastic and we hope to see much more.

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**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](http://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.

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**Department of**  
**Sustainability and Environment**

## Appointments to the Victorian Catchment Management Council 2012

*Contribute your skills and help to protect and enhance Victoria's natural resources*

The Minister for Environment and Climate Change, The Hon Ryan Smith MP, and the Minister for Water, Peter Walsh MLA, are seeking expressions of interest for nine member positions (including the Chairperson) on the Victorian Catchment Management Council (VCMC).

**Do you have experience and knowledge in land protection, water resource management, primary industry, environment protection and conservation, or local government?** Experience and knowledge of public administration and governance or in community engagement are also desirable. The membership of VCMC will also need to reflect the major land and water uses in the State, including rural, urban, private and public uses.

The VCMC consists of up to 10 members, appointed for a term of up to three years. One member is appointed chairperson. One member is nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The terms of appointment of the current members of the VCMC expire on 19 June 2012.

The VCMC is a statutory authority within the Victorian public sector. Its responsibilities include advising the Victorian Government on the condition of land and water resources and on priorities for catchment management, and encouraging the co-operation of people and bodies involved in the management of land and water resources. The VCMC is independent of catchment management authorities.

Appointees may be entitled to receive sitting fees for their service at rates according to the Victorian Government's Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines. Travelling and other allowances may also be reimbursed at applicable government rates.

Detailed information and application forms are available on DSE's website at: [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au) under 'What's New'. For information on the VCMC go to: [www.vcmc.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcmc.vic.gov.au)

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that the diversity of our boards represent the diversity of our communities. Women, indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

**Expressions of interest close 5pm Tuesday 13 March 2012.**

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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Response funding

Non-government organisations are invited to apply for funding of \$1.96 million per annum over two years to deliver a range of services that provide localised, long term responses to the current and emerging needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders with a disability, in communities, in North and Far North Queensland regions.

The successful service providers will be able to develop projects that will provide ongoing accommodation support; family and personal wellbeing; whole-of-life planning and mentoring support; and safe and welcoming communities.

Further information and an application kit is available from [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au)

**Applications must be lodged by 2pm on Monday 9 April 2012.**



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## Opinion

# Investing in leadership

**W**HO will run our organisations when we are older? This is an issue that needs to be discussed.

There has always been solid leadership in our Koorie communities. Our leaders have always aspired to make things better for the next generation – including the next generation of leaders.

I recognise that there was strong leadership prior to ATSIC. However, ATSIC expanded the scope for our leaders to take their communities to the next level in terms of representation.

Many of our current leaders were born from the ATSIC structures, where a strong supportive structure provided our current leaders with a context to enhance their leadership skills.

But the nature of Indigenous leadership development has changed with the end of ATSIC. The current organisational structures are not supporting leadership succession as it once did. During the ATSIC days we had a comprehensive structure that allowed us to nurture a whole generation of emerging leaders into the leadership roles and provided a platform where



**KAREN MILWARD**

the voice of community could be heard and to influence policy.

If you look at a lot of the organisations in Victoria, you'll see this is true. When ATSIC dissolved it was our co-ops and organisations that took on the role of rearing the next generation of leaders.

This was a localised response to filling the gap in leadership development that ATSIC once filled. But these organisations don't have the capacity to provide our future

leaders with the tools and networks that ATSIC had. As a result we're seeing a lot of leadership programs popping up around the country in response to a need for leadership succession.

Leadership investment is a long-term process, and in Victoria we are not seeing serious investment into meeting our future leadership needs.

In my understanding, leadership is about getting people to communicate by bringing them together, providing supportive work structures so that people feel encouraged to achieve and be considered, not just in terms of Aboriginal issues, and people need to feel supported so that they can advocate for what they believe in. Leadership is about relying on one another and working as a team.

One leader can benefit an entire community. The more well-equipped leaders we have, working together, the stronger and more united our communities will become.

*Karen Milward is a founding member and chairperson of the Indigenous Leadership Network Victoria.*

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# A great healer

**T**RIBUTES have flowed across Central Australia for Elder and ngangkari (traditional healer) Mr Peter, who died in a car accident south of Alice Springs. Mr Peter was held in the highest regard by Aboriginal people for his unparalleled healing abilities and was responsible for a major shift in the broader understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal traditional healing through his public speaking and educational work.

He was widely respected in the medical fraternity nationally and internationally and believed that the best health outcomes for Aboriginal people would be achieved by collaboration between mainstream medicine and traditional healers.

## TRIBUTE

In 1999 he brought his skills as a ngangkari to NPY Women's Council and with other ngangkari travelled widely around the country healing others and promoting the value of Aboriginal cultural healing practices.

His wisdom and deep understanding of human affairs at a spiritual level gave him appeal across cultural and national boundaries, and he was revered for his generosity and compassion for those in need.

A true gentleman, Mr Peter had an extraordinary ability to make people happy with his warmth, humour and charisma. NPY Women's Council patron

Professor Marcia Langton says that his passing will be felt deeply. As a ngangkari, teacher and leader he had helped to bridge the cultural divide by helping to raise the understanding of Aboriginal ways of healing.

Among many accolades he was awarded the 2011 International Sigmund Freud Prize from the City of Vienna; the 2009 Mark Sheldon Prize from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry (RANZCP); and 2009 Dr Margaret Tobin Award for excellence in the provision of mental health services to those most in need.

— from the *Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council*

# Tremendous opportunity

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take another step towards a reconciled nation. We share a vision for an Australia which recognises and is proud of our unique Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, and celebrates the diversity which makes our nation great.

We therefore encourage all Australians to consider

carefully the Panel's proposals to amend the Constitution.

**Tom Calma and Melinda Cilento, Reconciliation Australia co-chairs**  
**Kristy Masella and Kerrie Murphy, NSW Reconciliation Council co-chairs**  
**Aunty Heather Castledine and Peter Jackson, Reconciliation Queensland**

**Inc co-chairs**

**Renai Dean and Keith Gove, Reconciliation Victoria co-chairs**

**Jim Morrison and Keith Bodman, Reconciliation WA co-chairs**

**Prof Peter Buckskin and Robyn Layton QC, Reconciliation South Australia co-chairs**



# 60 years of love and service

NSW south coast couple Ossie and Beryl Cruse celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Aboriginal Culture Centre Monaroo Bobberr Gudu, near Eden, this month.

They were married in Nowra on 9 February 1952 and have lived in Eden for more than 40 years.

The surprise party for the couple was arranged by their children Dennis, Rhonda and Ben, with over 200 guests – many travelling from throughout NSW and interstate.

"You're gate-crashing, I was supposed to be having dinner with my sister," growled Ossie as they were welcomed into the hall.

The party was entertained with slideshows of photos of the Cruses' work and family life over the years and singing.

A hangi was prepared by Rhonda's husband Dennis Rawiri and served to the guests by six of the great granddaughters. Ossie and Beryl's daughter-in-law, Esmay, provided a cake, in the shape of Ossie's first Bible, with an image of their wedding photograph reproduced in icing, and their son Dennis spoke on behalf of the family.

Ossie told the story of how he first met Beryl when he was hunting rabbits with her brother Dickie Henry and caught sight of 'the pretty little girl in white shorts'.

He sent Beryl a note, via her brother, to ask her to the pictures. Dickie gave the note to his mother who went to confront Ossie and 'really bounced' him.

"She told me if ever I wanted to take

her daughter out I had to see her," said Ossie, "so I asked her straight away if I could and that was when I started going out with Beryl and stopped pearl diving."

Beryl and Ossie have been great workers for their community since they were married. As a married couple they have been involved with many projects in employment, education, youth and Elders programs.

They are both still very active in community work.

Ossie was also involved in national and international work for Indigenous people and relied on Beryl's support and work in raising their family.

This family has grown from three children to 12 grandchildren and now 48 great grandchildren including the latest, Marakai, born at the end of January, and two great, great grandchildren.

"It's been a long journey and I'm amazed that God has let me live so long," said Ossie.

"If I hadn't become a Christian at 26 years of age I wouldn't have had half that journey."

Beryl and Ossie's son Ben said: "I think a 60th anniversary is important in the Aboriginal community because most Aboriginal people don't live to be 60 and I think most people know that."

Guests contributed to a collection to provide Beryl and Ossie with a well-earned holiday later this year, giving them the opportunity to fish and relax beside a coastal lake at some secret location.

— submitted by Sue Norman



Ossie and Beryl Cruse (front) with their family, back from left, Ossie's siblings Raymond and Phyllis and his son Dennis and, middle Ossie's brother Percy, and children Rhonda and Ben. The photo was taken at the 60th anniversary celebration.

# Embassy allegations

I WRITE on behalf of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th Anniversary Organising Committee to respond to a number of allegations made by Alice Haines in the last issue of the *Koori Mail*.

Members of the organising committee have concerns about a number of inaccuracies put forward as fact and allegations of mismanagement that may discredit the Embassy.

The anniversary of the Embassy and honouring of our past fighters is worthy of celebration. We can be proud the event was well organised, with plenty of shelter, catering, staging for daily music performances and accommodation for our Elders.

The level of attacks on Aboriginal communities, with the extension of the Northern Territory Intervention, pressure on homelands and other punitive measures against our communities can result in passionate rallies and actions, such as the flag burning.

Unforeseen events on the day did take energies away from important workshops such as the one on Homelands and the Dumbartung presentation on youth suicide. Our communities are frustrated by a lack of control over our lives and our lands and that frustration determined the actions on the day but did not reflect a lack of support for these two critical issues our communities are facing.

Allegations by Alice of 200 beds being unoccupied and Elders' accommodation costing \$6000 are incorrect. Around 16 Elders were booked into eight rooms. Where Elders had arrived without booking accommodation, they were offered two



Jenny Munro and (inset) Pat Eatock, residents of the 1972 Embassy and members of the 40th anniversary organising committee, at this year's rally on 26 January.

rooms to fit their group, but instead chose to stay at the Embassy site when the expected rain did not eventuate.

The organising committee is a community based group that has no input from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs or decision making from any of the donor bodies. We

were pleased one member took leave from her workplace to better support the heavy workload in organising the Embassy Anniversary.

The committee is grateful to all those organisations and individuals that contributed funds and resources to make the event such

a success. All large grants were paid directly to service providers, with no cash changing hands. Major contributions were made by:

- NSW Aboriginal Land Council: \$10,000 for catering, Elders accommodation and bus travel.
- National Congress: \$10,000 for staging, sound system and marquees.
- Amnesty: \$5000 for additional staging, chairs, tables and so on.
- Winnunga Aboriginal Health Centre: More than \$16,000 for food, portable cool rooms and so on.

All cash funds were sent to an account held by Winnunga. Committee members are committed to funding transparency and an acquittal of cash donation to the satisfaction of those donor bodies.

While Alice is critical of the organising of the Embassy, she herself had pulled out of the committee in early December after her budget was rejected. Alice did not return to the organising committee until just prior to the Embassy in mid-January.

Over recent weeks a number of emails and a Facebook campaign has been directed at one of the Sydney members of the committee. While the committee abhors this lateral violence, it also rejects any allegations that it has responded with any ill tone towards Alice or anyone else.

We encourage all community members to work together constructively and to remain focused on the issues our communities continue to face and our claim to sovereignty.

**PAT EATOCK**  
For the committee  
Sydney, NSW



**Public inquiry**

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is conducting an investigation into allegations that:

- (i) between March 2005 and April 2006, Ron Mason (former chairperson of the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council) and Ken Foster (former coordinator of the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council) received corrupt benefits from Fortunato (Lucky) Gattellari in return for facilitating negotiations between the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council, Mr Gattellari, Ron Medich Developments Pty Ltd and Waterview Developments Pty Ltd; and
- (ii) between January 2008 and April 2010, Vanessa Mason (former chairperson and current CEO of the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council) received corrupt benefits from Mr Gattellari in return for facilitating negotiations between the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council, Mr Gattellari and Waterview Developments Pty Ltd.

As part of its investigation, the ICAC will hold a public inquiry starting at 10:00 am on Monday 27 February 2012, at L21, 133 Castlereagh St., Sydney.

Persons claiming to be substantially and directly interested in this matter may seek leave to be represented at the inquiry, and are invited to contact Catherine Colquhoun on (02) 8281-5999 to advise of their interest.

Members of the public with information relevant to the investigation are encouraged to provide it in writing at GPO Box 500, Sydney, NSW 2001, or by facsimile (02) 9264-5364. The ICAC will treat all information confidentially and has legislative powers to protect people who provide information to the Commission.

Roy Waldon  
Solicitor to the Commission



**Taroo Community Forum**

**17 March 10am – 5pm & 18, March 9.30am - 2pm**  
**Wentworth Club, Darling St, Wentworth NSW**

Consultation with the Aboriginal Community regarding the future management of Taroo Group of Reserves (previously Lake Victoria, Moorna and Wangumma State Forests).

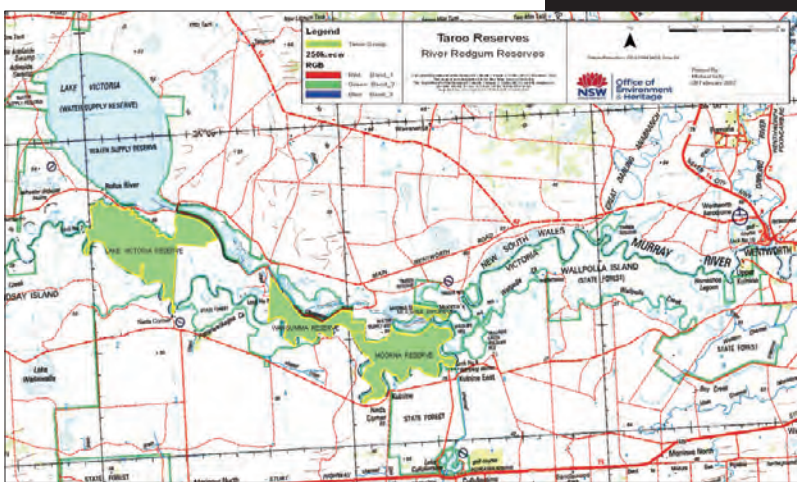
This forum is one of the first steps in working towards the goal of transferring this land to Aboriginal ownership.

If you are an Aboriginal community member and stakeholder in the Taroo Group of Reserves your participation in the forum will be welcomed.

Enquiries to Kenny Clark  
A/Joint Management  
Coordinator (River Red Gum  
Reserves) National Parks &  
Wildlife, Buronga  
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**Please register by**  
**Monday 5 March 2012**

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**Australian Government**

**Department of Sustainability, Environment,  
Water, Population and Communities**

**REQUEST FOR TENDER**

**Indigenous engagement guidelines package**

The department works in partnership with Indigenous organisations who deliver vital environmental services to the Australian Government and is committed to strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The department seeks to contract the services of a consultant to research, consult and develop an Indigenous engagement guidelines package specifically for the department. The guidelines will support departmental staff engaging Indigenous Australians when undertaking core business and related activities.

The tender closes on 26 March 2012 at 2.00pm EST.

For further information visit **www.tenders.gov.au**

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**Coral-Lee Peel and Shannon Lo in the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence pool during celebrations for the centre's second birthday.**

# An excellent day for NCIE



THE National  
Centre of  
Indigenous  
Excellence  
(NCIE) in

Redfern, Sydney, celebrated its second birthday recently by opening the gates to its Sports Arts and Recreation Centre's gym and pool for a free community open day.

An inflatable was set up for pool games, a DJ pumped out tunes and the birthday was celebrated with a barbecue and face painting for young people.

In the past two years more than 10,000 young Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people have visited the NCIE to participate in a wide range of programs in the four pathways of arts and culture, learning and innovation, health and wellness, and sport and recreation.

**Brekky club**

The centre has launched the NCIE Breakfast Club, where up to 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school students from Redfern will have a free, nutritious breakfast and information on healthy eating every school morning.

NCIE chief executive officer

Jason Glanville said the centre would continue to promote and inspire the achievements of young Indigenous people.

The NCIE will soon launch a program to help Indigenous people give up smoking.

Next month it will play host to the Constitutional Recognition Forum for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, when 12 young Indigenous Australians from each State and Territory will come to the NCIE for three days to develop youth-led campaigns for constitutional recognition.



**Ky Robinson-Freeman and Jamal Freeman-Robinson with their dad Raymond Robinson at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.**



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2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Home NC (Current Affairs)  
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2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Lyndon's Story PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)  
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10:30 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
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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 (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 4 Wheel Dreaming PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Milli Milli Nganka PG (Sport)  
10:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark M (Documentary)  
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa PG (Lifestyle)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Wind PG (Documentary)

### FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Lifestyle)  
1:00 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming PG (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)  
9:00 2008 Aboriginal RL Knockout PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)

### SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz 2 PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Letter Box G (Kids)  
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
9:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Kids)  
10:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
10:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 The Last Yolk in Saami Forest PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Land Bilong Islanders PG (Documentary)  
3:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)  
4:00 Lyndon's Story PG (Documentary)  
4:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)  
8:30 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Boomalli - Five Koori Artists PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
10:30 My Tehran For Sale PG (Drama)

### SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz 2 PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Walking Through A Minefield PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Sport)  
10:00 JUMBA JIMBA PG (Documentary)  
10:30 More Than Legends PG (Entertainment)  
11:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 2010 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 The Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
7:30 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)  
8:00 2008 Aboriginal RL Knockout PG (Documentary)  
9:00 PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Land of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)

### MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 The Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
1:00 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)  
2:00 In The Shed PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)  
8:30 Island of Lies PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Miss Navajo PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)

### TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
6:30 Yaarnz 4 G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 The Golden Cord PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Mer Rkwer-akert PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 From Dreamtime To Now PG (Documentary)  
1:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
1:30 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
9:30 OPINION PIECE NC (Current Affairs)  
10:30 Apatheke PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)

### WEDNESDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes G (Kids)  
6:30 Jumba Jimba G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
10:30 ELLA 7'S 2009 PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Black Pearls PG (Entertainment)  
1:30 The Human Race PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Jumba Jimba G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time 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 (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Crocodile Dreaming PG (Documentary)

### THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)  
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
4:00 Grounded 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
8:30 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)  
9:30 4 Wheel Dreaming PG (Documentary Series)  
10:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend M (Documentary)  
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa PG (Lifestyle)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)

### FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Lifestyle)  
1:00 The Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
1:30 More Than Legends PG (Entertainment)  
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
4:00 Grounded 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
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 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)

### SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
8:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
11:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 Footy: The La Pousse Way PG (Documentary)  
1:00 Land Bilong Islanders G (Documentary)  
2:00 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)  
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)  
7:30 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Milli Milli Nganka PG (Sport)  
8:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)  
9:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Tortilla Soup PG (Drama)

### SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

12:30 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
8:30 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)  
9:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
10:00 From Dreamtime To Now PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 2010 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
6:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Yaarnz 4 PG (Sport)  
8:30 Black Chicks Talking PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Yolngu Boy PG (Drama)

### MONDAY 5TH MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 The Last Yolk in Saami Forest PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Black Chicks Talking PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
4:00 Grounded 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)  
8:30 Navajo Springtime PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Two Spirits M (Documentary)  
10:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Wind PG (Documentary)

### TUESDAY 6TH MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Sport)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Kids)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Navajo Springtime PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)  
12:30 Two Spirits M (Documentary)  
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)  
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
4:00 Grounded 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Big Girls Dont Cry PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Crocodile Dreaming PG (Documentary)



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# Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival



Thank you very much ... Black Elvis on stage.



Uncle Herb Patten plays the gum leaf.



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Radical Son on stage.



Liz Cavenagh performs.



Nikki Ashby, of Lu'arn  
Contemporary Dance.



A performance of the play *Corranderrk* was a feature.



Don Bemrose, Natalie Wells and Gavin Somers.



Casey Donovan belts  
out a song.



Luka Haralampou and Bo Svoronos were  
among the crowd in Melbourne.



Drag Queen Polyeesha Pearl and some of her friends.



Lisa Maza was one of the acts.



# Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival



Koorioboree dancers performing in Melbourne.



Troy Cassar-Daley on stage.

## Diverse crowd enjoy the acts

Photos by JAMES HENRY



DANCING in Federation Square to some of the younger acts on offer as part of the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival, Kim Kruger said she had a 'real sense of freedom'.

"I think it's one of the last bastions where we can practice our culture on our own terms," she said. "It was really liberating."

The chair of Melbourne City Council's Indigenous Arts Advisory Panel said the festival, from 10-12 February, was something they had wanted to do for some time, and now the Lord Mayor had promised it would become an annual event.

"Melbourne sees itself as a cultural capital, but Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists weren't being that well represented in the mainstream," she said.

"People always say they don't know

where to find blackfellas in Melbourne, so it was about making it clear that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is alive and well – making it visible. I think the festival achieved that.

"I think what the festival proved is that Victoria is bursting with talent. We could put on a week-long festival easily."

### Headliners

Ms Kruger said that anecdotally the event was well attended, and the big-name headliners every night in Federation Square – Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley and Dan Sultan – attracted a diverse audience.

"There were people who turned up to see Troy Cassar-Daley in cowboy hats who I've never seen before in my life," she said.

"They were obviously just fans of his music. And that's a great outcome because they are exposed to other things while they are there."

Ms Kruger said for her the highlight was

the Blak Cabaret which was held at the Australian Centre of the Moving Image.

"(Producer) Jason Tamiru had programmed some of the people who used to perform in the cabarets of times gone by," she said. "These were regular events almost every Saturday at places like the Collingwood Town Hall. They were to raise money for funeral funds, but they also brought everyone together. It was the place where you would catch up with people because the whole community would go."

"So (at the Blak Cabaret) you had acts which you wouldn't normally see on stage like Uncle Herb Patten playing the gum leaf, and little treasures like Bart Willoughby and Ian Johnson, who was one of those artists who used to play at those cabarets in times gone by, singing *Pearly Shells*."

"And because it was the festival club, it was a chance for everyone to catch up on what had happened during the day, and to catch performers who they hadn't seen."



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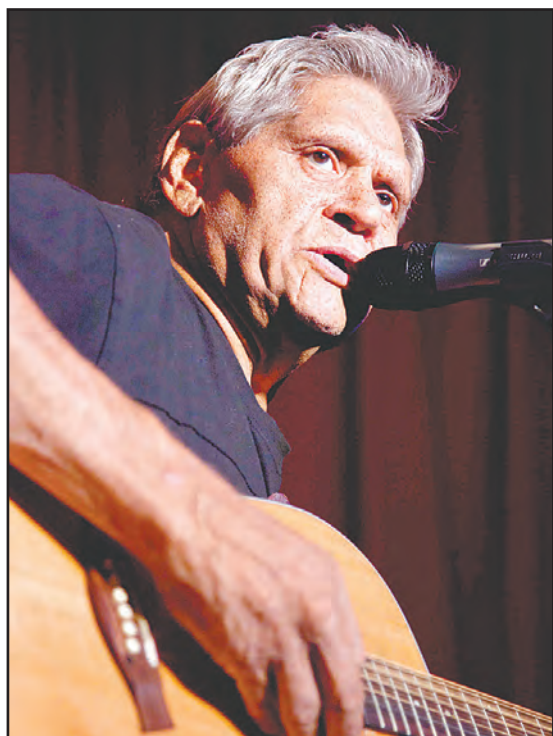
Liz Liddle, Lee Daroch and Vicki Couzens at the Melbourne Conversations IAF talks held as part of the festival.



Traditional owners Aunty Carolyn Briggs and Aunty Di Kerr address the crowd.



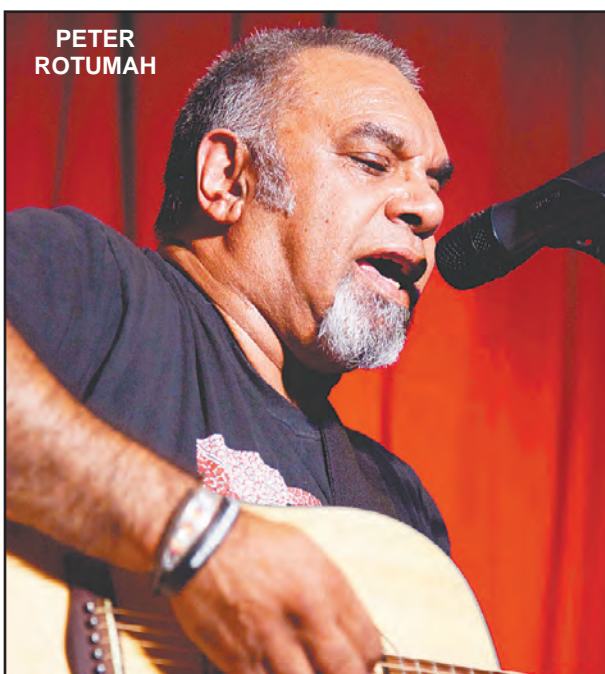
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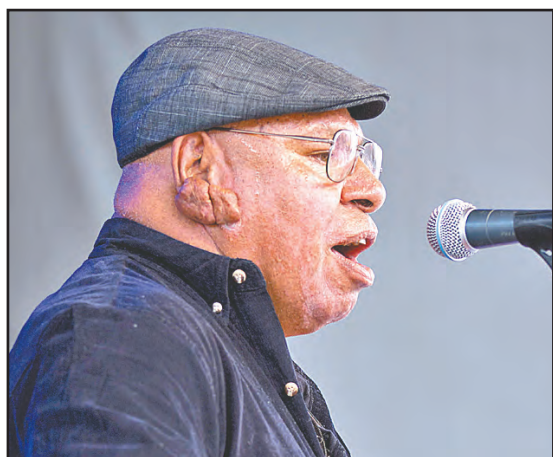
Ian 'Bear' Johnson entertains.



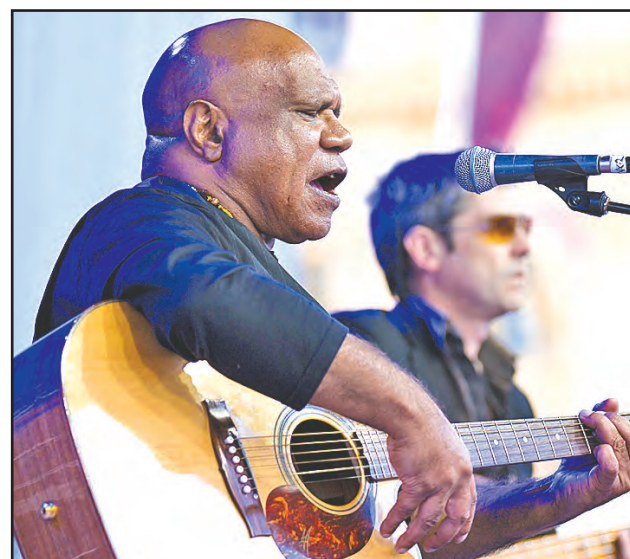
Leah Flanagan was there.



Dan Sultan was one of the headline acts in Melbourne.



King Kadu was popular.



Archie Roach drew a huge response.



# SA battle goes on

By CHRISTINE HOWES



AN ongoing fight to stop the destruction of significant sites across Lake Torrens, in South Australia, has turned into a High Court

challenge, with the promise of a review of the State's Aboriginal Heritage Act.

Adnyamathanha people are waiting with some concern to hear the outcome of the latest round in what has become battleground on a number of fronts, Elder Vince Coulthard says.

"We've already had a big win and the State Government didn't like being beaten so they're going to try and take it to the High Court," he said.

"We lodged our first native title claim in 1994 and we continue to assert interest over Lake Torrens.

"In 2009, we were granted a determination of native title over the northern Flinders Ranges through consent by the State Government."

Mr Coulthard said 84 groups were signatories to the consent determination.

"Mining companies have since shown an interest in some exploration on Lake Torrens and they started negotiations," he said.

"The then Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Grace Portalesi, used the



**'What this is about is Adnyamathanha people making decisions about our own country, not governments making decisions for us'**

**– Vince Coulthard**

Aboriginal Heritage Act of South Australia – the very piece of legislation set down by the State that protects Aboriginal sites – against Aboriginal people.

"She granted approval to developers, or in this case the mining company, to remove or destroy objects or remains for the purpose of exploration.

"I've got some respect from the politicians in the state, but they don't like to admit they're wrong."

Mr Coulthard said in the first instance they lost their case, but then won their appeal to the full court of the Supreme Court.

"What the State Government is now trying to do is now take it to the High Court," he said.

"That's where the Mabo case had gone and Mabo was successful, so we're hopeful of winning at the High Court level.

"This has been going on for just over 12 months now.

"It's just another battle we have to fight.

"What makes it worse is through this process of appealing the decision of the Supreme Court, they want us to pay costs if we lose the case."

Mr Coulthard said he was

unable to talk about the case in detail, but as far as they were concerned they were winners because they had already brought the Government to account.

"The mining companies are coming out saying: 'This argument is over. We will talk to the traditional owners; we are quite happy to work with traditional owners'," he said.

A spokesman for the SA Attorney-General John Rau said it would not be appropriate to comment in detail on a matter which was before the courts.

"However, the Government has

appealed the decision to clarify issues raised in the judgment about the interpretation of the Aboriginal Heritage Act," he said.

"Gaining better clarity will be in every party's interests.

"Costs will be considered following the conclusion of the case."

SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Paul Caica said the Heritage Act would be reviewed.

"I have directed that the extensive review and consultation on the Aboriginal Heritage Act be finalised as soon as possible," he said.

"I expect that new draft legislation will soon be finalised before being released for a final round of targeted consultation, ahead of introduction to Parliament in the coming months.

"A key focus of the new legislation will be supporting negotiated settlements."

Mr Coulthard said that in the meantime, his country was safe.

"My people have always said there shouldn't be mining if it's damaging our culture and this is a matter for the Adnyamathanha community to decide," he said.

"What this is about is Adnyamathanha people making decisions about our own country, not governments making decisions for us."

## Hit-and-run death driver sent to jail



A PERTH man who drove under the influence of drugs has been jailed for a minimum of two years for the hit-and-run death of a 55-year-old Aboriginal man last year.

Troy Darren Smith, 40, of Gosnells, had pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing death, failing to stop at an accident and failing to report an accident.

District Court judge Shauna Deane jailed Smith for a total of four years, as well as disqualifying his driver's licence.

Smith will be eligible for parole after serving half his sentence, which was backdated to 8 November, and could be freed in 21 months.

While Judge Deane noted he had a lengthy criminal record, including multiple driving offences for which he had been jailed, she said Smith had handed himself into police and pleaded guilty at the earliest time.

Smith, a heroin addict, admitted he was driving under the influence of the prescription drug Xanax on the morning of 13 June 2011 when he lost control of his vehicle on Ashburton Drive, in the eastern Perth suburb of Gosnells.

The car mounted a kerb, hitting a steel bollard, and ran down Mr Mead.

Mr Mead, who had gone out to buy a newspaper, died of his injuries at the scene.

Smith was later found passed out in his damaged car in the driveway of his home.

He handed himself in to police the next day after seeing news reports of the accident, but he claimed he had no memory of it due to his drug use.

Outside the court, Mr Mead's family said they were devastated.

"I'm disappointed in the justice system," Mr Mead's brother-in-law Dean Collard said.

"He showed no remorse. He's never apologised to us.

"Two years for a death ... we'll live with it the rest of our life." – AAP

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# Comments criticised



THE NSW Bar Association has written to Premier Barry O'Farrell, saying comments he made about Magistrate Pat O'Shane undermine confidence in the judiciary.

Mr O'Farrell last month referred the controversial magistrate to the Judicial Commission. It came after Ms O'Shane asked an ambulance officer whether he 'liked blacks' before dismissing an assault case against an African-born Australian man.

"You wouldn't want to be appearing before her, particularly if you're a police

officer or an ambulance officer," the premier said at the time, adding that Ms O'Shane had demonstrated 'a pattern of behaviour'.

NSW Bar Association president Bernard Coles, QC, said he had written to Mr O'Farrell to express his concerns about the remarks.

"The recent statements have been couched in terms that undermine public confidence in our system of justice and the rule of law," he said in a statement.

"The Premier's statements to the effect that police and ambulance officers should have the support of the court system when

assault charges are laid do not accurately reflect the role of the courts."

Mr Coles said the courts were there to determine matters on the evidence, and not to support any particular group within society.

"There are clear appeal structures in place to examine the correctness of judicial decisions," he said.

"These processes should be allowed to take their course in accordance with the rule of law."

Mr Coles recognised that it was the prerogative of the Government to refer

issues involving judicial officers to the commission. "However, political leaders need to be careful in what they say about the functioning of our courts," he added.

Mr O'Farrell dismissed the Bar Association's letter.

"I reject completely the assertion by the Bar Association that my comments would undermine the perception of the judiciary, and I have to say that the Bar Association would have greater strength if they at times had spoken up about magistrates and judges who did the wrong thing," Mr O'Farrell said. —AAP

## Funeral Notice

### Susan Madua

The funeral of the late Susie Madua (nee Brown) will be held at her residence in Old Mapoon at 9:00am on the **23rd of February, 2012**.

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## Public Notice

### Invitation for expressions of interest in the protection of Aboriginal shell midden material at Dolans Bay NSW.

Sutherland Shire Council invites Aboriginal community members who hold knowledge regarding the cultural significance and appropriate management of shell midden material at 755R Port Hacking Road Dolans Bay to register their interest.

Council is applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit to conserve the site by covering and revegetating the area. Information will assist council and the Office of Environment and Heritage take appropriate action.

For more information contact Natural Areas Manager Brendon Graham on (02) 9710 0405 or [bgraham@ssc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bgraham@ssc.nsw.gov.au). Closing date for submissions is 14 days from publication of this notice.



### Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina Bypass opening

The NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the 12 kilometre Ballina bypass.

The northern section of the project from Cumbalum to Ross Lane was opened to traffic in March 2011 and the mid-section of the project from Teven Road to Cumbalum was opened to traffic in November 2011.

The northbound and southbound sections of the Pacific Highway from Bruxner Highway to Teven Road were opened to traffic in December 2011 and January 2012 respectively.

Small sections of finishing work will continue along the project alignment over the coming months including activities to complete the Bruxner Highway alignment separation.

#### Construction update February - April 2012

##### Bruxner Highway to Cumbalum

- Continue pavement placement for the new Bruxner Highway alignment separation and complete finishing work.
- Continue wick drain and surcharge work near Emigrant Creek as enabling works for the future Bruxner Highway Bridge.
- Continue construction of the Ballina truck rest area adjacent to the Teven Road interchange and the Pacific Highway northbound off ramp.
- Re-align traffic onto the new bridge near the Cumbalum Interchange and remove the temporary carriageway.

**Construction hours** are Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), write to PO Box 303, Ballina NSW 2478, email [community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au](mailto:community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au) or visit the website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific)



The magnificent view from the road to Bamboo Point, which is now being repaired.

# Palm Island repairs on the right track

By ALF WILSON



A PALM Island road damaged last year by Cyclone Yasi is being repaired and upgraded and when completed will allow Palm Islanders to drive to what they describe as their very own 'hidden paradise'.

Many Palm Islanders have gained employment on the road to Bamboo Point which was severely damaged when Yasi hit 12 months ago.

Since then the road has been accessible only to four-wheel-drive vehicles but has been officially closed as work has progressed.

The *Koori Mail* went for a tour along the road during a visit to Palm this month.

At one point on the road you can see Curacoa, Fantome and Orpheus Islands as well as the mainland.

Funding for the project has been provided by the Commonwealth Government's NDRRA – Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

### Huge undertaking

It has been a huge ongoing undertaking on which many Palm Islanders have been employed.

"We have also been able to provide many casual jobs for Palm Islanders and that is good," Palm

Island Mayor Alf Lacey said.

Road base and most other materials have been brought from the mainland on a barge.

Wet weather in recent weeks has held up some work, which is expected to be completed by year's end.

Local Victor Daisy said the views from the road were amongst the best anywhere in Australia.

"If whitefellas had this they would build houses everywhere with the wonderful views, but this is our own paradise," he said.

There is also talk on Palm that once completed the road could result in continued employment opportunities, with an eco-tourism project in the pipeline.





Melanie Baldwin, from Tennant Creek, Bianca Barling and Sifora Durrurrnga, from Ramininging, Mick Harding, from Gippsland, Arika Waulu, Sharon Hodgson-Riley and Jenny Dunne, from Melbourne, and Rebecca Edwards, from Cairns, before the forum dinner at Melbourne's Sofitel on Collins hotel.

# Photo-media forum focus

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABOUT 60 mostly Indigenous photo media artists, curators,

educators and industry specialists attended the National Indigenous Photo-Media Forum in Melbourne earlier this month.

Emerging and established artists listened to and participated in lectures, panel discussions, gallery tours and technical workshops across a broad spectrum of photo-media practice, including art, commercial and documentary.

In her keynote presentation at the forum dinner, Professor Marcia Langton encouraged Aboriginal artists to adopt a global perspective and 'get out in the world and get to know how art collectors operate'.

"Recognition of Aboriginal art as art came very late, in the late 1980s," she said.

"Don't allow yourself to fall into the trap of how Aboriginal



Photo-media artists Michael Cook (left), Dianna Jones and Darren Siwes with independent curator and writer Djon Mundine (top right) who facilitated a panel discussion on using photo-media in contemporary art for story telling.

art is talked about in Australia. "Stay global, stay local and stay in tune with the big economic changes in the world.

"Get online and market yourself in very niche ways."

In a panel discussion artist and curator 'r e a' highlighted a global focus and spoke

about a tendency in Australia to 'box in' Aboriginal artists, rather than consider them artists who are Aboriginal.

The discussion also gave participants an insight into local gallery practices, with the panel of curators discussing their policies and experiences.

Mervyn Bishop, who is known as one of Australia's first Aboriginal photographers, shared stories of his life and award-winning career; from his backyard slide shows in his home town of Brewarrina, to the story behind his most recognised picture – Prime Minister Gough Whitlam pouring sand through the hands of Vincent Lingiari at Waddie Creek in 1975.

Some of Australia's best Aboriginal photo-media artists shared stories about their work, and Australian Institute of Professional Photography president Robert Edwards gave an address on the state of the commercial photographic industry.

Top educators also conducted informative technical workshops.

The forum, presented by the Centre for Contemporary Photography and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, is the second of its kind. The first was held in 2009, and there are hopes that it will become a biannual event.



Nicholas Boseley and Jirra Lulla Harvey, from Victoria's Koorie Heritage Trust, at the National Indigenous Photo-Media forum held at ACMI in Melbourne.



Art photographer Lisa Reihana (Nga Puhi tribe), from New Zealand, with her winning lucky door prize ticket and award-winning news and documentary photographer Mervyn Bishop at the forum dinner.



Kelli Cole and Tina Baum, from the National Gallery of Australia, Glenn Iseger-Pilkington, from the Art Gallery of WA, and artist Gayle Maddigan.



Artists Destiny Deacon and Georgia Macquire with the forum's keynote speaker, Professor Marcia Langton.



# The 2012 Yabun Awards



Gadigal chairman Steve Miller speaking at the awards presentation.



This year's Yabun awardees, from left, Helen Anu, Beryl Van-Oploo, Corey Webster (aka Yung Nooky), Tucky Tania Cooley and Aunty Sue James.

## Winners honoured

By KIRSTIE PARKER



NONE of them do what they do for accolades, but that's what the winners of the

2012 Yabun Awards got at a ceremony in Sydney earlier this month. The annual awards are presented by Gadigal Information Service (GIS), the home of Koori Radio, to recognise valuable contributions made by Indigenous people in the preceding 12 months.

This year's winners canvassed a wide spectrum, from some quiet 'back room' achievers to others who are happy to take to the stage.

Arts NSW senior Aboriginal cultural development officer Liza-Mare Syron did the honours, presenting the awardees with flowers and clapsticks.

Long-time foster carer Sue James was named Yabun Person of the Year, while hip-hop artist Corey Webster (aka Yung Nooky) was Yabun Young Person of the Year.

Yabun Artist of the Year was designer, dancer and



The team from Gadigal on the rooftop for the awards ceremony.

singer/songwriter Nadeena Dixon, and Koori Radio's Helen Anu was Yabun Broadcaster of the Year.

Elder Beryl Van-Oploo, manager of the Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training College at Eveleigh, was named Elder of the Year.

And healer, tarot reader and medium Tucky Tania Cooley received a special award for her tireless volunteering with the annual Yabun arts and culture festival, for which the awards are

named. Accepting her award, Sue James made a passionate plea for other Aboriginal people to step up and share the fostering load.

Over the years, she personally has fostered more than 175 children.

"We really need carers," she said. "There's more children in care now than we had in the Stolen Generation and 33 per cent of the children being removed are our babies."

"A lot of our kids are going into

non-Aboriginal care – to good people too – but it's not like your own mob."

"I've got grandchildren here now from my foster children but they know their way home. They've all got to know who they are. The gubs can't do that but we can. We need our own kids in our own families so we can get them home."

Helen Anu, who presents the Torres Strait Islander radio show 'Ina Meriba Waka' (This is our

voice), had guests chuckling when she asked them to close their eyes, declaring 'I might sound better!'

"I am usually in a dark studio and not seen, and that's the way I like it most of the time," she said, before thanking all those behind Yabun, and Koori Radio stalwart Cathy Craigie for their support.

Beryl Van-Oploo told guests that her dream of 'bringing education to our mob' and seeing them placed in jobs where they could earn a decent living was beginning to come true.

And Tucky Tania Cooley encouraged others to volunteer at Yabun.

"You're creating a sense of family and community, especially when people keep coming back year after year," she said. "And, most of the time, you're actually just connecting up with your family and it's not at a funeral so it's good positive stuff."

The awards ceremony, on the rooftop of Koori Radio's Cope Street, Redfern, premises, concluded with a performance by Jess Beck, who recently released her debut EP *Hometown Dress* through Gadigal Music.



Yabun Broadcaster of the Year Helen Anu, far left, with Sidney Saltner, Aunty Joyce Wymarra, Elizabeth 'Goie' Wymarra and Sani Townson.



James Mundine and Sue Pinkham were among the guests.



# Groups to fight quarry extension



TWO Aboriginal groups on the Central Coast of New South Wales have united to fight against the proposed extension of a sand quarry they say will destroy a sacred birthing and ceremonial site.

The Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Mingaletta Aboriginal Women's Group want to stop the southern extension of the Calga Sand Quarry, operated by Rocla Pty Ltd.

Mingaletta Women's Group member Barbara Grew said the sacred birthing and ceremonial area was just 100 metres from the existing mine, so any extension would put the site in danger.

"This is very important to us. It's a place where we can go and see our history. It's a place where we feel we belong," she said.

"We're hoping that by joining forces with Darkinjung LALC we'll finally gain the proper attention and respect of the State Government and stop the quarry extension."

Darkinjung chair Jenny Hayes said the council would object to the proposed southern extension.

"There are other significant sites in the area and due to the dense scrub there is every possibility of undiscovered sites," she said.

"The Aboriginal heritage assessment commissioned by Rocla into the area states that large sections were unable to be surveyed due to thick undergrowth and other factors, so Rocla simply doesn't know what's there.

"We suggested a burn-off to reveal any other sites, but that hasn't



Members of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Mingaletta Aboriginal Women's Group.

happened. In addition, there are other known sites of Aboriginal significance in the area including rock engravings and a cave shelter with art.

"The most critical aspect here is that these sites cannot be assessed in isolation from their surroundings, there is a broader cultural landscape

that must be considered."

Darkinjung chief executive Sean Gordon said that despite years of investigation and several reports, there was still a lack of response from the Government and it needed to be resolved.

"The Mingaletta women, Darkinjung

LALC and all Aboriginal people on the Central Coast deserve to be properly acknowledged on this issue," he said.

"We've been patient and followed all the right processes. It's now time for the State Government to veto the southern extension of the Calga Sand Quarry."

# Tandanya set for Spirit Fest



SOUTH Australia's top Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultural Festival, the Spirit Fest, is

set for this weekend at Mulla Wirraburka, the park on East Terrace next to Tandanya.

Hosted by Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, the festival will open with a free concert from 7.30pm on Friday. Saturday and Sunday's programs start at 11am.

Headline acts include Casey Donovan, Kinman Karma and Zennith and the host will be Indigenous comedian Kevin Kropinyeri.

From 7.30pm on Saturday

evening the Spirit Dance Ceremony begins on the Pati Yerta dance ground with a program of traditional inma and contemporary dance with more than 60 dancers, hosted by award-winning Bangarra Dance choreographer Frances Rings.

## Exchange

There will be an opportunity to hear the Kaurna Plains Choir sing in the original language of the Adelaide Plains, a specially commissioned musical work for yidaki (didgeridoo) and a formal exchange of gifts ceremony between dancers from the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara people of Central Australia with visiting groups from the Torres Strait Islands.

The Spirit Festival partners

with David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research – University of SA to present a writers' forum with a number of launches, including Southerly Publications' Indigenous writers edition.

Also on the bill is graphic novelist Brenton McKenna who will give free illustration workshops over the two days.

The music continues through Sunday with a closing concert at 9pm of Women of Soul with Emma Donovan as a headline act.

Throughout the weekend there are free workshops for adults and children and a visual arts market.

The full program is available at [www.thespiritfestival.com](http://www.thespiritfestival.com)

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# Leading acts for Desert Fringe

QUALITY Indigenous acts are on the line-up for the 2012 Desert Fringe festival, in the South Australian city of Port Augusta from 2-3 March.

Now in its fifth year, Desert Fringe features acts from the Adelaide Fringe together with other top Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and local performers.

Producer Sasha Zahra said

the popularity of Desert Fringe continued to grow each year which 'is a credit to the brilliant artists, sponsors, supporters and the fantastic community and audiences of Port Augusta'.

A highlight of the two-day festival is locally born Diat Alferink, who will present her cabaret show *Wakaid Girl* Lyndhurst Kid with original music from Lou Bennett (Black

Arm Band and Tiddas) and directed by Maude Davey.

Also included in the 2012 program are indie-pop duo Microwave Jenny (NSW), the Iwantja Band with their desert sounds from the Pitjantjatjara lands and Adelaide-based Nunga reggae band Kinman Karma.

Go to [www.adelaidefringe.com.au/desert-fringe](http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/desert-fringe) for details.



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# Festival set for Sunshine Coast



INDIGENOUS culture and heritage from around the Sunshine Coast of Queensland will be celebrated at the Booin Gari festival on 3 April.

Event organiser Warren Boadle said the event's name, Booin Gari, was from the Kabi Kabi language and meant Come This Way.

He said the festival, which has been running for five years, was an opportunity to build positive cross-cultural relationships.

It will feature local artists and performers and will include cultural and art workshops, bush tucker tastings, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games, dance and didgeridoo workshops.

There will be a jumping castle, badge making, boomerang painting art workshops and a climbing wall for the children.

Mr Boadle said a highlight this year would be an exhibition of young Indigenous talent in music, dance and art called Sounds Like Me.

"A series of Sounds Like Me workshops are currently being held for Indigenous young people across the coast as an opportunity to connect with their culture and explore their feelings of their identity," he said.

Mr Boadle said Booin Gari provided an opportunity for Indigenous young people and their families to come together and celebrate their culture and share it with the broader Sunshine Coast community.

Booin Gari is hosted by United Synergies at its 14 Ernest Street, Tewantin premises between 10am and 2pm. The Sunshine Coast Council, the Queensland Government Department of Communities, Regional Arts Development Fund and Festivals Australia support the event.

## 24 March polling day in Territory



NT Local Government Minister Malarndirri McCarthy is encouraging people to nominate for the NT council elections on 24 March.

"Local governments and shire councils make grassroot decisions; from remote shires to the larger city councils, these decisions have a major bearing on the future of the Territory," she said.

"We need strong councillors who speak up, understand local issues and make good decisions.

"I encourage anyone interested in running as a candidate to speak with their local councils to get a better understanding of the role and what it will entail."

Nominations for the NT council elections close at noon on 1 March.

For more information visit the Northern Territory Electoral Commission's website: [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) or call 1800 MY VOTE.

## Didj and culture at Templestowe



THE third Melbourne Didgeridoo and Cultural Festival will be held at Templestowe in Victoria on 3 March from 11am to 10pm. It will take place at the Mia Mia Arts Precinct at Westerfolds Park.

Performers on the bill include Dan Sultan, Mark Atkins, Ganga Giri, Bruce Rogers, Wilbur Wilde, One Fire Dance Troupe and acts from across Australia and overseas.

There will also be workshops and activities for children and adults as well as a range of stalls, activities, Indigenous foods, entertainment and the chance to meet the artists at the gallery.

The festival will climax with a concert starting at 7pm.

The Manningham City Council and the Mia Mia Gallery, are sponsors.

For more information visit [www.didjefestival.com](http://www.didjefestival.com) or drop into the Mia Mia Gallery.



Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson with Charlie Smith from Pilbara Mining and Contracting and Tony Wright, the chief financial officer of the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation. Photo: Travis Hayto.

# Martu Mining is now in business



TRADITIONAL owners from the Western Desert region now have their own business unit to help them engage with the mining industry. The unit, which is called Martu Mining

Services, was launched this month in Newman, Western Australia.

It will operate as a small business incubator for individual Martu businesses by providing legal advice, administrative and secretarial support, marketing and business mentoring.

Martu are Aboriginal people of the Western Desert and their lands include the Percival Lakes and Pilbara regions in Western Australia.

Martu Mining Services will also operate as an active participant in large mining projects through a variety of joint-venture-styled arrangements.

Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC) chief executive officer Noel Whitehead said Martu Mining Services would put traditional owners in the 'strongest possible position to take advantage of the economic opportunities presented by the mining industry'.

### Negotiations

"Ongoing negotiations with Cameco, Newcrest Mining Limited and Reward Minerals indicate that mining companies are willing to offer work and contracts to Indigenous people on a purely commercial basis, provided the contracts can be managed professionally," Mr Whitehead said.

"Martu Mining Services will support individual Martu businesses to realise these opportunities and to ultimately ensure traditional owners are

meaningfully engaged in the modern economy."

WDLAC chairman Teddy Biljabu said Martu Mining Services would help Martu people to be aware of business opportunities in the Western Desert region.

He said Martu Mining Services would have a separate management team, and would be initially headed by the WDLAC chief executive.

The business unit will be based at WDLAC's West Perth office, with new staff to include a business development manager, office manager, bookkeeper and field support officer.

Mr Biljabu said that in time, a sub-office would be established in Newman and as demand required, Martu Mining Services operations could need a permanent presence on Martu Country.



The scene at the launch of Martu Mining Services in Newman, Western Australia.



# Scholarship a real help for young Flinders Island pair

By JILLIAN MUNDY



YOUNG Flinders Island women Natalie Goss and Khristee Willis, who moved to Launceston in 2010 to complete Years 11 and 12, are well on their way to achieving their educational dreams. And as the saying goes, you can take the girl out of the island, but not the island out of the girl.

Both have benefitted from Alma Lily Stackhouse scholarships, named in honour of a Tasmanian Elder and awarded by the Tasmanian Government to outstanding Indigenous students.

Although now settled in Launceston, 2010-2011 scholarship recipient Natalie Goss, 19, plans to return home in the future.

She is studying enrolled nursing this year at Tasmanian Polytechnic in Launceston and plans to continue on to registered nursing after getting a year's practical work under her belt.

"There are a lot of people from Flinders living here and I've met people at college who will be life-long friends. I definitely miss Flinders, my family, going to the beach and going to my Dad's farm," she said.

"I would like to work in Indigenous communities on mainland Australia before returning home to Flinders Island."

## Great help

Natalie said the scholarship allowed her to buy a laptop for her studies, and going on to receive the Puggy Hunter Scholarship had also been a great help.

Khristee Willis, 18, has already returned home to Flinders Island, and is now completing a Bachelor of Primary Education by correspondence through Deakin University's Institute of Koorie Education in Victoria.

"I did miss it (home) when I was in Launceston, it was hard," she said.

"I want to take my teaching and travel, and then I would like to come back to Flinders Island and teach."

Under the Alma Lily Stackhouse Scholarship, a bursary of \$3000 is offered each year to support a Year 10 Tasmanian Aboriginal student from the Furneaux Islands or other remote areas of Tasmania to complete Years 11 and 12 and pursue a tertiary pathway to university or other tertiary-level study.

Applications for the next scholarship close on 29 February.



Former Flinders District High students Khristee Willis and Natalie Goss are studying in Launceston with the help of the Alma Stackhouse education scholarship.

# Nominations sought for Youth Parliament



THE search is on for 48 young Indigenous Australians to represent their community at the first ever National Indigenous Youth Parliament.

The Youth Parliament will bring together potential future leaders from around the country to talk about issues, learn how laws are made, and to have their voices heard by the politicians who make the laws.

Australian Electoral Commissioner Ed Killesteyn said six young Indigenous

Australians would be selected from each state and territory to participate in the event, which would be held over seven days during May in Canberra.

Selection of the participants will be based on applicants' community involvement, their ideas and interest in government and the parliamentary process.

The application pack for the Youth Parliament can be downloaded from the AEC's website at [www.aec.gov.au/niyp](http://www.aec.gov.au/niyp).

Applications are now open and close on Friday 30 March.

Mr Killesteyn said the six-member team selected from each state and territory would first attend a special weekend event in their state or territory parliament where they would be guided through the process of writing a legislative Bill that addressed the issues faced by young people and their communities.

They would then travel to Canberra for a seven-day program in which they would debate their bills in the chambers of the Old Parliament House and present them to the Government.

Mr Killesteyn said the Canberra program would also provide expert training in how government worked, how laws were made, public speaking and dealing with the media. Participants would meet parliamentarians and watch them work, in Parliament House and in their offices.

The Youth Parliament is being run by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in partnership with the YMCA to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Indigenous right to vote in Federal elections.





This photo was taken in the mid west community of Bondini during phase two of the Town Reserves Regularisation Project.

## Power upgrades on the horizon



**THREE** remote Aboriginal communities in the West Kimberley are set to benefit from improved services through upgrades to power supplies under a project by Horizon Power and the WA Department of Housing.

Horizon Power says work will begin in the communities of Looma, Mowanjumb and Bayulu later this year under phase three of the Town Reserves Regularisation Project (TRRP) funded by the Department of Housing.

Horizon says it has completed the necessary audits and designs for the electricity networks in Looma and Mowanjumb, which are remote communities out of Broome and Derby.

The project also involves an audit and upgrade of internal house wiring in these communities.

In the community of Bayulu, near

Fitzroy Crossing, Horizon has designed the upgrade of the electricity network and will oversee the project with the Department of Housing which will undertake the network upgrade and internal house wiring work.

There are more than 150 households in the three communities. The residents will become Horizon Power customers once the work is completed.

Horizon says it also provides information about the work, electrical safety and energy efficiency as part of its engagement with residents of Aboriginal communities.

Under phase one and two of TRRP, Horizon upgraded networks in 25 town-based communities, as well as auditing and upgrading internal house wiring.

Horizon says it will soon issue tenders for the work, which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of this year.

# Katter angry over foreign jobs scheme



**INDEPENDENT**  
Queensland MP Bob Katter wants mining companies to

employ Aboriginal people instead of lobbying the Federal Government to allow unskilled foreign workers to fill job shortages in outback Queensland.

Immigration Minister Chris Bowen has reportedly been in talks with mining companies about replacing the Government's '457 visas' with bulk temporary migration agreements, under which workers could be flown in directly from overseas.

Several mining companies have made confidential submissions to the Government on the issue, as Queensland grapples with an estimated shortage of 40,000 workers.

Indian billionaire Gautam Adani has bought Rockhampton beef baron



**BOB KATTER**

Graeme Acton's Moray Downs cattle station for about \$110 million and plans to build Australia's biggest operating coal mine by 2022. The property covers one-third of the resources in the Galilee Basin.

Australia's richest woman, iron ore magnate Gina Rinehart, supports the push for a special northern economic zone from Bowen to Port Hedland.

Ms Rinehart recently sold her prospects at Galilee.

Queensland mining billionaire Clive Palmer also backs the move and has interests in the basin.

Mr Katter said the proposal would take jobs from Australians and undermine the nation's wage structure.

"Please excuse me in believing that they want to look after the world's poor," Mr Katter said.

"If they do they can start with employing our First Australian brothers – 10,000 in north Queensland without jobs as I talk."

Mr Katter said he wouldn't give up the battle to keep Australian jobs.

"We're going to fight this tenaciously," he said.

Mr Katter said mining companies should be offering more training and apprenticeship opportunities to Aboriginal young people. – *With AAP*

## Jahmarley named as school captain



**JAHMARLEY** Dawson has just been named as one of Tullawong State High School's captains, the first Aboriginal student to earn the honour at the Queensland school.

"I want to focus on helping and supporting more Indigenous kids throughout the school, on studies and help for Indigenous students, in sport and performing arts," Jahmarley, 16, said.

Tullawong High deputy principal Peter Hoehn said Jahmarley was an inspirational young man.

"As a leader, an Indigenous leader, a leader within our school, he is an inspiration, enthusiastic about everything he attempts and tries, endeavouring to give his utmost to ensure the best possible outcome," he said.

"He's a role model for Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people. With the leadership program Jahmarley is involved in, the adults and community members look at him as a leader, even at such a young age.

"Every group, every team he is in, he makes a difference and a positive contribution always, no-one leaves his presence without gleaning something from him, he's quite charismatic."

Jahmarley is a keen sportsman, boxing and playing 'every other sport under the planet'.

And he is also a talented musician and performer, winning the award as best busker with his didgeredoo three times at the Urban Country Music Festival in Caboolture.

"I do busking all around Australia, it gives you pocket money and people who don't understand culture get a bit more respect;



**JAHMARLEY DAWSON**

people are pleased about it, seeing something on the street," Jahmarley said.

When he leaves school, Jahmarley is hoping to study in America.

"I've always wanted to go there, try boxing in a different country," he said.

"I'll probably stay in Australia for a year or two. I want to study at college, do business and also to do the sport, because they take sport seriously there."



# Victorian scar tree saved



A SCAR tree used to make a canoe or a shield

more than 100 years ago has been saved after falling into the Wimmera River in central Victoria after the 2011 floods.

Following a joint effort by the Barengi Gadjin Land Council and Horsham Rural City Council, the tree is now safe. It is on display at the Barengi Gadjin offices where it will be protected until the land council's cultural museum is built.

Barengi Gadjin chief executive Jim Golden-Brown said the tree was very important to the traditional owners of the region.

"The scar tree is a rare and important part of the cultural heritage of the Wotjobaluk people who lived by the Wimmera River for thousands of years," he said.

"It is one of only a handful that remain, and so it is important that we protect it and keep it for future generations to see and learn from.

"You can see on the tree trunk that the ancestors removed a large, thick piece of bark which they would have used to make a canoe or maybe a shield.

"To have a tree like this



The team responsible for salvaging the scar tree included members of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council and the Horsham Rural City Council. They are Grant Preece, Tim Winfield, Chris Vincent, Chris Flood, BGLC cultural heritage advisors Michael Moffat and Kerry Hunt, Mark Hunter and Steve Talbot.

safe and secure is pretty rare. Our community would not usually see something so special if they lived in the city, or in an area where traditional owners do not have native

title rights, and the capacity to protect their heritage."

Mr Golden-Brown said the land council was in the early stages of planning the Wimmera

Mallee Aboriginal Museum, Knowledge and Tourism Centre.

He said the scar tree would eventually be housed in the museum as an asset for traditional

owners, as well as the broader community.

"We hope our museum will be somewhere where we can learn from the past and look to the future," he said.

Horsham Rural City Council staff, working with Barengi Gadjin cultural heritage manager Kerry Hunt and other staff, organised the removal of the tree from the river.

# WA school concern

By LIZ MURRAY



WEST Australian Education Minister Liz Constable has blamed remote Aboriginal families for lower than the state average

school attendance, despite having removed funding for Years 11 and 12 in 21 regional high schools in 2010.

On 1 July, 2010 the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations recommended that the Minister immediately re-instate the senior school funding to the schools, but the Government has not followed the recommendation.

Last week a data matching scheme released figures obtained from 285 remote schools near the West Australian, Northern Territory and South Australian borders, which quantified the level of Aboriginal student transience for the first time, Dr Constable said.

"The transiency of Aboriginal families in northern Western Australia, the Northern Territory and South Australia has long been the biggest issue impacting on the quality of education

**'Minister Constable needs to understand that if she wants Aboriginal children to complete the mandatory requirements of our state's education (until 17 years of age), then she needs to ensure that education services are provided where Aboriginal people live and not simply expect Aboriginal people to travel further and further to obtain their education'**

**— Shadow Education Minister Ben Wyatt**



received by Indigenous young people in these areas," she said.

The Tri-border Attendance Strategy uses a live data system to match attendance, enrolment and education records across public, Catholic and independent schools, to address Aboriginal absenteeism, she said, and 'provide smoother transitions for students between schools'.

"The Central Schools Systems database is a valuable tool that

we are using to help close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal achievement in education," the Minister said, adding that she plans to expand the use of the system to the Kimberley and Pilbara this year.

The Minister also announced that there had been no improvement in overall attendance rates, and said that 'Aboriginal student attendance was still of particular concern'.

However, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Ben Wyatt said 'cuts to the Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme and the abolition of the position of director of Aboriginal education were evidence the Minister had an appalling record on Aboriginal education'.

"Minister Constable needs to understand that if she wants Aboriginal children to complete the mandatory requirements of

our state's education (until 17 years of age), then she needs to ensure that education services are provided where Aboriginal people live and not simply expect Aboriginal people to travel further and further to obtain their education," he said, adding that in one year the Minister had 'overseen an unacceptable 80 per cent increase in the number of children whose whereabouts are unknown (increase from 813 children to 1461 children)'.

Dr Constable said parents, students, businesses, schools and the wider community needed to work together to improve the overall student attendance rate, which had fallen from 91.14 per cent in 2010 to 90.93 per cent in 2011, and the Aboriginal student attendance rate of only 77.25 per cent (down from 77.69).

Since the senior classes were removed there have been ongoing community concerns about students dropping out of school in the state's north-west, unable to cope with the long bus trips to larger towns, unwilling to leave their families to board in student hostels, and unable to comply with the mandatory senior high school laws.



## Applications call for scholarships



INDIGENOUS young people are being invited to apply for the annual Youth Off The Streets national scholarship program.

The initiative, developed by founder and CEO of the community organisation Father Chris Riley, aims to help promising young Australians who lack the support and resources to fulfil their potential.

Youth Off The Streets provides financial and personal support for young people to pursue their dreams in any field, including education and training, visual or performing arts, sport, trade skills and music.

Every year, more than 20 young people are awarded scholarships to the value of \$5000 each, to pursue further education or training.

Along with financial assistance, Youth Off The Streets will match each scholarship recipient with a mentor for the duration of their scholarship.

"Many of our scholarship recipients experience financial barriers or lack traditional support networks and live away from their families. Without this opportunity these young people, who have a desire to achieve their best, struggle to find the avenue to do so," Father Riley said.

Nominations can be made by young people themselves, or on their behalf. To lodge a nomination, visit the Youth Off The Streets website at [www.youthoffthestreets.com.au](http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au) to download a nomination form. The closing date for nominations is 5pm on 6 April.

## Gippsland hosts 3on3 challenge



THE national Indigenous 3on3 basketball and hip hop challenge is coming to East Gippsland. The Vibe 3on3 is a travelling sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and other students for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music.

Students compete in teams of three to five players in a range of activities including a basketball round-robin, art and rap workshops, a health expo, and break dancing classes.

Actor Luke Carroll will host the event, which will feature a dance competition, led by 2011 Deadly Award finalist Medika Thorpe and Robert McGuinness (AKA Shanxta), an opening ceremony, face painting and a free healthy breakfast and barbecue lunch.

The event is capped at 400 kids. It will be held at the Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre, 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale, from 9.30am-2pm.

To participate in the Vibe 3on3, young people need to pre-register in teams of four through their school by Friday March 9.

Registrations are open now. Schools can visit <http://www.vibe.com.au/events.html> to register.

## \$4500 bursary to council worker



WUJAL Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council corporate services manager Nerida Carr has won one of two \$4500 bursaries.

Ms Carr received the bursary as part of a Queensland Government scheme to raise the profile of women in local government.

Queensland Local Government Minister Paul Lucas congratulated Ms Carr for her 'outstanding application and commitment to support her council to accomplish its endeavours'.

"I know that she is a dedicated, hardworking and passionate employee of council and is involved in all aspects of community life," he said.

"The independent panel scored Ms Carr highly across all criteria highlighting that she demonstrated exemplary practice and a clear professional development plan that aligned with the level of the bursary."

# Wurega Landcare group prepares for workshops



THE members of the newly-formed Wurega Indigenous Landcare Group in western

Victoria are gearing up for their first workshops, with Elders teaching young people how to weave from reeds and how to make stone tools.

Wurega Aboriginal Corporation co-chair Gail Harradine said funding for the Yuleka project from the Caring for Country program gave the group the opportunity to look after the land and pass on knowledge.

"With an Indigenous perspective we take a holistic approach to the land," she said. "A landcare group might look at looking after the reeds in the river, but we also see them as something that can be used for weaving."

"We're thinking about caring for country as well as making sure that added cultural knowledge and technical knowledge are passed down."

"Often young people can get caught up just trying to survive and live and Elders often don't get the time to sit down at the river and tell young people things."

### Opportunity

"This will provide an opportunity for people to get together and talk about things. Often Elders will say 'we don't know much,' the next minute they'll be showing you this technique about how to roll worms in sand and put them easily on the hook, because they're relaxed and on country."

The group is planning more workshops later in the year, including possum-skin cloak making, for which they have to import possum hides from New Zealand.

"We're really excited about the workshops ... we can't kill the possums here," Ms Harradine said. "It's an example of customary laws and traditional ways not really matching with wider legislation. It's just one of those things."

"There's some marvellous Indigenous artists with the skins, who do wood-burning on skins. It's great for the kids to learn and the designs look fabulous."



Members of the Wurega Indigenous Landcare Group working with children.

Group co-ordinator Tracey Rigney, a Wotjobaluk traditional owner, said being able to provide equipment and cultural activities to celebrate connection to country helps self-esteem for Aboriginal people and creates positive involvement in caring for country.

"The Wurega Indigenous Landcare Group helps to create opportunity for health and well-being through connecting people to natural resources and the environment in an Indigenous context," she said.

"Being able to set up an Indigenous Landcare group is great because we can then work towards networking with other landcare groups that are already established and look after the

environment together. It is about continuation of culture through our traditional lores and customs to encourage kinship ties."

The Wurega Indigenous Landcare Group is the first fully operational such body in the Wimmera/Mallee region of Victoria and hopes to learn from the Ghunda Mulla Indigenous Women's Landcare Group based at Albury/Wodonga that has been established with assistance from their Indigenous Landcare facilitator.

The Wurega Indigenous Landcare group works with a private property close to the Little Desert National Park and the Wimmera River, an important Creation story pathway for the Wotjobaluk.

# Warm welcome for fire funding



THE Northern Land Council has welcomed an \$800,000 Government funding boost for environmental projects in the Top End.

Fire management across the western region of the Top End will get more than \$700,000 for the re-instatement of traditional fire regimes.

And just under \$100,000 will go towards the management of the invasive weed mimosa pigra within the Bulgul Rangers operational area which extends across 36,000ha over the Delissavale/Wagait/Larrakia Land Trust.

Those were just a couple of projects to receive funding when the Federal Government announced last week that it would provide funds to 43 groups across the country.

NLC chief executive Kim Hill said the funding was important for environmental

management on Aboriginal land.

"It is pleasing to see the Government acknowledging the value of traditional regimes for preserving our environment, and supporting it through increased funding," Mr Hill said.

"We know our ranger groups, through the Caring for Country program, are doing excellent work in the areas of both fire and weed management, and I believe the quality of the work they're doing is reflected in this recent round of funding."

### Difference

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke said the Caring for Country program was making a real difference.

He said the latest round focused on the Environmental Stewardship Program which supported farmers in managing important environmental sites.

"The Government will invest over \$1.75

million in environmental stewardship projects in Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia," Mr Burke said.

"The Environmental Stewardship Program provides communities with long-term opportunities to get involved with land conservation."

"These projects support the good work that our farmers already do in looking after the environment on their own land."

In New South Wales, a project will address landscape degradation by restoring 330 hectares of threatened woodland ecosystems, reduce erosion and enhance agricultural productivity in the state's south, north and central west.

Mr Burke said the Government would also support 11 targeted projects to establish local wildlife corridors.

"Wildlife corridors provide critical links across the landscape for the habitat of native plants and animals," he said.



# New proposal looks at Groote seabed mining



ABORIGINAL groups in Northern Australia are again looking at a contentious proposal to mine the seabed near Groote Eylandt, which is rich in manganese.

In a joint statement, the Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC), which represent the interest of Indigenous people in Groote Eylandt and Northern Australia, confirmed they were re-examining the issue.

"At a meeting of the two councils, it was decided a taskforce would be formed using resources from both organisations to implement the most effective plan for the protection of these waters," the statement said.



**'Protecting the songlines, dreamings and traditional values of our (traditional owners) will always come before anything else'**  
— NLC chairman *Wali Wunungmurra*

Groote Eylandt boasts the world's largest manganese mine, which produces about 15 per cent of the world's high-grade ore.

More of the precious mineral resource is thought to exist in the shallow seabed

around the island in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Manganese is used as a component to make high-tensile steel.

ALC chairman Tony Wurramarrba said traditional owners would oppose any mining that had 'significant cultural, environment

and social impacts' on Aboriginal people in the Gulf.

This is not the first time the issue has been considered by his group.

In 2010, Mr Wurramarrba said there was 'complete opposition by everyone who has a traditional relationship with this country to any proposal to mine the seas around Groote Eylandt'.

NLC chairman Wali Wunungmurra said cultural integrity was paramount to both land councils. "Protecting the songlines, dreamings and traditional values of our TOs (traditional owners) will always come before anything else," he said.

Mining company Northern Manganese Ltd holds exploration rights for shallow marine terrain and two islands near Groote Eylandt. — AAP



Discussing the licence course are, back, Jan Levy from ACE, driving student David Rawlison and driving instructor Gilbert Davis, with Lynne Smith from ACE, and driving instructors Bucky Robinson and Geoffrey McClelland and, front, Barbara Fusitu'a, Catherine Lomas and Jason Lonesborough from the NSW Attorney-General's Department.

## Driving program may widen



A PROGRAM teaching Indigenous people how to drive and get

their licence looks set to be expanded across New South Wales. The program, operated by ACE Community College in Lismore, has been struggling for funding for years, despite having enabled more than 140 Aboriginal people to get a licence.

But that looks set to change following a visit last week by

representatives of the NSW Justice and Attorney-General's Department.

Senior Aboriginal project officer Jason Lonesborough told the *Koori Mail* the driving course was the type of program the department wanted to back, as it could help reduce Indigenous incarceration rates.

"Because it is Aboriginal-specific, it's the type of program we want to reduce the amount of kids coming into contact with the justice system," he said.

During the visit, Mr

Lonesborough and his colleagues Barbie Fusitu'a and Catherine Lomas, also spent time at Box Ridge and the Balund-a correctional facility near Tabulam.

### Initial estimates

Mr Lonesborough said initial estimates were that it would cost \$180,000 a year to run the Lismore program with a full complement of staff, but his department was also interested in forging ties with TAFE and the Department of Roads

and Maritime Services.

ACE remote program co-ordinator Jan Levy said the Lismore program was helping between 20 and 30 people each year get their licence, and had been operating over 10 years.

Current student Gilbert Laurie said he started the program in October last year, now has his Ls and will soon be going for his Ps.

"I enjoy the driving but it's more that I need a licence for my work," he said.

The 49-year-old admitted to

having driven without a licence in the past, but said it 'made me paranoid'.

"That's why I wanted the licence," he said.

Another student, Jenaya Emzin-Smith, is just 17-years-old, and now has her Ls.

"I'll get my Ps in about five months and once I finish school (at Trinity Catholic College in Lismore) I'm looking to a career in childcare," she said.

Mr Lonesborough hopes to have a clear idea about funding by April.



# DVD a 'deadly' financial resource



NSW Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts at the launch of *Out of Credit*.



A NEW interactive DVD which serves as a financial literacy resource for Indigenous

communities has been officially launched.

Called *Out of Credit*, the DVD is based on the theatrical performances 'Deadly Dollars', developed by NSW Fair Trading and Newcastle-based Aboriginal production company Rod Smith Productions.

NSW Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts said NSW was the first Australian consumer protection jurisdiction to use interactive theatre to educate Aboriginal consumers about managing money.

"I'm delighted this innovative initiative has attracted funding of \$50,000 from the National Indigenous Consumer Strategy for adaptation into this great new resource," he said.

NSW Fair Trading, as NICS lead agency, has produced 2000 *Out of Credit* DVDs that have been distributed nationally. Five hundred have been sent to financial counsellors and peak Aboriginal and community organisations.

The seven-minute DVD covers issues including mobile phone contracts, money management and debt.

'Deadly Dollars' features two plays, complemented by a financial literacy program and resource kit which has been developed for Fair Trading Aboriginal customer service officers to deliver to Aboriginal community workers.

It also includes NSW Department of Education and Training written lesson plans for English and Commerce teachers to support the theatre performances.

For more information about NSW Fair Trading services go to [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)

## Progam officer to serve on Wet Tropics board



AUSTRALIAN Conservation Foundation Cape York program officer Leah Talbot has been appointed to the board of the Wet

Tropics Management Authority.

Ms Talbot, a Kuku Yalanji woman from the Bloomfield River area, has a Masters in Environmental Science degree and has worked for the foundation since 2003.

She has been central to ACF's work on Cape York peninsula, being part of the land tenure resolution process under which thousands of hectares on the Cape has been returned to traditional owners to be protected as jointly managed conservation areas and as Aboriginal lands for future economic development opportunities.

Ms Talbot works specifically towards developing a 'culture and conservation economy' – economic opportunities that are culturally appropriate and do not undermine or damage the environment – on the Cape York peninsula.

She said she was keen to play a part in working with Indigenous communities in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and to help identify opportunities to build sustainable futures for communities.

"There are great opportunities to incorporate Indigenous land management techniques and knowledge with modern methods of tourism and conservation and at the same time help build better livelihoods for Indigenous Australians," she said.

Ms Talbot said the Wet Tropics' natural values were recognised on



LEAH TALBOT

the National Heritage list and the World Heritage list, but its cultural values were not.

"ACF urges the Federal Government to nominate the Wet Tropics' outstanding living cultural values for inclusion on the National Heritage list before 30 June, so its cultural values could also be nominated for World Heritage list," she said.

The Wet Tropics Ministerial Council nominated Ms Talbot for appointment to the board after consultation within the Rainforest Aboriginal community.

## Properties transferred to Yawuru



FIFTEEN properties in the centre of Broome, Western Australian, have been transferred to the Yawuru people under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

WA Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said the transfer included a number of high-value properties desirably located in the centre of Broome.

"The transfer of these properties will provide the Yawuru people with greater financial security," he said.

"They now have the freedom to retain the land for their own use or subdivide the lots and sell them for a mixture of residential and industrial purposes.

### Growth

"I am pleased that the outcomes of the ILUA will allow the Yawuru traditional owners to participate in the exciting growth of Broome."

The transfer included prime land on Palmer Road with potential to be subdivided into 36 residential lots.

"The Government is supporting the Yawuru people in subdividing these lots which will deliver much-needed land for residential housing," Mr Grylls said.

"I am confident the Yawuru people will maximise this opportunity and am committed to supporting them in achieving the best financial and cultural outcomes possible through this transfer."

## Focus on Gamarada

By MARGARET SMITH



A DOCUMENTARY on Gamarada, the Redfern men's healing group, will screen on NITV on February 29 at 9pm.

Ken Zulumovski, the co-ordinator of the group and a consultant on the film *Gamarada, A Spiritual Awakening*, says members are running a second group from the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern specifically to attract young people.

The older men from the group operating from the Redfern Community Centre have been acting as mentors to the younger men.

"We have introduced life skills, a sense of well-being and good nutrition," Mr Zulumovski said. "Their concern with body image can enhance other important skills, so they can better deal with emotions and how to confront life's challenges."

Film director Mark Taylor told the *Koori Mail* said he was attracted by the calibre of the men in Gamarada.

"I knew it was going to evolve into something significant... I hope the film resonates with other groups round Australia, in the way it builds confidence in men," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda appears in the film, talking about the need to tackle 'lateral violence'.

Close the Gap co-chair Tom Calma speaks about Gamarada at the end of the film.

"Healing is about therapeutic change and cultural renewal," he says.

"I've watched Gamarada grow and have been impressed.

"The program was developed by our people for our people, and they give back so much to our community.

"That's why they are so important, so we can all survive in this society."



# Late Aunty Sylvia honoured



has been honoured in Redfern a year after her death in February last year.

A plaque commemorating her life was unveiled at the Wyanga Aged Care centre in Redfern.

Among about 60 guests at the ceremony were NSW Governor Marie Bashir and former NSW Premier Kristina Kenneally, who both paid tribute to the life and work of Aunty Sylvia.

The plaque read: "Sylvia touched the lives of many people. May she always be remembered for her dignity, her compassion for her Aboriginal people and her love for her fellow Australians."

● Pictured left: At the service, from left, Norma Ingram, Governor Marie Bashir, Millie Ingram, Aunty Sylvia's daughter Barbara Silver and former Premier Kristina Kenneally.

Photo: Joseph Mayers

# ROCKSTARS on job



A LEADING mining company has launched an initiative under which 300

Indigenous people will start their career in the mining and construction sectors over the next 18 months.

Federal Special Minister of State Gary Gray launched the ROCKSTAR program at Macmahon's workshop and training facility last week.

ROCKSTAR stands for 'Real Opportunities and Careers – Kick Starting Today's Aboriginal Role-models'.

Macmahon chief executive Nick Bowen said the program included almost \$4.4 million over two years from the Federal Government's Indigenous Employment Program and would create genuine opportunities for Indigenous people to forge exciting careers in mining and construction.

"Macmahon has a proud tradition of leading the industry in creating jobs and real careers for Indigenous people across Australia," he said.

"We are greatly appreciative of the Commonwealth Government funding to help us continue to strive to do more in the field of Indigenous employment and training.

"ROCKSTAR brings together a range of the company's nationally awarded Indigenous employment and training initiatives to deliver a program catering for Indigenous people with a range of work



Launching the initiative, from left, Special Minister of State Gary Gray, mining trainee (plant operator) Kyah Walker, Macmahon chief executive officer Nick Bowen and third-year apprentice – heavy duty diesel mechanic Josh O'Neil.

experience and skills."

The program builds on the success of the Indigenous Mine Skills Program, based in Newman, which was established in 2006 to provide pre-employment training for Indigenous people.

Since then, 131 people have started pre-employment training across the country, while 155 Indigenous people have started traineeships with Macmahon.

"With nearly 200 Indigenous employees already working within the company, this program will allow us to increase our commitment to Indigenous employment through additional opportunities for training," Mr Bowen said.

"The company has also established Indigenous employment initiatives in every state in which it operates, including

long term relationships with the traditional owners of the Darwin, Gladstone, Argyle and Port Hedland areas.

"The Federal Government funding will directly contribute to 300 additional Indigenous people accessing training to start a career in the industry."

"The ROCKSTAR program further cements Macmahon's commitment as part of the

Australian Employment Covenant to create 500 new jobs for Indigenous people by 2015.

"We have already achieved more than 30 per cent of that target and ROCKSTAR will help Macmahon deliver on its commitment."

Macmahon is a leading Australian contract mining and construction company with projects here and overseas.



# Have a say on the Murray-Darling region draft plan



ABORIGINAL people are being invited to have a say on the future of the Murray-Darling region.

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has launched *A Yarn on the river: Getting Aboriginal voices into the Basin Plan* which it says outlines the parts of its draft plan most relevant to Aboriginal people.

"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," chief executive Rhonda Dickson said.

"I encourage Aboriginal people around the basin to read the *Yarn* and draft plan, talk it through with us and send us submissions."

Authority officers will go to towns throughout the basin to talk with Aboriginal people, and the authority also funds the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN). Both provide an Indigenous perspective into the development of the basin plan.

The *Yarn* is available from the MDBA website or hard copies can be ordered via [engagement@mdba.gov.au](mailto:engagement@mdba.gov.au) or 1800 230 067.

Submissions on the draft plan close on 16 April.

## Conference target is more lawyers



BARRISTER and president of the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland (ILAQ) Joshua Creamer believes more opportunities need to be created to support and increase the number of Indigenous people in the legal profession.

"Everybody's familiar with the current situation, with the high level of Indigenous incarceration, and people in the criminal justice system," he said.

"Indigenous lawyers can assist in breaking down barriers, and more broadly lawyers can advocate for Indigenous issues."

"More Indigenous lawyers – judges, barristers, and solicitors – could be role models for young Indigenous people; someone to look to and inspire."

On 2 March ILAQ will hold a half-day conference to come up with strategies to increase the number of Indigenous lawyers.

Mr Creamer, originally from Mt Isa, said he became interested in the law as a way of fighting for equality for Indigenous Australians.

"It's not easy to go to university for anyone and there are significant barriers for Indigenous people, not so much the study, but overcoming the financial constraints, family commitments and sometimes the interaction with non-Indigenous people," he said.

"When I went through it was tough but I was committed to getting the job done because I knew as a student I couldn't do much but as a lawyer you can do a lot."

For more details on the conference, to be opened by Queensland Chief Justice Paul de Jersey go to [www.indigenouslawyersqld.com](http://www.indigenouslawyersqld.com).

## Water services for WA communities



ESSENTIAL water services at remote Aboriginal communities in the north of Western Australia are to be upgraded.

WA Housing Minister Troy Buswell said \$12 million of Royalties for Regions funding would be used for work in up to 28 remote communities.

He said the initiative would address public health risks in the prioritised communities by addressing infrastructure deficiencies and subsequent water quality risks.

"Urgent improvements are required to ensure continuity of supply and compliance with the water quality requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines," the Minister said.

"This initiative will ensure the ongoing safety and security of water supplies in communities across the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields-Esperance regions."



SQIT massage course graduate Vicki Palm putting what she has learned to good use.

# TAFE Nurunderi campus offers massage classes



THE Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT) Nurunderi Campus is offering

courses in massage therapy in a move to capitalise on demand for qualified staff.

SQIT has two courses – a Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice and a

Diploma of Remedial Massage.

The institute, which caters to many Indigenous students, says both are nationally recognised and provide students with the knowledge and practical skills to work within the industry, and to be self-employed as an independent practitioner.

Vicki Palm completed her Certificate IV in

Swedish Massage and her Diploma in Remedial Massage through SQIT, and now has her own home massage business in Goomeri, south-east Queensland.

"I enjoy doing massage, as it allows you to have a great work-life balance, especially when raising a family," she said.

Mrs Palm works each morning at a motel, and

spends the afternoons building her massage business and seeing clients.

"I plan to expand my business and skills, especially in the area of manipulation and aromatherapy," she said.

For further information or to provide expressions of interest, contact the SQIT Nurunderi Campus on (07) 4179 6899.

# Vic leadership course a first



THE Indigenous Leadership Network Victoria is set to run its first course for emerging Aboriginal leaders in

Victoria. ILNV chairperson Karen Milward says the emerging leaders program is the first of its kind, with a focus on Victorian Aboriginal issues and with direction from Indigenous leaders.

"We know that building our current and future leaders' skill base is essential for our future," she said.

"Our core belief is that one leader can benefit an entire community and therefore the more leaders we have out there working together, sharing information and collaborating, the stronger our communities can be."

The inaugural Indigenous Leadership Course runs from 26-30 March as a five-day program followed by ongoing support and networking opportunities.

ILNV CEO Brian Stevens said the course had been developed on the principle that strong leadership was



BRIAN STEVENS

central to addressing Indigenous disadvantage and advancing communities.

"Through strong Indigenous leadership we can build healthy, productive, culturally-vibrant communities," he said.

"Our mission is to provide the tools

and opportunities to support the growth and development of current and aspiring Indigenous leaders. We want to empower Indigenous leaders to have a strong voice, influence others and drive change while retaining cultural integrity."

The Indigenous leadership course aims to guide participants through a process of self-reflection and personal development, as well as peer review and examination of issues such as managing expectations and the cultural perspectives of leadership. Course attendees will hear from talented and inspirational Indigenous leaders, including Aboriginal Elders.

ILNV says participants will graduate from the course with the skills and confidence to influence others, deal with conflict, implement change and take action to better their communities.

For more information on the Indigenous leadership program as well ILNV's wider range of programs and initiatives, visit [www.ilnv.com.au](http://www.ilnv.com.au)

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AFL legend Michael Long and actor Jack Thompson in Melbourne with plumbing apprentices, from left, Ramone Watson, from Jarlmadanga, Basil Sibosado, from Lombadina, and Sheen Kitty from Bidadanga. Photo: Rochelle Wong

# Thompson, unions act on jobs



A NEW partnership between unions and the Jack Thompson Foundation will

aim to deliver better outcomes for Indigenous Australians through new skills and job training opportunities.

ACTU Secretary Jeff Lawrence, who announced the partnership with Australian actor Jack Thompson, said the alliance

would empower Indigenous Australians and their communities, through a strengthened skills base within local communities.

"The Jack Thompson Foundation is already doing fantastic work in this area, training young Indigenous people in construction trades so that they can use their skills to build homes in their local areas," Mr Lawrence said.

"We know how important it is

to ensure we have a skilled workforce, which means the needs of communities are met, but also so that individuals have a chance to contribute to their communities and to earn a living.

"Unions have long been committed to improving the outcomes for our Indigenous Australians and just last year developed the Indigenous Action Plan 2011-13, which includes a focus on improving employment opportunities.

"The action plan is consistent with Australian unions' commitment to justice, rights for all workers and a more equal society. Our values align closely with those of Mr Thompson and his foundation, so when we had the opportunity to create an alliance with the group, we immediately agreed."

Mr Thompson said: "Partnerships with all Australians are the way forward in closing the gap of disadvantage. By

working together, all Australians can work to help impoverished communities seek a better life for their kids and their communities.

"This partnership with the ACTU is exciting and it is essential for the ongoing achievement of the Jack Thompson Foundation's aims, to provide trade-recognised skills that will enable remote Indigenous communities to house and support their needs now and into the future."

# Darwin push for kids' memorial



THREE Darwin Aboriginal organisations are calling for a memorial on the site of Kahlin Compound, the former children's home at Myilly Point.

The chief executives of Strong Aboriginal Families, Together (SAFT), the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) and the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) say the Northern Territory needs to recognise all of its history.

SAFT CEO Josie Crawshaw, whose mother was taken to Kahlin from Limbunyah Station as a young girl, said a

children's memorial would make a strong statement of support for all the NT's Stolen Generations families.

"It's recognising an important part of our shared history, but it's not all about looking back," she said.

"It's a hopeful sign for our shared future that's about letting today's families see that we will all make sure this will never happen again."

AMSANT CEO John Paterson said a memorial would help the healing process.

"When the original Stolen Generation claimants stood up to be counted, they were told to get over it," he said.

"Unless we all take responsibility for

the healing that this memorial would symbolise, our whole society will not get over it."

NAAJA CEO Priscilla Collins said the memorial would also recognise the impact of the removals policy of the past on succeeding generations.

"It's not that long ago that a Territory Government denied recognition and respect to the many Territory and Darwin families who live with the consequences of this discredited policy to this day," she said.

"Support for a children's memorial would be an unequivocal sign that those days are well and truly over."

## Geelong to host Whitelion event



WHITELION, a not-for-profit organisation, will run an employment training session titled 'Supporting youth at risk in the workplace' in

Geelong, Victoria on 8 March at Narana Creations from 10am.

The session will raise awareness of Whitelion's activities in creating sustainable employment opportunities for young Indigenous people in the Geelong region.

Organisers said the session would run for two hours and target 20 key local businesses interested in hearing more about Whitelion's employment program.

Whitelion says its program provides culturally appropriate support to Indigenous young people who have been involved with or are at risk of being involved with the youth justice system by bringing them closer to their communities, culture and traditions.

Those interested in attending the training session may contact Heather Pittman on (03) 9389 4420 by 2 March.



# Focus on Aboriginal Tent



Jason Miles and Iris Ray Munn during the Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th anniversary.  
Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Liz Munro, from Moree, put her best foot forward. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Ali Cobby Eckermann and Lionel Fogarty.



Feli McHughes, from Brewarrina, at the beginning of a march on day one of the celebrations.



Mark (Bunyip) Cooney and Ka Mally.  
Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Rachel Rix, Darren Rix, Lizzy Hood Mullett, Nicky Moffatt, Maleeka Mullett, Amelia Rix, Teanna Rix, Kai Buchannan, Grattan Mullett and Joe Mullett.



In singlets they made especially for the occasion, from left, Laura Vincent, from Perth, Tamara Suey and Natalie Smith, from Canberra, and Kelsi Forrest, from Perth. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



Grace Riley, Melissa Shipp, Erin Barker and Berndatte Riley, all of Dubbo. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



● Above: Canberra's Ian Bateman with Amelia Bateman, 8, Jethro Curry, 11, and Brooke Bateman, 11, at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy celebrations in Canberra.

● Left: Shaun Wilde and Barbara Shaw were among the crowd.

Photos by KIRSTIE PARKER



Arika Errington. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Bart Willoughby. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Peter Rotumah performs. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



David Rose, from Brewarrina, and Lyle Davis, from the Illawarra, carried this banner during the street march. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER



# Embassy's celebrations

Members of Coloured Stone perform during the celebrations. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Marchers pass Old Parliament House. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Della Ray Morrisson was amongst the crowd. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Di Collins and her children Brendan Collins and Dannielle Johnson took part in the street march from the ANU to the Tent Embassy. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER

## 40 years a great landmark

**T**HERE'S no doubt that 26 January at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra last month will go down in history for the now infamous clash between police and protesters at the nearby Lobby Restaurant. However, it was also the eve of the Aboriginal Embassy's 40th anniversary.

An estimated 1500-2000 people turned out to mark the milestone, beginning with a

march from the Australian National University (ANU) to Parliament House and then on to the Aboriginal Embassy.

During the three-day family event, respects were paid to the iconic site's founders Michael Anderson and the late Billy Craigie, Tony Coorey and Bert Williams.

Here are some more of the faces and families from the Embassy celebrations.



Stanley Coombes and Kisha Jackson. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Tom Pratt, Ethan French, Jory Darrigo, Reuben House and Joe Humphries at the Tent Embassy. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Troy Jones and Sandra Le Cordier waved the flag. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



# Professional women on new course



Stephanie Parkin ...  
"I think it's important to have more Indigenous lawyers representing our people and our interests; and for us to be in the mainstream environment as well."

# Career in law starts



**PRIZE-WINNING** Indigenous student Stephanie Parkin has started work at leading Brisbane law firm McCullough Robertson Lawyers. The QUT law graduate, who won the Queensland Law Society prize for the final-year Indigenous law student with the highest grade point average, credits a high school teacher for getting her interested in pursuing a legal career.

"I did legal studies in high school and I enjoyed it very much," Ms Parkin said.

"I was encouraged by my teacher to think about studying law – I suppose he saw something in me that I didn't at that stage.

"I've always seen law as a way of helping those who are less fortunate than us. It's a privilege to be able to study law and help people who are in need."

Ms Parkin will be exposed to several areas of legal practice in her new role with McCullough Robertson, but initially she will be working in litigation and dispute resolution.

For now, she says she can't wait to soak up as much experience as she can. But she has big dreams for her longer-term career, and wants to share her expertise with Indigenous communities.

"I think it's important to have more Indigenous lawyers representing our people and our interests; and for us to be in the mainstream environment as well," Ms Parkin said.

"When I first started studying law I

thought criminal or family law would be the only areas where I could make a difference in the Indigenous community. But as I went through my law degree I realised I could assist in other areas like native title and cultural heritage."

As a law student, Ms Parkin took an interest in the native title claim of her people – the North Stradbroke Island-based Quandamooka people. The matter had been in the court system for well over a decade when Ms Parkin became involved in attending family meetings, to make sure Aboriginal families were updated on the progress of the claim.

## Exciting

She said it was 'very exciting' when a determination was handed down in July last year, which recognised her people as the traditional owners of the land.

While studying at QUT, Ms Parkin also provided guidance and support for other Indigenous law students through peer mentoring programs.

"I'd like to highlight the importance of the Oodgeroo Unit at QUT in assisting Indigenous students with their studies, with both academic and personal support," she said. "And the equity unit within the Faculty of Law is also very supportive of Indigenous students."

Embarking on her career, Ms Parkin said she was excited to meet new people and to develop her knowledge base and skills. "I feel as though I have been studying law for so long, and I just can't wait to get out and do it!" she said.



A GROUP of professional Aboriginal women in key community positions are going back to TAFE in northern NSW to receive formal recognition for work they are already doing.

TAFE NSW says that as a response to demand and interest from the local Aboriginal community, it was recognised that many professionals wanted to formalise their skills with a qualification.

As a result, a customised version of the Diploma in Management is now being delivered at the Kempsey Campus of North Coast TAFE. It asks students to use examples based on their own real life experiences both at work and home.

Those on the first day of class included community services managers, clinical managers, project officers and executive officers from

across the mid north coast region, and TAFE says all were enthusiastic about the course.

"I have always been in management positions in both the public and private sectors, but most of my training has been in-house," participant Cindy O'Brien said.

"Completing the diploma at TAFE will not only provide me with formal qualifications, but it's a great opportunity to network and collaborate with other professional Aboriginal women."

TAFE says that as the course is culturally appropriate and specifically designed for Aboriginal women already achieving success, the community also hopes to promote

graduates as strong female role models to encourage aspirations and confidence in younger women wanting to reach their goals.

A course graduation ceremony is planned for July.

**'Completing the diploma at TAFE will not only provide me with formal qualifications, but it's a great opportunity to network and collaborate with other professional Aboriginal women'**



Marcia Hillery and North Coast TAFE teacher Lyn Lelean during work on the Diploma in Management course for professional Aboriginal women.



## Trainees learning skills at Orange



EIGHT Aboriginal trainees have started their studies in Certificate II Conservation Land Management at TAFE Western's Orange College.

The trainees, who are doing Aboriginal-identified traineeships with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, are from Bourke, the Illawarra, Botany Bay, Broken Hill, Glen Innes, Nelson's Bay and Tumut.

During five separate one-week training blocks they will be able to learn skills in safe work practices, first-aid, plant recognition, Indigenous cultures and practices, weed and pest control, chainsaw operations and four-wheel driving.

Richard Ingham, the head teacher of natural resources management and environment at Orange College, said traineeships were a great opportunity for

both the trainee and their employer.

"The trainee is able to learn skills in training that they can immediately put into practice within their workplace," he said.

"For the employer, a TAFE traineeship produces a more productive worker who is familiar with the business and trained for that industry.

"This partnership with NSW Parks and Wildlife provides real employment

outcomes for Aboriginal students and has been very successful in the past."

● Pictured from left, head teacher Richard Ingham, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service officer Chantelle Clarke, trainees Mykel Holmes, Amy Armstrong, Louis Burgess and Bruce Morris, and Lisa May from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

## Batchelor, TAFE sign



A NEW agreement between Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and TAFESA Adelaide South Institute (TASI) is set to improve learning delivery to CDEP participants of remote Northern Territory and South Australian communities.

Batchelor Institute director Adrian Mitchell co-signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with TASI managing director Stephan Conway on behalf of the South Australian Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills.

The MoU includes resource sharing, innovative training methods and expertise.

"Signing the MoU represents a culmination of dedication and commitment of the two institutes to foster a partnership that will increase connection and capacity and enhance educational outcomes for our learners across SA and NT," Mr Mitchell said.

The catalyst for the



**Batchelor Institute director Adrian Mitchell and TASI South Institute managing director Stephan Conway sign the historic agreement.**

partnership was the establishment of the two pilot Community Development and Employment Program Resource Units (CDEPRU) by the Federal Government in June 2011.

Both institutes have started a number of forums at senior management and practitioner levels for professional exchange and contributed to the development of a 'community of practice' based

on access to the CDEPRU Moodle site as an IT platform, resource and information hub for CDEP providers.

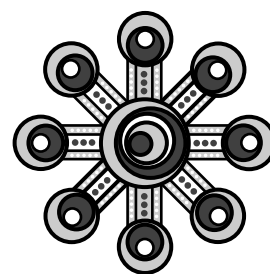
The signing took place at the beginning of a CDEPRU Reference Group Forum. CDEPRU is an initiative to support CDEP providers and increase their capacity through facilitating their involvement in innovative training and employment programs.

Two pilot programs in the NT and SA have been funded to support the implementation of CDEP extension programs as a whole-of-department response to the Bath Report.

In the Northern Territory, Batchelor Institute has been supporting CDEP providers to develop innovative responses to the challenges of cultural survival, maintenance and the successful participation in training that leads to employment and safer, stronger and healthier communities.

TASI's Centre for Education and Foundation Skills has been specialising in language, literacy and numeracy workforce development strategies for CDEP providers.

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### Expressions of interest for membership

Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee

The Department of Education and Training is seeking suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to serve on the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee (QIECC). Appointments will be for up to a three-year term.

The QIECC is an independent advisory body to the Queensland and Australian governments on issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education. Taking community views into account, it focuses on strategies for improving the education outcomes of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the early years of schooling through to post school training and higher education. Information about the current QIECC is at:

[www.qiecc.eq.edu.au](http://www.qiecc.eq.edu.au)

Applicants should possess some or all of the following:

- Understanding of the key challenges for meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Queensland in at least one of the following areas: education, training or higher education.
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in providing advice to government and education providers on local, state and/or national level strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, training and higher education.
- Experience and expertise in engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and individuals in education or similar services at a range of levels.

Sitting fees in accordance with government rates will apply.

**Closing date for expressions of interest: 12 March 2012.**

For more information and an expression of interest form please visit: [www.education.qld.gov.au/qiecc](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/qiecc) or telephone (07) 3237 0808.



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# STI checks urged



THE Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) has backed regular screening and, if necessary, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.

The council's move came during Sexual Health Awareness Week, from 13-18 February.

New figures show that in Queensland chlamydia remains the number-one notified sexually transmissible infection (STI), affecting more than 19,000 Queenslanders in 2011, with about 12,000 of those affected aged 15-24.

QAIHC population health

**'We need to ensure that community people have the opportunity to participate in events, are encouraged to interact with their service providers and that the sexual health messages focus on encouraging regular check ups'**

medical officer Dr Katie Panaretto spoke out about screening and treatment.

"I think in the last few years there's been a little bit of a push to de-mystify or take away the shame that can be associated with having an STI, which after all is just another bacterial infection that is easily picked up and easily treated," she said.

"So it's an easy way to prevent conditions that can turn and have long-term consequences that you're not aware of at the time."

QAIHC sexual health and blood-borne viruses co-ordinator Sidney Williams is a strong advocate of regular screening for those who are sexually active and aged between 15-29 as they are most at risk of getting an STI

and/or blood-borne virus.

"Although chlamydia remains the number-one notifiable infection around the nation, there are communities within the state that are affected by high rates of infection such as syphilis," he said.

"A concerted effort between communities and organisations is under way to tackle this issue."

Ann Marie Mitchell, a sexual health worker with the Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health, underlined the importance of Sexual Health Week and National Condom Day (14 February) on raising community awareness on the importance of the promotion of safe sex practices and healthy relationships.

"We need to ensure that community people have the opportunity to participate in events, are encouraged to interact with their service providers and that the sexual health messages focus on encouraging regular check ups," she said.

# Blowing away smokes



EVERYONE knows smoking is bad for you, but it can be hard to know how to start to change your habit.

The *Blow Away the Smokes* DVD is a 30-minute film designed to help Aboriginal people give up smoking.

Presenter Alec Doomadgee talks to smokers, ex-smokers, health workers, doctors and experts about how to quit smoking.

The DVD links smoking to chronic disease in Aboriginal people and explains why tobacco is so addictive.

It gives practical help about how to quit, provides treatment options, tips about dealing with cigarette triggers and how to plan a quit attempt.

The DVD was made by the Mid North Coast (NSW) Division of General Practice.

It features local scenes and Aboriginal community members from Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Bowraville, Macksville and Nambucca Valley. The DVD is being distributed from Tweed Heads to Scotts Head (NSW).

It can also be viewed and downloaded free of charge from [www.blowawaythesmokes.com.au](http://www.blowawaythesmokes.com.au)

*Blow Away the Smokes* features people of all ages who have been touched by smoking including children and youth. It also has a special section on smoking when pregnant.

'Blow Away the Smokes Day' has been initiated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smokers to quit smoking on 12 March each year, starting this year.

Smokers can make a pledge to quit on or before 'Blow Away the Smokes Day', online or by filling out a Blow Away the Smokes pledge card.

## Resource

No Smokes North Coast project officer Sandra Avuri said the *Blow Away the Smokes* DVD was a fantastic resource for Aboriginal people who want to give up smoking.

"Smoking is the number-one killer of our mob," she said.

"There is a misconception that Aboriginal smokers do not want to quit. That is not so; people do want to quit, they just need to know how to, what will work best and get enough support."

For more information on giving up smoking, to register for *Blow Away the Smokes* Day or to watch the DVD, visit [www.blowawaythesmokes.com.au](http://www.blowawaythesmokes.com.au)



A new DVD is designed to help Indigenous people kick the habit.



## Become an Instructor of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander MHFA Course

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Mental health first aid strategies are taught in training programs provided by the Mental Health First Aid® Training and Research Program (MHFA) such as the 14-hour **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MHFA Course**. This course teaches members of the public how to provide culturally appropriate assistance to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is developing a mental illness or is in a mental health crisis.

Intensive training courses are available to train suitable people to become instructors of this course. There are two upcoming **5-day Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MHFA Instructor Courses** in Melbourne:

- Mon 26th March – Fri 30th March
- Mon 14th May – Fri 18th May

To apply for an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MHFA Instructor Course** please visit: <http://bit.ly/current-courses>

For further information please visit our website: [www.mhfa.com.au](http://www.mhfa.com.au)

OR contact a member of the MHFA Team: [mhfa@mhfa.com.au](mailto:mhfa@mhfa.com.au)

# Academic warns on gap



A CHARLES Sturt University (CSU) researcher says the 'political' explanations for

poor Indigenous health must be more seriously considered before the gap in Indigenous disadvantage can be closed.

Dr Dominic O'Sullivan, senior lecturer in politics at the CSU School of Humanities and Social Sciences in Bathurst, argues the case in a paper, *Justice, culture and the political determinants of Indigenous Australian Health*, which was recently published in the academic journal *Ethnicities*.

"For Indigenous Australians, relatively poor

housing, educational attainment, labour market participation, and access to traditional resources for economic purposes, all contribute to the difference," he said.

"While we fail to address the inherently political character of things such as limited Indigenous involvement in policy development and service delivery it is unlikely that the gap will be closed."

"Indigenous health is distinguished by a median age of death in the order of 20 years less than that of the non-Indigenous population (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2009).

"This makes Australia unique among comparable

post-colonial societies in failing to make substantial reductions to the difference in Indigenous/non-Indigenous health, despite decades of effort.

"There is much Australia could learn from other post-colonial societies where Indigenous people are better included in the political process and freely contribute to health policy development and implementation."

"Political explanations about Indigenous ill-health are central to any examination of the just distribution of public authority, the purpose of political activity, equal political participation and cultural responsiveness in the provision of health services."



# Good health – mob-style



A NEW dance-based youth, health and fitness TV series not only

showcases young Indigenous culture through dance and music, it's also aiming to get people up off the couch. *Move It Mob Style* is described as a positive, high-energy show which takes the viewer on a journey across Australia, providing a view of Aboriginal communities and culture while providing health information and examples of how to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Sixteen locations were visited in the filming of the series, showcasing the dance moves unique to Indigenous communities – from Katherine and Berry Springs in the Northern Territory, through to Murray Bridge in South Australia and The Block in Redfern, Sydney.

Young people in each of the communities choreographed each routine and then performed them with the *Move It Mob*



Professional dancer Albert David, right, with some of the local dancers in Berry Springs, NT during the making of the new dance-based TV show *Move It Mob Style*. Photo by Kel Connor Photography

*Style* dancers, who include the likes of Ghenoa Gela, Medika Thorpe, Albert David and Sani Townsen. The varied dance steps include *Fishing for Barra*,

*Make That Fire* and *Wipe That Sweat With Attitude*.

## Hosted

The series is hosted in the studio by rapper

Brothablack and Naomi Wenitong from hip hop group The Last Kinection. And there's plenty of Indigenous music, with interviews with 16 of

Australia's top Indigenous bands.

*Move It Mob Style* dancers perform to more than 60 original tracks by artists including the Street

Warriors, Briggs, Maupower, Stunna Set, The Yung Warriors, Dubmarine and The Last Kinection.

Produced by Vibe Australia with support from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, *Move It Mob Style* consists of 20 half-hour episodes.

Executive producer Gavin Jones said the show caters for all levels.

"I guarantee our audience will be up off the couch and busting those deadly dance moves too with our local and professional dancers," he said.

"Young people can watch and dance along to the music, or each routine can be broken down by a dance teacher and tutored step by step."

*Move It Mob Style* is screening weeknights on NITV at 5pm and will premiere on ABC3 on 22 March.

For more information on *Move It Mob Style* go to [www.vibe.com.au/moveitmobstyle](http://www.vibe.com.au/moveitmobstyle)

## Allied Health Aboriginal Cadetship Program



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### Closing date

Applications for semester 1, 2012 are NOW OPEN and can be received up to 23rd March 2012

### For further information please contact:

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or Email:

[cadetship@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cadetship@doh.health.nsw.gov.au)



# Improving eye health goal of new campaign



A MAJOR initiative has been started aimed at improving Indigenous eye health. The OneVision Indigenous Eye Health Program is being run by the OneSight Foundation, an initiative of Luxottica, the world's largest eyewear and eye-care company and owner of brands including OPSM and Sunglass Hut.

The program aims to educate Indigenous communities about the importance of eye health and improve access to services. Communities will receive free eye-care education and eye screenings, as well as free eyewear, as required.

The first clinic will be held in Mount Isa as part of what OneSight says is its long-term commitment to build a sustainable program that improves eye health for all Indigenous Australians.

The Mount Isa clinic, which will start on February 28-29, will be held in conjunction with the National Rugby League's One Community

Grass to Class Clinics, run by NRL's One Community Indigenous Ambassadors.

Luxottica CEO Chris Beer said members of the OneVision program were proud to be working with the Indigenous community in Mount Isa.

"We will work closely with local residents to develop the program and eye-care clinics to ensure we are providing the most effective care," he said.

"OneVision aims to improve the

Doomadgee, in far north Queensland, during May following community consultation to ensure the program is meeting the needs of Indigenous communities.

OneSight says it has launched the OneVision initiative to address the gap in Indigenous health highlighted in The Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision – a recent report prepared by Professor Hugh R Taylor of the Indigenous Eye Health Unit, Melbourne School of

Population Health at the University of Melbourne. It highlighted the lack of access to optometry services as a significant factor contributing to poor Indigenous eye health in remote communities.

"One in three

Indigenous adults have never had an eye exam due to a lack of access to services in remote Australia and 94 per cent of vision loss experienced in Indigenous communities is preventable," Prof Taylor said.

"OneSight Foundation's program is exactly what is needed to begin closing the gap in Indigenous eye health."



sight of many Indigenous Australians and we look forward to rolling the program out in other Indigenous communities across Australia in the future.

"Sight is something we all take for granted and it is time we acknowledge the importance of closing the eye-health gap in remote Indigenous communities."

A second clinic will run at

## Report reveals the extent of diabetes cases



MORE than 220,000 Australians began using insulin to treat diabetes

between 2000 and 2009, according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The new web-based report, *Incidence of insulin-treated diabetes in Australia, 2000-2009*, shows that 77 per cent of these people had Type 2 diabetes, 12 per cent had gestational diabetes and 10 per cent had Type 1 diabetes. The remaining 1 per cent had other types of diabetes.

"For Type 1 diabetes there were 9308 new cases among children aged 0-14 years and 13,756 new cases among those aged 15 years and older between 2000 and 2009. This is an average of about six new cases diagnosed each day," AIHW spokesperson Daniel Palamara said.

Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in childhood and insulin replacement is required to survive.

In children aged 0-14, the incidence of Type 1 diabetes increased from 19 cases per 100,000 children in 2000 to 25 per 100,000 children in 2004. But since 2004 the rate of new cases has remained stable.

In most age groups, the incidence rate of Type 1 diabetes was higher for males than for females.

Type 2 diabetes, which is the most common form of diabetes, occurs when the body becomes resistant to the insulin it produces or does not produce enough insulin to meet the body's needs.

Not all people with Type 2 diabetes require insulin to manage their diabetes. Lifestyle modifications such as improved diet and exercise habits, along with medication, are often sufficient.

### Insulin

"Between 2000 and 2009, there were 94,663 males and 77,583 females who began to use insulin to treat their Type 2 diabetes," Mr Palamara said.

"This was 108 new cases per 100,000 for males and 82 new cases per 100,000 for females."

The rate of new cases of insulin-treated Type 2 diabetes increased from 74 per 100,000 in 2000 to 117 per 100,000 people in 2009.

The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Australian Government to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.

# Safe drinking call on mums



A LEADING researcher has urged the Federal Government to do more to

promote safe drinking guidelines following new research that shows one in five Australian women continue using alcohol once they know they are pregnant.

The study, by the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR) and commissioned by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE), highlights not only the continued confusion and a lack of knowledge about the harms of drinking while pregnant, but also the urgent need for major changes to people's attitude toward alcohol.

The study found that almost half of all pregnant women drank before knowing they were pregnant, and 19.5 per cent continued to drink once they

became aware of their pregnancy. It used the 2011 National Drug Strategy Household Survey (NDSHS) to examine rates of drinking during pregnancy.

FARE chief executive Michael Thorn said that the study clearly showed the level of confusion and misunderstanding in the community.

### Failing

"There is no known safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy but these findings clearly demonstrate that the Commonwealth Government is failing to ensure that the messages about avoiding alcohol consumption during pregnancy are heard," he said.

Pointing to the finding that 47.3 per cent of women drank while pregnant but before knowledge of their pregnancy, the study's author, CAPR

director Professor Robin Room, said the research highlighted the potential harms that can occur without realisation.

"Of particular concern is that almost half of all women drank for up to six weeks after conception, but before knowing of their pregnancy, so some of these women may well have drunk enough to cause harm to the fetus," Prof Room said.

The research also indicates that drinking during pregnancy isn't only an issue for young women and the economically disadvantaged. In fact, it is pregnant women who are older and better off who are most likely to continue drinking even after their pregnancy is confirmed.

The study found that about half of the women aged 36 or over continued to drink when they become aware of their pregnancy – substantially higher than the general population of pregnant women.



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# Beauty of Murray River the focus



THE beauty of the Murray River and its surrounds is the main focus of a new exhibition showcasing the works of Muthi Muthi Elder and artist Barb

Egan at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum.

Called *River Woman*, the works in the exhibition are inspired by Auntie Barb's life, culture and deep connection to the Murray River of north-west Victoria and Lake Mungo – country that holds a deep place within her heart.

Auntie Barb is an Elder in the Robinvale community who shares her knowledge and stories about the area. Her understanding and generosity have made her a much-loved Elder throughout the state of Victoria.

"I was born on the banks of the Murray River," she said.

"I can still remember Dad carrying me on his back when I was younger.

"I don't think I'd ever leave Robinvale, I've got the river, it's my home.

"I just love it here."

*River Woman* includes line work, lino prints, acrylic painting and sketching and Auntie Barb has drawn inspiration from the natural environment around Robinvale and the river surrounds, where she grew up.

The twisted roots of the river gum, the ripples of the water and the line patterns in the sand are frequent motifs in her work.

"I was only a little girl when we got here to the river in Robinvale, and never left," Auntie Barb said.

## Playground

"The banks were our playground. We played hopscotch and would make trolleys and stilts out of the old sunshine milk tins.

"We also used to go and get the sweet honey that fell from the beehives in the trees. Droplets would fall to the ground and we would go and lick the bark or leaves and pick up the droplets with a stick – they were our lollies.

"They were good times here on the river. I've always wanted to live near the river."

Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre manager Caroline Martin said Auntie Barb's journey as an artist had spanned 40 years, and she has woven her life stories and experiences through her ever-evolving art.

"*River Woman* reveals the deep connection to country that Auntie Barb Egan has, particularly with the north-west Victoria region", she said.

"The beauty of the Murray River reflected in her works sits perfectly in our Birrarung gallery, a river-inspired space with the word Birrarung being the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung word for the Yarra River".

*River Woman* is on now until June at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson Street, Carlton. Entry costs \$10 for adults, with children and concessions free.

**Pictured left: *River Dreaming* by Auntie Barb Egan.**

## SOLO at Artitja



Maureen Hudson Nampitjinpa with her painting *Pinta Pinta Waterholes*. In early March she will be attending the opening of her exhibition in South Fremantle called *SOLO*.



ARTITJA Fine Art in South Fremantle is presenting a solo exhibition of the work of Indigenous artist Maureen Hudson Nampitjinpa, with the artist to attend the opening on Friday 9 March at 6.30pm and also a gallery floortalk the following day.

Nampitjinpa, 52, was born at Mt Allen, near Yuendumu in the Central Desert, and began painting in 1988. She established her career soon after, exhibiting in London, Noumea,

the United States and Europe.

In 1994, she exhibited alongside her uncle, renowned artist Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, who is well-known as a pioneer artist of the Western Desert art movement which began in Papunya in the 1970s. Nampitjinpa continues to paint her ancestral stories.

The exhibition, called *SOLO*, is free to the public and will run until 25 March at Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle.

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



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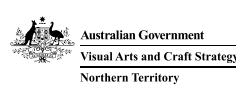
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# Life journey leads to art show



Mountain Bike, (c) Arthur Cole, 2011.



**STRAKE@** is a new exhibition at Melbourne's Koorie Heritage Trust, exploring the life journey of Minjungbal man Arthur Cole – from Aboriginal biker gang member to church minister, and his redemptive walk

from Queensland to Victoria.

The exhibition includes photographs, video and relics from Cole's life.

Koorie Heritage Trust exhibitions manager Nicholas Boseley said it was Cole's first foray into fine art photography and that he had been inspired to create sculptures from

materials in the natural environment during a walk between Queensland and Melbourne.

"As he was passing certain places, he would feel this energy and build these rock sculptures," Boseley said.

"It was a really spiritual connection he was feeling, which is what I think compelled him to make these rock

sculptures and photograph them.

"It's a common Aboriginal idea of ancestors leaving part of their energy in the earth in a particularly important place. That's what he was experiencing." The Koorie Heritage Trust is at 295 King Street, Melbourne. Opening hours are 10am to 4pm daily. STRAKE@ runs until 9 March.

## Partnership is celebrated



A NEW exhibition at Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is celebrating 12 years of

Indigenous programming in partnership with the gallery's Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG).

Since 2000, the gallery and the ARG have worked together to promote, support, and celebrate Aboriginal culture in the region.

The new exhibition, called *Beyond the Dot*, recognises the achievements of that collaboration through selected works from past exhibitions such as *Yapang marruma: making our way (stories of the stolen)*, (2009), *Stories: country, knowledge, spirit & politics* (2006) and *Passage* (2004).

Featured artists include Jonathan Jones, Doug Archibald and Mervyn Bishop.

The exhibition will also revisit the 2011 project *A Possum Skin Cloak by the Lake* which toured to the Australian Museum, Sydney, where it was seen by more than 50,000 people.

Gallery director Debbie Abraham said they felt 'proud and privileged' to have worked with the ARG over the past 12 years, and were looking forward to the shared journey ahead. *Beyond the Dot* runs until 25 March. The Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is open Tues-Sun, 10am-5pm. Admission is free.

● **Left: Artist Doug Archibald wearing *The Lake Cloak* from *A Possum Skin Cloak by the Lake*, 2011, ochre, waxed saddle twine, resin on possum pelt.**

## Indigenous acts at 20th WOMADelaide



TO celebrate its 20th anniversary, WOMADelaide is welcoming back a number of well-loved Indigenous acts.

Gurrumul returns after three years and will be performing the award-winning song *Gathu Mawala Revisted* with Blue King Brown.

Bunna Lawrie, whose band *Coloured Stone* played at WOMADelaide in 1993, and Broome's Pigram Brothers (2008) are also making a welcome return.

Meanwhile, Shane Howard and his band will revisit the song *Solid Rock-Sacred Ground (Puli Pulka)* with a special performance at WOMADelaide, incorporating traditional Aboriginal dancers and song, didgeridoo from Mark Atkins, Uilleann pipes from Jack Brennan and strings.

The album that *Solid Rock* sprang from, *Spirit of Place*, was recorded with Howard's former band Goanna and sold half a million copies. WOMADelaide runs from 9-12 March at Adelaide's Botanic Park.



# Message Sticks fest broadens in 2012



Paul Coe in a still from the 1972 film *Ningla A-Na*, which will be screening as part of Message Sticks 2012 on Friday 30 March, followed by a talk with Gary Foley and Larissa Behrendt.



Casey Donovan is performing a tribute show to Mama Cass, of the sixties group the Mamas & the Papas, as part of Message Sticks 2012.

**A** NEW-LOOK Message Sticks festival has been unveiled, with Bundjalung artistic director Rhoda Roberts at the helm, having been appointed the new head of Indigenous programming at the Sydney Opera House for the next two years.

It is the first dedicated position of its kind at the Sydney Opera House, with the aim of boosting Indigenous arts content in its program of events.

While in the past the Message Sticks festival has centred around film, this year the scope has been broadened to also include music, talks, dance, story-telling and an exhibition.

Roberts told the *Koori Mail* that part of her new role at the Opera House would be to build Indigenous audiences for

Indigenous arts productions.

She said she hated seeing mid-career artists leaving the industry because there wasn't enough work for them, and wanted to get the message across to people to support their artists, in the same way they support their footballers.

"It's very hard to get Aboriginal audiences to a production," she said. "They think it should be free... We need our community to support our artists, because it's our artists who are revitalising our culture and maintaining our language."

Message Sticks 2012 kicks off on Tuesday 27 March and runs for six days, with two days of free film screenings on Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1 April.

Roberts said Dancestry was

another free event, which would be running each evening on the western boardwalk, with dance groups from all around the country showcasing a variety of Indigenous dancing.

"I created Dancestry 15 years ago with the first Dreaming festival," she said.

"It's something that international visitors in particular expect. The idea is they come to Dancestry, they have a good time and that leads them into the Opera House, to see contemporary works such as Casey Donovan doing Mama Cass."

Roberts said the Mama Cass tribute show was a spin-off from the production *Flowerchildren* – a recent new musical about the Mamas & the Papas in which Donovan played the iconic

1960s vocalist.

"The reality is a lot of people can't do those songs," Roberts said.

"A lot of the pop stars, they don't have the octaves. But our Casey does. She has such extraordinary comic timing on stage. People will see her in a different light. She's a consummate performer."

Other musical shows which are part of Message Sticks 2012 include the Black Arm Band's new project *Dirtsong*, and *Icons* with Archie Roach, Shane Howard and Neil Murray.

Film screenings are also providing a jumping off point for discussions and talks, with a screening of *Our Generation* on Thursday 29 March, followed by a talk with Damien Curtis, Jeff McMullen, Alec Doomadgee,

Rosealee Pearson and John Pilger.

ABC's *At the Movies* team Margaret and David will be hosting a film screening and talk called *At the Black Screen* on Wednesday 28 March, delving into the small and big screen, with discussion looking at iconic Australian classics through to new works.

And in keeping with the theme of 40 years of the Tent Embassy, the 1972 film *Ningla A-Na* will be screened on Friday 30 March, followed by a talk with Gary Foley and Larissa Behrendt.

Historic photos of the Tent Embassy will be on display throughout the Opera House for the duration of Message Sticks as part of the exhibition *Under the Beach Umbrella*.

## Governor-General opens retrospective



Governor-General Quentin Bryce paid tribute to Bundjalung artist Bronwyn Bancroft at the official opening of

Bancroft's exhibition *Passion, Power, Politics* on February 2.

The exhibition, which is now on at Carriageworks in Sydney, spans 30 years in Bancroft's artistic career and is the first in-depth survey to focus on her entire body of work in a variety of mediums.

The exhibition runs until 17 March, 10am-6pm daily, with an artist's talk on Saturday 10 March at 1pm.



At the exhibition opening were, from left, Carriageworks director Lisa Havilah, artist Bronwyn Bancroft and Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

## Legal service poster competition reopened

**A** boriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are invited to submit artworks for a poster competition being run by the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The winning artwork will collect a \$2000 cash prize. Entries close on 31 March.

The artwork must tell the story of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) and its 40-year history and survival.

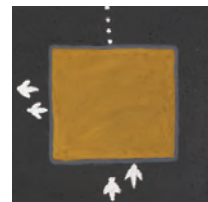
The ALS 40th Anniversary Poster Competition has been re-opened to attract a broader field of entries for selection, and artists who have already submitted a work are encouraged to re-apply.

Artworks already submitted will be included in the final round of selection by the judges.

Photographs of entries accompanied by a signed entry form can be sent to your local ALS office or emailed to [info@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:info@alsnswact.org.au) or posted to PO Box 646, Surry Hills, NSW 2010.

To find out more about the history of the ALS, go to [www.alsnswact.org.au](http://www.alsnswact.org.au)

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## NSW-ACT

**Until 27 February:** Calling for entries for the 'Smile, You're in Redfern' photo competition. Aimed at promoting Redfern and the surrounding areas, also \$1600 of prizes to be won. Entries should capture the welcoming spirit of Redfern and demonstrate the thriving community that exists. Also include a caption of 25 words or less. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9202 9100 or email [communications@smda.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communications@smda.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 31 March:** Calling for artwork submissions for Aboriginal Legal Service 40th anniversary poster competition. The winning artwork will collect a \$2000 cash prize. Free and all welcome. Details: email [info@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:info@alsnswact.org.au) or visit [www.alsnswact.org.au](http://www.alsnswact.org.au)

**Until 31 March:** Lismore Youth Week young songwriters' competition 2012. Calling for entries for ages 12-25 years to submit MP3 format with lyrics, from categories pop/rock, country, hip-hop and R&B to electronica. Free and all welcome. Details: (1300) 87 83 87 or email [lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com](mailto:lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com)

**Until 3 April:** Circle of Security Goori Parenting Group. This eight-week program looks at how to make relationships stronger with jarjums. It teaches new ways to understand jarjums' needs and behaviour and how to respond in ways that help them to feel safe and secure. Free and all welcome. Held at Jumbunna Community Preschool, 60 High St, Casino. Details: (02) 6662 2866 or email [jumbunna@jumbunna.com.au](mailto:jumbunna@jumbunna.com.au)

**Until 10 June:** Off the Walls, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing rich and diverse collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art gathered over almost 40 years by Australian Government agencies responsible for Aboriginal affairs. It includes bark paintings, watercolours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email [media@nma.gov.au](mailto:media@nma.gov.au) or visit [http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off\\_the\\_walls/](http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/)

**22 February:** Rites Here! Right Now! – a photography exhibition, showcasing protest and performance by Aboriginal Kamilaroi women Barbara McGrady. 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](http://www.boomalli.com.au)

**22 February:** Lismore community meeting. The Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs is seeking views on the development of a new Aboriginal Affairs strategy for NSW, focusing on the areas of service delivery, accountability, education and employment. All welcome to register and have your say, cost involved. Meeting will be catered for. Held at Lismore Workers Club, Keen St, Lismore. Details: (02) 9219 0702 or email [taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au)

**23 February:** Donate Life Week Community barbecue, hosted by the Closing the Gap Team, aimed at sharing information about organ and tissue donation. Free and all welcome. Held at Heritage Park, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 4453 or visit [www.nrgpn.org.au](http://www.nrgpn.org.au)

**23 February:** Positive relationships. Explore the roles and responsibilities in relationships. Language of love five different roles we play in relationships. Explore individual expectations v family and community expectations. All welcome, cost involved, morning tea and lunch provided. Held at the Lismore Neighbourhood Centre, 76 Carrington St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6621 7397 or email [Admin-1@Inci.org.au](mailto:Admin-1@Inci.org.au) or

visit [www.Inci.org.au](http://www.Inci.org.au)

**26 February:** Northern United Junior Rugby League sign-on day. The official 2012 season kicks off in April with a pre-season competition 24-31 March. Registration includes shorts, socks and insurance. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held at Goonellabah Aquatic Centre, Goonellabah. Details: (0422) 451 675 or email [john-northernunited@hotmail.com](mailto:john-northernunited@hotmail.com)

**29 February:** In to Business workshops, a series of self-paced workshop programs for Indigenous people starting a business, buying a business, or thinking about it. Aimed at assessing whether that idea can be developed into a commercially viable business. Free and all welcome. Must register prior attendance. Held at The Best Western, Zebra Motel, 27 Grafton St, Coffs Harbour. Details: (02) 6643 2422 or email [narelle.webb@iba.gov.au](mailto:narelle.webb@iba.gov.au)

**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](mailto:Michelle.Daly@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

**12-13 March:** Recre8 – ten-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 learning skills, get healthy exercise, work as a team, make new friends, meet some challenges, and learn new ways of coping. Free and all welcome. Held at Uki travelling through to Lismore. Details: (0438) 323 510 or email [andyh@evolve.org.au](mailto:andyh@evolve.org.au)

**13-14 March:** Mental Health Connect. A inter-active 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 essential 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](mailto:lorna@mhcc.org.au) or visit [www.mhcc.org.au](http://www.mhcc.org.au)

**15 March:** My Choice My Life, exploring expectations of failure and success, develop strategies in managing failure and success, developing individual plans for success and goal setting. All welcome, cost involved, morning tea and lunch provided. Held at the Lismore Neighbourhood Centre, 76 Carrington St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6621 7397 or email [Admin-1@Inci.org.au](mailto:Admin-1@Inci.org.au) or visit [www.Inci.org.au](http://www.Inci.org.au)

**24-25 March:** Creative art workshop includes painting, drawing, printmaking and clay carving to learn how to incorporate traditional Aboriginal symbolism, design elements and mix media also featuring the guidance of award winning artist Alison Williams. All welcome, booking required, cost involved, accommodation and morning tea provided. Held at Yaarawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 170 Red Rock Rd, Corindi Beach. Details: (0409) 824 803 or email [b\\_w\\_n@bigpond.com](mailto:b_w_n@bigpond.com)

**25 March:** Lifestart Kayak for Kids 2012. Calling for volunteers for a inspirational 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, must register before the date, cost involved. Held at Blues Point, Sydney. Details: (02) 9364 0111 or visit [www.lifestart.org.au](http://www.lifestart.org.au)

[kayakforkids.com.au](http://kayakforkids.com.au)

**28-29 March:** Improving Social Determinants of Indigenous Health Conference, showing support for the inspirational work of service providers, communities and individuals making a difference to Indigenous health disadvantage. Featuring workshops, guest speakers and more. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held at Bayview Boulevard, 90 William St, Sydney. Details: (1300) 918 334 or email [registration@criterionconferences.com](mailto:registration@criterionconferences.com) or visit [www.improvingindigenoushealth.com](http://www.improvingindigenoushealth.com)

**8 April:** *Our Generation* film screening. The film will be showing the ground-breaking documentary on Aboriginal rights. Featuring guest speaker Jeff McMullan, including light refreshments. Free and all welcome. Held at Amnesty International Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale. Details: (0420) 354 096 or email [nswdignity@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswdignity@amnesty.org.au) or visit [www.ourgeneration.org.au](http://www.ourgeneration.org.au)

**18-20 April:** Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference, creating effective and sustainable strategies in Indigenous employment to achieve outstanding economic outcomes, providing information on benefits Indigenous employment can have for corporations, employees and Indigenous communities. 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@tonkincorporation.com](mailto:conferences@tonkincorporation.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](http://www.artsproject.org.au)

**3 March:** The Melbourne Didgeridoo and Cultural Festival, including stalls, entertainment, concerts, workshops, and children activities. Featuring live performances by Dan Sultan, the One Fire Dance Troup, Mark Atkins and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Mai Mai Gallery, Westerfolds Park, 36 Porter St, Templestowe. Details: (0401) 207 441 or visit [www.didgefestival.com](http://www.didgefestival.com)

## Queensland

**Until 25 February:** The Flash Women Art Exhibition, focussing on the fashions worn by Indigenous women, includes pictures and the actual clothes, also a program of workshops. Free and all welcome. Held State Library of Queensland, Kurildhagun, Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Level 1, Cultural Centre, Stanley Pl. South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or email [kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on)

**Until 9 March:** Calling for nominations for 2012 Queensland Reconciliation Awards. Aimed for recognising a Queensland business, organisation, educational institution or project for their promotion of reconciliation through employment or training initiative, policy, partnership or community engagement. Prizemoney pool of \$25,000 to be won. Free and all welcome to nominate. Details: (07) 3405 5215 or visit [www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au](http://www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au)

**Until 16 March:** Building Supportive Communities Grants 2012. Community organisations are invited to apply for funding to host an event or project promoting a more inclusive community for

Queenslanders with disability. Events may coincide with Disability Action Week 2012 and International Day of People with Disability 2012. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1800) 177 120 or visit [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au)

**18 May:** Family Day Event. Celebrating National Families Week with nutrition activities, health checks, promotion, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance crews, young Indigenous talent shows, children's activities, local Indigenous musicians, and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Ravizza Park, Edmonton. Details: (07) 4045 6333 or email [socemo@mookairosie.org.au](mailto:socemo@mookairosie.org.au) or visit [www.mookairosie.org.au](http://www.mookairosie.org.au)

## South Australia

**24-26 February:** Spirit Festival 2012, a three-day festival featuring forums, workshops, dance ceremonies and performances by Kineman Karma, Zennith and Casey Donovan. Free and all welcome. Held at Rymill Park, Adelaide. Details: email [info@thespiritfestival.com](mailto:info@thespiritfestival.com) or visit [www.thespiritfestival.com](http://www.thespiritfestival.com)

**2-3 March:** Desert Fringe. Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing a range of Indigenous art works, featuring music, cabaret, circus, comedy, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performances and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Port Augusta Community Centre, 6 Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta. Details: (08) 8641 9176 or visit [www.adelaidefringe.com.au/desert-fringe](http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/desert-fringe)

**2-18 March:** 2012 Adelaide Festival. A festival of arts and entertainment with a feast of 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](mailto:contact@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au)

**9-12 March:** Womadelaide's 20th anniversary music festival, featuring some of Australia's best Indigenous performers, also visual arts, dance, street theatre and food. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8271 1488 or email [apadmin@artsprojects.com.au](mailto:apadmin@artsprojects.com.au) or visit [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

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**Until 15 July:** Yalangbara: Art of the Djang-kawu, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land. Including the first paintings produced at Yirrkala in the 1930s, unique crayon drawings from the 1950s, and monumental narrative bark paintings, along with contemporary sculptures and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, 19 Conacher St, Fannie Bay. Details: (08) 8999 8264 or email [museum.magnt@nt.gov.au](mailto:museum.magnt@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.magnt.nt.gov.au](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au)

**21-23 March:** Indigenous Forces at Work Employment and Training Conference. The three-day conference will commence with a day of field trip visits to innovative local Indigenous enterprises conducted by Anangu Tours. Feature stories and storytelling by Indigenous people and more. Free and all welcome to register. Held Crowne Plaza, 82 Barrett Dr, Alice Springs. Details: (1800) 331 915 or email [dbatty@ja.com.au](mailto:dbatty@ja.com.au) or visit [www.jaitn.com.au](http://www.jaitn.com.au)



# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Famee Torrens and Relicca Kelly, of Ballina, with Naomi Kelly, of Wardell, listening at the Ballina information session.



BDCSA special projects officer Brett Ashby speaks to the potential trainees.

# Focus on the future



ABOUT 50 potential Aboriginal trainees gathered in Ballina, northern NSW, recently to learn about careers in the community services sector.

The information session, organised by the Ballina District Community Services Association (BDCSA), was held at the Ballina RSL Club.

The BDCSA, in collaboration with regional community partners from Grafton to Pottsville and west to Casino, has joined forces with the Taree Indigenous Development and Employment service to create 20 traineeships for Aboriginal people.

BDCSA executive officer Dianna Howell said the day was a way of 'selling' a career in the community services sector, which covered such areas as health care and ageing.

Ms Howell said the BDCSA had been offering about 10 traineeships a year since 2009 and was pleased to double that by joining forces with other organisations.

"Utilising the foundation already established by BDCSA's existing

traineeship recruitment model, an exciting new approach has resulted in the Regional Aboriginal Project for Traineeships (RAPT)," she said.

"The RAPT partnership will provide greater employment opportunities for Aboriginal peoples across the Northern Rivers, whilst increasing the Aboriginal workforce in the community services sector.

"This will encourage the development of cultural competencies within the sector, and make for more culturally appropriate service delivery regionally."

### Guaranteed work

After selection, the 20 trainees will have a minimum of 12 months' guaranteed work.

"These traineeships have been specifically developed to meet the existing needs of each organisation's employment requirements," she said.

"The project is an identified transitional pathway to ongoing employment upon successful completion of the traineeships.

"This project is an example of how sustainable Aboriginal employment can be targeted through regional partnerships and mutual collaboration."



Fiona Close and Zianna Roberts, both of Alstonville, at the Ballina session.

## It's your guide to employment

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**Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC)  
Department of Family and Community Services NSW**

## TRAINEE ASSISTANT IN NURSING ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

**Closing Date 07 March 2012**

### Temporary full-time positions are now available:

The agency is currently recruiting Aboriginal people for the Trainee Assistant in Nursing Aboriginal Employment Program to commence in April 2012.

The Program is a pathway for Aboriginal people to gain the necessary skills, accredited training and confidence to apply for ongoing work in the aged and disability sector. The positions are available within large residential centres and specialist supported living centres that provide supported accommodation and care for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

### The Program will offer:

- 12 months temporary full-time employment
- ADHC Nurses Award salary and public sector benefits
- On-the-job practical experience in the workplace
- Certificate III in Aged Care
- Offer of support by an Aboriginal cultural mentor and attendance at a cultural camp
- Whole of life caring for people in need

### Locations:

Positions may be located in the following centres.

- Kanangra Centre - Morisset
- Casuarina Grove - Hamlyn Terrace
- Stockton Centre - Stockton
- Tomaree Centre - Shoal Bay
- Westmead Centre - Westmead, Rydalmere
- Riverside Centre - Orange
- Summer Hill Unit - Summer Hill, Sydney

### How to Apply

You must read the job information pack and complete the application form.

You can obtain an information package or further information by contacting:

1. Metro Residences - Leanne Potts - (02) 9842 2496, email [Leanne.Potts@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.Potts@facs.nsw.gov.au)
2. Riverside - Michael Herbertson - 02 6362 7153, email [michael.herbertson@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michael.herbertson@facs.nsw.gov.au)
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4. Summer Hill Unit - Louise Durmush - 02 9566 5041, email [louise.durmush2@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:louise.durmush2@facs.nsw.gov.au)
5. Email - [aecf@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aecf@facs.nsw.gov.au)

**You must apply on-line by clicking on this link: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)**

### Job Notes

The positions are temporary full-time for 12 months in terms of section 27 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

Recruitment to these positions is targeted to the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is authorised by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services NSW EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

*These positions are partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).*



## Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Coordinator

**Location:** Mindaribba Aboriginal Land Council, 1a Chelmsford Drive Metford, NSW

**Reports to:** Chief Executive Officer

**Hours of Work:** Full time - 38 hours per week

**Salary:** \$55,328.00 per annum plus super  
Probationary period 3 months from commencement date

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is an organisation which was established following the commencement of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) with a responsibility for "to take action to protect the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons" as per the legislation. In NSW, Local Aboriginal Land Councils have the duty to advocate the rights of Aboriginal people within their boundaries.

The Cultural Heritage Coordinator (CHC) contributes to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage through the identification, assessment, management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. The CHC encourages and facilitates Aboriginal participation in cultural heritage management within the boundaries of the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council.

This is a key role, being the primary contact point between the Traditional Owners, LALC, local Aboriginal communities and relevant stakeholders including Archaeologist, Construction Contractors, consultants and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. The role is therefore integral to the protection, preservation and interpretation of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the Mindaribba LALC boundary.

In this position you will identify and research objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage value (including wild resource use places, occupation sites and culturally significant landforms) of all lands within the boundary of the Mindaribba LALC. You will also investigate potential Aboriginal sites through a number of available methods, including technology and develop recommendations for protection, documenting as appropriate.

We are looking for a passionate and knowledgeable person who has been involved in this type of role previously. You will have a great understanding of the legislation surrounding Indigenous cultural heritage and your knowledge around developing; planning, implementing and monitoring conservation works is assumed.

If this role is for you - you are an excellent communicator - both in person and in writing and are recognised for your negotiation ability and sensitivity when it is required. This helps you be a great influencer of people and they love working with you. It goes without saying that some of the locations you will be working will be remote, so you need a current drivers licence and be willing to travel.

Mindaribba LALC is in a period of change and this is a great opportunity to be part of a dynamic, forward thinking LALC in a role that provides excellent career growth.

In the first instance, please email our CEO [CEO@mindaribbalalc.org](mailto:CEO@mindaribbalalc.org) for an information package.

The next step will be to send a cover letter stating why you are the most suitable person for the job with your application which addresses each of the Selection Criteria. You should also provide a current resume with 2 referees (including 1 Aboriginal Referee).

*This is an Aboriginal identified position and we ask that as part of addressing the key selection criteria, you provide Confirmation of Aboriginality.*

If sending by post: Mindaribba LALC, PO Box 401, East Maitland, NSW 2323

**Closing date: 9th March 2012**



## Indigenous Sports Management Academy Coordinator

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Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

**Applications close: 11 March 2012**

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**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Tanya Daly on (08) 9368 3630 or email [tanya.daly@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:tanya.daly@agric.wa.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 12 March 2012 at 5.00pm.

## Catholic Education Office Diocese of Bathurst

Applications are invited for the position of:

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**St Pius X Primary School, Dubbo K-6**

Part-time Permanent Position

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**Criteria - Applicants must be able to:**

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Please ring 02 6882 7355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an application package and further details of this position.

**Applications close:** Friday, 9th March 2012

\* All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by, and depend upon, the Commonwealth's IEP program.

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## Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (Maternity Leave position)

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For further information, including a position description and selection criteria, please go to the careers section of our website. Applicants **must** address the selection criteria contained in the position description and should be received by **COB Tuesday, 28th February 2012**.

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**Information Packages contact:** (02) 6872 2744 [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

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**Closing Date:** Sunday, 4 March 2012

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**Human Services  
Juvenile Justice**

## **Juvenile Justice Officer (Aboriginal)**

**Clerk Grade 5/6**

**Operations**

**Northern Region, Gosford**

**Permanent Full-Time**

**Job Reference: 00000TKR**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$85,816 per annum (Salary: \$70,480 pa - \$77,767 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

**Job Description:** This position is responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working with indigenous communities.
2. Understanding of the legislation and issues relevant to Juvenile offenders.
3. Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
4. Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
5. Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients.
6. Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills.
7. Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines.
8. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. 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 is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Enquiries:** Kerry Whitehead on (02) 4325 6800

**Information package:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference No.:** 0000TKR

**Closing Date:** Friday, 16 March, 2012

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**Family &  
Community Services**  
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



## **Aboriginal Care Worker**

**Grade 2**

**Ngangana Branch**

**Narromine**

**Casual**

**Job Reference No. 00000TQA**

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A vital role coordinating the ongoing development of the very successful Mooditj Program. Mooditj is a sexual health and lifeskills program for Aboriginal young people aged 11-14 years. The purpose of this senior position is to guide and coordinate the maintenance and development of the Mooditj Program in partnership with the Aboriginal community.

### Project Officer / Educator

This role is for the Pilbara Community Capacity Building Project. The focus of this role is on engagement with Aboriginal people and organisations, to promote the sexual health and well-being of Aboriginal people, particularly in the Pilbara region. The successful candidate will also have the capacity to deliver health promotion and / or education activities.

FPWA provides a flexible and family friendly work environment. Ongoing professional development is encouraged and supported.

**For full details on these positions Job Packs are available for downloading from our website [www.fpwa.org.au/about/jobs](http://www.fpwa.org.au/about/jobs)**

**To apply for either of these position please send a cover letter, responses to the key selection criteria and a current resume to [jobs@fpwa.org.au](mailto:jobs@fpwa.org.au) or via post to Natasha Mouat FPWA PO Box 141, Northbridge WA 6865**

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Sexual Health Services



## Australian Government Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

### Team Leader (Identified)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 6 non-ongoing with possibility of ongoing  
Thursday Island  
Salary \$72,724 – \$84,095  
PN: 748-201112

Team Leaders operate as the leader of a team in consultation with the manager, supporting staff to achieve the team's business outcomes. The Team Leader will promote high quality customer services in line with the Government's agenda, and lead the implementation of identified strategic priorities at the local level.

This position will oversee the Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Centre's day to day operations of the office based on Thursday Island

Travel will be required to be undertaken regularly between Thursday Island and the Northern Peninsula Area and at times travel to isolated and remote communities can be expected. A travel allowance is payable.

Accommodation on Thursday Island can be difficult to find and expensive. There is a possibility that DHS accommodation may become available.

In order to perform the duties of this identified position effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

This non-ongoing (temporary) opportunity is initially for up to 12 months, with the possibility of ongoing employment

**To apply:** Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or telephone Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit.

Applications close at 5pm on 9 March 2012.

### Customer Service Advisor (Identified)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 3/4 non-ongoing with possibility of ongoing  
Cairns  
Salary \$52,849–\$65,264  
PN: 746-201112

As a Customer Service Advisor with Department of Human Services (DHS) you will assist people from a range of backgrounds to access important government services. You will be required to identify needs and make decisions based on the individual requirements, policy, legislation and outcomes sought by government and client agencies.

In order to perform the duties of this identified position effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

Successful applicants will be placed into a pool. As vacancies arise in Remote Indigenous Services' various processing teams including ABSTUDY, offers will be made for various non-going periods of time up to 12 months, with the possibility of ongoing employment. Accommodation is not provided by DHS in the Cairns area.

**To apply:** Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or telephone Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit.

Applications close at 5pm on 9 March 2012.

### Indigenous Specialist Officer (Special Measures)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 5 non-ongoing with possibility of ongoing  
Thursday Island  
Salary \$65,697 – \$70,890  
PN: 749-201112

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and is restricted to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Indigenous Specialist Officers (ISOs) identify customer and community service gaps and/or trends through established relationships, service delivery interactions, capacity building and internal/external management information. By delivering key messages regarding Human Services programs, ISOs increase the level of understanding, awareness and service uptake by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and communities.

Regular travel will be required and will include travel to remote and isolated communities by four wheel drive and small aircraft. A travel allowance is payable.

Accommodation on Thursday Island can be difficult to find and expensive. There is a possibility that DHS accommodation may become available.

This non-ongoing (temporary) opportunity is initially for up to 12 months, with the possibility of ongoing employment

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Applications close at 5pm on 9 March 2012.

### Customer Service Advisor (Identified)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 3/4 non-ongoing with possibility of ongoing  
Northern Peninsula Area (Bamaga)  
Salary \$52,849 – \$65,264  
PN: 751-201112

As a Customer Service Advisor with Department of Human Services (DHS) you will assist people from a range of backgrounds to access important government services. You will be required to identify needs and make decisions based on the individual requirements, policy, legislation and outcomes sought by government and client agencies.

In order to perform the duties of this identified position effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

Travel (by four wheel drive and small aircraft) may be required at times. A travel allowance will be paid.

Accommodation is not provided by DHS and it can be difficult to obtain and expensive.

This is initially a non ongoing position for a period up to 12 months with the possibility of ongoing employment.

**To apply:** Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or telephone Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit.

Applications close at 5pm on 9 March 2012

### Customer Service Advisor (Identified)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 3 non-ongoing intermittent/irregular  
Northern Peninsula Area (Bamaga)  
Salary \$52,849 – \$58,903  
PN: 747-201112

As a Customer Service Advisor with Department of Human Services (DHS) you will assist people from a range of backgrounds to access important government services. You will be required to identify needs and make decisions based on the individual requirements, policy, legislation and outcomes sought by government and client agencies.

In order to perform the duties of this identified position effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

A non-ongoing employee engaged as intermittent or irregular (a 'casual' employee) will receive a 20% loading on their hourly rate of salary in recognition of the irregular nature of the work.

Accommodation is not provided by DHS and it can be difficult to obtain and expensive.

**To apply:** Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or telephone Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit.

Applications close at 5pm on 9 March 2012

### Indigenous Specialist Officer (Special Measures)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 5 non-ongoing with possibility of ongoing  
Townsville  
Salary \$65,697 – \$70,890  
PN: 750-201112

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and is restricted to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Indigenous Specialist Officers (ISOs) identify customer and community service gaps and/or trends through established relationships, service delivery interactions, capacity building and internal/external management information. By delivering key messages regarding Human Services programs, ISOs increase the level of understanding, awareness and service uptake by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and communities.

Regular travel will be required and will include travel to remote and isolated communities by four wheel drive and small aircraft. A travel allowance is payable.

Accommodation is not provided by DHS in the Townsville area.

This non-ongoing (temporary) opportunity is initially for up to 12 months, with the possibility of ongoing employment

**To apply:** Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or telephone Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit.

Applications close at 5pm on 9 March 2012.

### Customer Service Advisor (Identified)

#### Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS 3/4 non-ongoing with possibility of ongoing  
Mount Isa  
Salary \$52,849 – \$65,264  
PN: 752-201112

As a Customer Service Advisor with Department of Human Services (DHS) you will assist people from a range of backgrounds to access important government services. You will be required to identify needs and make decisions based on the individual requirements, policy, legislation and outcomes sought by government and client agencies.

In order to perform the duties of this identified position effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

Travel (by four wheel drive and small aircraft) will be required at times. The successful applicant must hold a drivers licence, and be able to travel to remote indigenous communities. A travelling allowance will be paid.

Accommodation is not provided by DHS and it can be difficult to obtain and expensive.

This is initially a non ongoing position for a period up to 12 months with the possibility of ongoing employment.

**To apply:** Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or telephone Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit.

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## Trainee (Business Administration) – Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Position

*This Traineeship is full time for a 12 month period.*

This position will provide customer service to support the administrative functions of Human Resources.

**Note** Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977)

**Location** Albury

**Job Reference No.** 264290

**Salary** Total remuneration package valued to \$31,093 pa, including salary (\$13,762 – \$28,177), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

### Applications Close Sunday, 11 March 2012

Information Packages are available on our website. **All applications must be submitted electronically via our website.**

For enquiries call 02 6058 2920.

[www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/jobsri](http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/jobsri)



### Case Manager, Aboriginal - Wollongong

Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation operating throughout Australia and New Zealand. Our innovative care and support services deliver meaningful outcomes for children, young people, families and communities, promoting rights and valuing relationships.



Life Without Barriers is currently seeking a Case Manager, Aboriginal. The Case Manager is the lead worker in the placement team, which is the group of people dedicated to the safety, welfare and wellbeing of the children and young people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage in out of home care, through the support and development of positive, stable, foster and residential care placements. The Case Manager oversees the day-to-day provision of services to the child or young person to ensure that it is effective, efficient and in accordance with the child or young person's case plan.

The successful applicant must be identified as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have a current drivers licence. LWB considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

An attractive remuneration package exists that includes; salary sacrifice, a fully maintained motor vehicle with private use and mobile phone. To download an information package, please visit our website at [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au). For all enquiries, contact Dora Zevgolis on (02) 9508 4108 or [nswrecruitment@lwb.org.au](mailto:nswrecruitment@lwb.org.au).

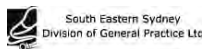
Applications close Friday 2nd March 2012.

*The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for the position.*

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## Aboriginal Outreach Worker Rosebery, Sydney

- \* Great salary circa \$35k - \$55k!
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South Eastern Sydney Division of General Practice (SESDBGP) has an exciting opportunity for a full time **Aboriginal Outreach Worker** to join their team based at Rosebery, Sydney. Working as part of the *SESDBGP Closing The Gap Project*, you will **work within local communities to directly influence the behaviour & choices of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people**, in terms of making better use of healthcare services. Enjoy an **attractive salary circa \$35,000 - \$55,000 plus super & salary packaging options!**



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### Careers with Queensland Health

## Advanced Health Worker (Drugs and Alcohol)

Central West Mental Health and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Boulia, Central West Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months)

**Duties/Abilities:** Assess the needs in Indigenous communities in relation to alcohol and drug abuse and develop and implement strategies to respond to such needs. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)*, it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Jill Keach (07) 4652 7951.

Job Ad Reference: H12CW0274.

Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2012.

You can apply online at  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

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## Executive Director

Tauondi College is an exciting interdisciplinary teaching and training organisation governed by an elected Aboriginal Council of Management. Tauondi has been delivering quality accredited and non accredited training to Aboriginal people for over 35 years by providing specifically designed training programs, delivered in a culturally appropriate learning environment. Tauondi continues to be a significant Aboriginal community organisation in the South Australian Aboriginal community.

Tauondi is moving into an exciting new phase and is seeking to appoint an Executive Director with exceptional proven managerial experience and entrepreneurial flare combined with a strong academic/teaching record in an education or training institution. This appointment needs to position Tauondi at the cutting edge of the provision of adult education/training to maintain the status as a preferred provider for Aboriginal people.

The Executive Director is accountable to the College Council for the effective management and academic leadership of the College. The successful applicant will be responsible for the implementation of Tauondi College's Strategic Plan by providing effective leadership of the Senior Management Group and supervision of the teaching and administrative staff.

The Executive Director will be required to effectively manage and maintain complex relationships with Aboriginal communities and government and non-government organisations in the pursuit of the goals of Tauondi College.

An attractive performance based contract including salary will be negotiated commensurate with qualifications and experience of the successful applicant.

More information regarding Tauondi College can be found at: [www.tauondi.sa.edu.au](http://www.tauondi.sa.edu.au)

To obtain a RECRUITMENT PACKAGE including the Job and Person Specification, please contact the A/Executive Director Ms Silvy Sanzari on 08 82400 300 or via email [ssanzari@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:ssanzari@tauondi.sa.edu.au). To seek additional information all interested applicants are encouraged to contact Tauondi's Governing Council Chairperson Professor Peter Buckskin on 08 8302 9148 or via email [peter.buckskin@unisa.edu.au](mailto:peter.buckskin@unisa.edu.au).

All applicants must address the selection criteria stated in the Job and Person description and include contact details of three referees.

**A HARD COPY application must be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to:**

Professor Peter Buckskin PSM FACE  
Chairperson Tauondi College Council  
Tauondi College  
PO Box 409  
Port Adelaide SA 5015

*Indigenous people with appropriate qualification and experience are encouraged to apply.*

Application for position closes:

**9 March 2012.**



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## Manager, Aboriginal Workforce

Ref No: 65931

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Enq: Paul Gavel, 02 8644 2025

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## Administrative Officer Aboriginal Cultural Development

Arts NSW

Clerk Grade 3/4

Vacancy Number: ART12 15 - 00000UR1

This position offers a career pathway to government and arts administration. You will assist the Divisions Capacity and Development team, in particular with the implementation of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Proven strong, accurate and timely organisation and administrative skills.
3. Demonstrated experience in data entry, recordkeeping and information management.
4. Demonstrated good initiative, judgment and problem-solving.
5. Well-developed communication skills, both written and verbal.
6. Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as a team member.
7. Knowledge and experience of Aboriginal communities as well as knowledge of the NSW Aboriginal arts and cultural sector.

### Notes:

The ideal candidate will have 2-3 Years experience in an administrative role, and or a graduate qualification in a relevant area.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

All candidates **MUST** obtain an information package before submitting their application.

To obtain an information pack please call: Liza-Mare Syron on (02) 9228 3846 or [Liza-mare.syron@arts.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Liza-mare.syron@arts.nsw.gov.au)

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POSITION VACANT

**IDENTIFIED CENTRAL WEST ABORIGINAL HOME AND  
COMMUNITY CARE (HACC)**

## DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TEMPORARY SIX MONTH POSITION

Applications are invited for the position of Central West Aboriginal Home and Community Care Development Officer Temporary Six Month Position with Council's Human Services Division.

The key qualifications for this position are Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977) and Certificate IV in Community Services or ability to work towards formal qualifications in Community Services.

Intending applicants can obtain an information package from the Customer Service counter at Council's Administration Centre, Byng Street or the HACC Centre, Cnr Lords Place and March Street Orange or by visiting Council's website at [www.orange.nsw.gov.au](http://www.orange.nsw.gov.au) or by emailing [cstanger@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cstanger@orange.nsw.gov.au).

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The provision of customer service is a requirement of all staff. Information provided to Council is private for the purposes of the Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act and will be treated accordingly.

**Applications close on:** Monday 5 March 2012 at 5.00pm and should be addressed to the General Manager, quote Container No 111/223/985/9 and include details of two recent employment related referees.

**Applications may be sent electronically to:**  
[council@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@orange.nsw.gov.au). Please put the position name and container number in the subject line.

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## Remote Service Delivery Coordinator

Executive Level 1 - \$85,822 – \$95,603 pa\*

### Walgett, NSW

FaHCSIA is looking for a Remote Service Delivery Coordinator (RSDC) who is energetic and motivated to improve service delivery to a priority Indigenous Community in NSW. The position liaises directly with local Indigenous leaders and the community to identify community priorities for service delivery and to ensure appropriate consultation. The position will act as a single point of contact for their priority community.

RSDCs will implement the Remote Service Delivery Strategy under the National Partnership on RSD.

The successful applicant must have excellent oral communication and negotiation skills.

The position will be filled on a temporary basis for 12 months with possibility of extension.

Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

\*An attractive remuneration package including remote localities allowance and staff housing will also apply.

For further information on the position contact Jessica Rossell on (02) 5852 1011

## Community Engagement Officers

Western Region Indigenous Coordination Centre

APS Level 5/6 - \$65,194 – \$78,043 pa

### Dubbo, NSW

FaHCSIA is looking for energetic people for Community Engagement roles in the Western Region Indigenous Coordination Centre (Dubbo). The positions will be part of a team responsible for the development and implementation of local community action plans and negotiating outcomes for communities based on the principles of Social Inclusion and Closing the Gap.

The successful applicants must be motivated and innovative with an understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They must have strong community engagement and contract management skills.

The positions will be filled on a temporary basis with possibility of permanent filling.

Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on the position, contact: Tom Warren (02) 5852 1010

## Deputy Manager

Coffs Harbour Indigenous Coordination Centre

Executive Level 1 - \$85,822 – \$95,603 pa

### Coffs Harbour, NSW

The Deputy Manager will be a member of the Coffs Harbour Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) team and will be located in Coffs Harbour. The position will work in consultation with Indigenous community representatives and other Australian, state and local government agencies to ensure better outcomes for Indigenous people in the region.

The successful applicant will be able to lead a team, develop strategic relationships, collaborate across government, coordinate service delivery outcomes, and develop and deliver against place-based plans.

Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on the position, contact: Liz Stehr (02) 5622 8810

### How to apply:

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## ACT Community Cultural Inclusion Officers

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Community Cultural Inclusion Officers liaise with and assist artists and local communities in developing, planning, implementing, promoting and evaluating their arts and cultural projects. The Officers promote and develop and opportunities for participation in the arts.

The Officers work as part of a team operating from the Belconnen and Tuggeranong Arts Centres, providing services across the ACT including for those artists and communities most vulnerable.

Applicants will demonstrate a strong understanding of best practice community cultural development within a national framework. An ability to mentor and support a wide range of artists and community groups, sound written and oral communication skills; and advanced project management skills are essential. We are recruiting for two positions. One of these is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position and it is a genuine occupational requirement that one position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

For further information and selection criteria contact:

**Fay Duffey on 6249 7377**

**Or email: [admin@gormanhouse.com.au](mailto:admin@gormanhouse.com.au)**

**Applications close 5 March 2012**



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## Case Work Leader

Based Lismore NSW  
SaCS Transitional Grade 5  
**Salary Range \$56,223 - \$58,579**  
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The Switch programs aim to transition young people that have been in statutory care or engaged with Juvenile Justice to transition into stable accommodation and independent living.

This leadership position supervises and supports a dynamic team of case workers in meeting the programs' objectives. If you are highly skilled in staff development and committed to creating opportunities for young people, their families and community, we want to hear from you.

Application packages can be downloaded from [www.nrsdc.org.au](http://www.nrsdc.org.au) All Applicants must send a current Resume including two referees along with a statement addressing the selection criteria to:

Convener Switch  
PO Box 5419 East Lismore 2480  
or email: [applications@nrsdc.org.au](mailto:applications@nrsdc.org.au)

**Applications close 4pm Tues 28 February 2012**

For further Information contact Brett Paradise  
**Phone 02 66201880**

Criminal record and working with children checks required  
*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island persons are encouraged to apply.*



Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

# Koorie Transition Officer

**Geelong - Fixed term / Full time (1.0FTE)**

**VPS5 Salary Range \$76,424 - \$92,467 (plus superannuation)**

An exciting opportunity exists for a skilled practitioner to work in the School Improvement team in the Barwon South Western region to support schools in engaging Koorie students and their families in education so that clear pathways to further education, training and/or employment are established.

There will be opportunities to work in conjunction with the Koorie Education Co-ordinator, Koorie Engagement Support Officers and the Career Development Project Officers.

The Koorie Transition Officer will also be the conduit between the region and the central office in the promotion and support of Wannik initiatives.

Koorie Transitions Officers will work with schools, Workplace Learning Coordinators and LLENs to facilitate the opportunities for students to be exposed to employment from Years 7 and 8 and enable students to fulfil the vocational elements of their MIPs or other career plans. In doing so, they will support the increased attainment of core foundation and employability skills. They will develop closer partnerships with further education and training institutions to facilitate better transitions for students.

Candidates are advised that they need to clearly address the Key Selection Criteria in the advertised position.

**For further information of position description please visit**

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

and refer to position number BSW251, or contact Chris Eddy on 5225 1018.

Closing date for applications is 29th February 2012.

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The David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research is comprised of the Unaipon School, Indigenous Student Services and the Office of the Dean. These positions are located in the Office of the Dean which provides strategic policy advice on Indigenous leadership, education and stakeholder engagement.

## Project Officer

> Total remuneration range: \$57K - \$73K

As the Project Officer you will provide confidential and high level project, administrative and research related support to the Dean. You will also provide executive officer support to the Dean's internal and external committees.

Highly regarded written and financial skills are essential to prepare discussion and briefing papers on behalf of the Dean for presentation to various committees.

These positions present a unique opportunity to work in an environment that is nationally recognised as a leader in Indigenous Research.

For further information, please contact the Dean: David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research, Professor Peter Buckskin on **(08) 8302 9148** or email: [peter.buckskin@unisa.edu.au](mailto:peter.buckskin@unisa.edu.au)

**Applications close: 9.00am Monday 5 March 2012**

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## Administrative Officer

> Total remuneration range: \$53K - \$64K

The Administrative Officer will provide confidential administrative support to the Dean, Project Manager and the *More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative* project team.

Previous experience in supporting a senior manager will be highly valued, as will your customer service focus, excellent organisation skills and attention to detail.



## BARAMBAH REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICE INDIGENOUS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

If you are passionate about Primary Health Care, want to make a difference and are seeking a unique and rewarding experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people along with a great work-life balance, now is the time to join our team.

Barambah Health Centre is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. The most significant function of our service is to provide comprehensive primary health care, medical and social & emotional well being services to Aboriginal people living in the Cherbourg community and the surrounding area. Our team includes Aboriginal Health Workers, Doctor, Nurse Practitioner and is further complimented by administrative and auxiliary staff, visiting specialists and allied health professionals.

### Location: Cherbourg based

Cherbourg is a small rural community with a population of 2500 people located within the South East corner of Queensland. It is nestled among the splendour of the picturesque farming lands in the heart of the South Burnett region. Once a Aboriginal mission Cherbourg is known for its friendly and welcoming nature and is now a thriving community. Cherbourg is governed by Local Government structure.

### COORDINATOR - HEALTHY FOR LIFE TEAM

A driven and results oriented person is required to further;

- Develop the services capacity and quality of service
- Develop and enhance team based care models
- Improve health outcomes

#### Responsibilities include:

- Program planning, monitoring and reporting
- Delivery against Child & Maternal Health service and Chronic
- Disease management objectives and targets

### MID WIFE

A competent and results oriented Child and Maternal Health Care professional is required to further;

- Improve and deliver antenatal and post natal services
- Increase health checks

#### Responsibilities include:

- Provision of clinic based and some outreach services
- Extended midwifery services
- Parenting skills education and promotion

*Barambah Health Centre is an equal opportunity employer.  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

Full Job Descriptions are available from and Applications to be forwarded by email to Veronica Roderick;  
[veronicaroderick@barambah.org](mailto:veronicaroderick@barambah.org)  
Phone: (07) 41 69 86 00 Fax: (07) 41 69 51 64

**Applications Close: C.O.B. Wednesday 29 February 2012.**



# Executive Director Northern Territory



- Lead role for Red Cross in the Northern Territory
- Strong focus on regional programs
- National Leadership Team member

Red Cross is a leading Australian not for profit organisation working with the most vulnerable people and communities.

We have a unique opportunity for an outstanding individual to drive our work in the Northern Territory, and particularly to support our work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, asylum seekers, and in other significant programs.

Leading a team of committed staff and volunteers, you will ensure the service and program delivery within Northern Territory is contemporary, effective and aligned with our strategic direction.

A proven track record of success working with governments, funders and donors, the community sector and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is what we are seeking for this role. You will have extensive experience and leadership in service development and delivery as well as partnership development, contract management, resource and financial management.

Your high level people management and effective communication skills, energy and collaborative style will underpin your success in this role as will your senior experience within a complex community service or service delivery organisation.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

[redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)

For enquiries, please contact Janice Murphy on (03) 8327 6932 or 0459 843 517.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 7 March.



## Australian Red Cross

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

## Practice Manager Dareton, NSW

- \* Great salary circa \$75k + super!
- \* Relocation assistance + salary sacrifice!

Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation is currently seeking full time **Practice Manager** to join their team in Dareton, NSW. This position will have both a financial management and staff management aspect, as you take responsibility for **fully supporting the delivery of quality clinical care by practitioners** and providing appropriate rewards to the principals, the employees and the patients. Enjoy a **great salary circa \$75k + super + a range of fantastic benefits!**



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Queensland Council of Social Service Inc  
Working for a Fair Queensland

### Senior Manager, Organisational Services

This is an exciting opportunity to work for Queensland's peak organisation that advocates on behalf of Queenslanders experiencing poverty and the community sector state-wide. This important role reports directly to the CEO and leads QCOSS' Organisational Services team, responsible for the delivery of the HR, financial, IT, quality and governance support functions.

Position Description and further info is available at [www.qcss.org.au](http://www.qcss.org.au) or by calling Tina on 3004 6900. Applicants should supply a resume and *maximum two page* letter of application outlining how they meet the selection criteria.

Closing Date: COB Monday 27 February 2012



### MEDICARE ENHANCEMENT OFFICER

VACCHO was established in 1996 and represents 24 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) throughout Victoria. VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self-determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The Workforce Issues Unit is seeking a suitably experienced and motivated individual to undertake the role of Medicare Enhancement Officer. The Medicare Enhancement Officer position aims to provide information to ACCHSs on all Medicare related issues. The primary focus of this position is to conduct Medicare Audits in the form of a Practice Health Atlas with Member ACCHSs to streamline Medicare practices and operations.

To be successful in securing this position, candidates will possess the relevant skills and experience as outlined in the position description, in particular, a demonstrated understanding and commitment to Aboriginal health, Aboriginal culture, and the philosophy and practice of Aboriginal Community Control and knowledge of the current health system, specifically experience in Medicare related activity. An ability to travel is also necessary.

For a copy of the position description and information on how to apply, please refer to [www.vaccho.org.au](http://www.vaccho.org.au)

Applications close on 29 February 2012.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

VACCHO is a smoke free workplace.



## Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

## Careers in Juvenile Justice



Do you have the qualities  
we're looking for?

### CAREERS at BROKEN HILL JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE

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Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as casual youth officers at Broken Hill Juvenile Justice Centre.

Working with children in custody is a challenging role requiring real strength of character. It is both demanding and satisfying to know that you can make a difference in the life of our clients and our community.

Youth Officers make a difference while earning up to \$64,000 pa, plus shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable. Generous annual and long service leave conditions also apply.

For further information or to apply for Youth Officer positions, visit our website: [www.djj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au) or telephone 1800 355 562.

## Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre Inc.

### Administration and Information Officer

Identified Aboriginal Female Full time (70 hours p/f)

Wirringa Baiya would like to employ an Administration and Information Officer. This person will have excellent administrative and organisation skills and an understanding of domestic and family violence.

For this position being Aboriginal and female are genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The salary is based on the NSW SACS/Modern Award for Grade 3 Year 5. The 70 hours may be worked over a ten-day or nine-day rostered fortnight.

Please contact office for a job pack on (02) 9569 3847 or Christine\_Robinson@clc.net.au

All applicants must address all of the selection criteria contained in the job pack.

Applications close: Friday 9th March 2012



## Health South Western Sydney Local Health District

### Aboriginal Male Project Officer – Strong Fathers Strong Families

Ref: 63961 Temp F/T up to June 2014 at Liverpool

Salary: \$1,175.60–\$1,581.40 pw

Enq: Trish Clark,

Ph: 0407 103 327

Closing Date: 9 March 2012

Being Male and being Aboriginal are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 31(2h) & section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:  
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



## Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Glen Innes Community Health Centre

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Leona Quinell 02 6721 9634

Reference ID: 66916

Closing Date: 11 March 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.

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## BIRPAI LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PORT MACQUARIE

(Attractive Remuneration Package  
Negotiable)

The Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the BLALC Board in implementing the BLALC's community business plan.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and an understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of financial management principals and practices. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including social housing, would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer – Trent Lynwood, by email: [trent.lynwood@alc.org.au](mailto:trent.lynwood@alc.org.au) or on (02) 6659 1207.

Applications can be forwarded to  
[trent.lynwood@alc.org.au](mailto:trent.lynwood@alc.org.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

CEO Recruitment Panel  
Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Applications close:

5th March 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



NSW Police Force  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## Leading Customer Services Officer – Aboriginal targeted position

Operational Information Agency  
Operational Communication and Information Command, Specialist Operations  
Clerk Grade 1/2  
Permanent Full-Time  
PARRAMATTA  
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 12/020

**Salary Package:** \$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

This position is responsible for the provision of customer service within the Operational Information Agency Service Centre which is a 24/7 operation. Key responsibilities are the processing of Provisional Violence Orders, Apprehended Violence Orders, warrants outside of business hours, processing of iASK requests for information from external providers, managing and facilitating state wide messaging and #Nemesis inquiries from other law enforcement agencies, internal and external stakeholders.

### Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- The position works on rotational shifts – 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.
- For your application to be considered you **MUST** attach an up-to-date resume **AND** a written response addressing each of the selection criteria listed in the advertisement. If not, your application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

### Selection Criteria:

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Demonstrated strong customer service and communication skills.
- Proven ability to work in a team environment.
- Demonstrated analytical/problem solving and decision making skills.
- Computer literacy (eg Microsoft Office applications, internet, mainframe), data entry and keyboard skills.
- Understanding of government and corporate information management policies, guidelines and legislation.
- Prepared to work rostered duty (over 24 hours/7 days).

**Enquiries:** Sergeant Samantha Davies on (02) 8835 7762

**Downloadable Information Pack:** <http://files.jobs.nsw.gov.au/gqwxv8>

All applications **must** be submitted through Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au))

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000TVN

CLOSING DATE: Sunday 4 March 2012

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## Catholic Education Office Diocese of Bathurst

Applications are invited for the position of:

### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER Assumption Primary School, Bathurst K-6 Part-time Permanent Position 24 hours per fortnight Commence Term 2 (date negotiable) – 21.12.2012 (This position could be extended beyond this point)

#### Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of and sincere commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education, including the values of social justice, equity and reconciliation, but do not necessarily have to be Catholic.
  - Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
  - Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
  - Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Aboriginal students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Aboriginal students.
  - Build links with the local Aboriginal community.
  - Promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture within the whole school community
- Please ring 02 6882 7355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an application package and further details of this position.

**Applications close:** Friday, 9th March 2012

\* All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by, and depend upon, the Commonwealth's IEP program.

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.

*The Catholic Education Office Bathurst is an equal opportunity employer*

## Remote Employment Advisors Mount Isa

Jobfind Mount Isa gives YOU the opportunity to progress with ongoing training & development whilst servicing your caseload & community. We have three roles available where you will be responsible for motivating our job seekers & accurately profiling their skills & abilities to help them get back into suitable employment. This role requires travel to remote communities surrounding Mount Isa ESA (travel allowance included).

#### Our IDEAL CANDIDATE will:

- Have great organizational skills with experience in general office administration and record keeping
- Be able to work in a fast paced environment with many competing priorities
- Have experience in community services, or roles where employment is seen as a desirable outcome
- Have a strong customer focus and enjoy servicing a variety of people; experience within remote communities will be highly regarded
- Be willing to learn and grow in a supportive environment
- Have experience working in Job Services or industries where employment is seen as a desirable outcome, remote experience is highly regarded.
- Drivers licence required.

All our staff enjoy an above industry salary & benefits package including 2 extra days paid leave a year, health & wellness bundle & career opportunities across Australia.



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**fax (02) 9259 5597 or send to GPO Box 5239, Sydney, NSW 2001**

**[www.jobfindcentre.com.au](http://www.jobfindcentre.com.au) - Anything is possible**



**The Indigenous Law Students & Lawyers Association of Victoria-Tarwiri is a young and dynamic not-for-profit association primarily funded by the Victorian state government as part of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement.**

The Association is seeking a full-time Executive Officer for its office in the Melbourne CBD. This position reports to the committee of management and as the sole staff member for the Association, you will need to have:

- experience in working effectively with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities
- experience in administration, managing budgets, project management and event delivery
- excellent written and verbal communication skills
- excellent stakeholder management skills
- good time management skills and the ability to juggle complex projects
- the ability to work independently, show leadership and use initiative
- high levels of confidentiality
- relevant tertiary qualifications in law and/or social sciences
- the ability to work occasional long hours and undertake intrastate and interstate travel
- a current Victorian Driver's License

(Remuneration is \$65,000 per annum plus superannuation)

*Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply*

Please email [amartin@liv.asn.au](mailto:amartin@liv.asn.au) or call (03) 9607 9474 for a position description and key selection criteria. The successful applicant will be subject to a Police Check and application for a Working with Children check.

**Applications close:** Friday 9 March by 5pm and can be emailed to: [amartin@liv.asn.au](mailto:amartin@liv.asn.au)



## Seeking Expressions of Interest from Training Facilitators

**The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) is the national non-government peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.**

SNAICC is seeking expressions of interest from experienced workshop facilitators with excellent group engagement skills to join us in our work. Expressions of interest are welcome from individuals or organisations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and organisations are encouraged to express interest.

To express interest, obtain the brief and application form from the SNAICC website: [www.snaicc.asn.au](http://www.snaicc.asn.au) For more information, contact Catriona Elek on 03 9489 8099 or email [catriona@snaicc.asn.au](mailto:catriona@snaicc.asn.au)

## POSITIONS VACANT

**The Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney is a vibrant and exciting non-government community controlled health organization that offers high quality, culturally appropriate, efficient and effective primary health care and related services to the Aboriginal community of Mt Druitt and surrounding areas.**



**Aboriginal Medical Service**

We are seeking enthusiastic and experienced persons to work as part of our holistic health care team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney. We are AGPAL accredited and fully computerized.

### Clinical Midwife (Lactation Specialist)

**Fixed term, full-time for 1 year**

This person must be a Registered Nurse with Midwifery and clinical experience. The role includes providing aboriginal clients with practical advice and assistance with breastfeeding, nutrition and parenting skills.

### Aboriginal Transport Officer

**Permanent – full time**

This person must have a current NSW Driver's Licence and has a proven excellent driving record. The role includes transporting aboriginal clients to and from appointments with doctors, specialists and hospitals.

**Notes:** *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*

**Important:** Applicants should obtain an information package and must address the Essential and Desirable criteria on application.

Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

**Information Packages:** Jean Blair on 02 9832 1356 or email [Jean@amsws.org.au](mailto:Jean@amsws.org.au)

**Enquiries:** Joanne Delaney on 02 9832 1356 or email [Joanne@amsws.org.au](mailto:Joanne@amsws.org.au)

**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2012**

## Principal Program Officer

**Strategy Policy Programs and Performance**

**Communities**

**Salary:** \$91 711 - \$98 340 p.a.

**Location:** Brisbane

**REF:** QLD/DOC22263/12

**Key Duties:** The position contributes to high level understanding and provision of advice relating to emerging housing issues for Indigenous people in Queensland.

**Skills/Abilities:** Provide accurate, concise and timely advice and contributions regarding program development initiatives for Indigenous housing and homelessness.

**Enquiries:** Tanya Malthouse (07) 3225 2078

**Closing Date:** Monday, 5 March 2012

## Executive Support Officer

**Strategy Policy Programs and Performance**

**Communities**

**Salary:** \$61 641 - \$67 779 p.a.

**Location:** Brisbane

**REF:** QLD/DOC22232/12

**Key Duties:** To provide high level executive support to the Executive Director and Director, Indigenous Housing and Homelessness Programs in both strategic and operational matters.

**Skills/Abilities:** Develop, maintain and review information and document management systems and implement changes where necessary to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Executive Director's Office.

**Enquiries:** Richard Rubendra (07) 3225 1927

**Closing Date:** Monday, 27 February 2012

[www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

#### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Lethbridge Park Public School - 02 9628 6655
- Parkes High School - 02 6862 1844
- Wellington Public School - 02 6845 4080

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to [www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au).

Closing date for applications is **Friday 9 March 2012**.

*Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.*



## PUBLIC EDUCATION

## Family Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

**Intensive Family Support Options Program  
Full Time Permanent Position - Campbelltown  
(on call 24 hours 7 days - vehicle provided)**

This program aims to support families with a child or young person with a disability who are under a high level of stress/crisis and at risk of family breakdown. The program operates on 24/7 basis providing support at times most needed by the family. It seeks to keep families together and improve family resilience. We are seeking a skilled and innovative caseworker able to provide short-term, intensive and flexible in home support to target families.

#### Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications
- Casework experience with children and families
- Demonstrated ability to engage families in crisis and work in partnership with them to achieve their goals, using a variety of intervention strategies from a range of theoretical models.

#### APPLICATIONS CLOSE

**09 March 2012**

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children  
matter

## Administrative Support Officer - Murrup Barak

### Office of the Provost

*This position is advertised as a Special Measure (Section 12) within the meaning of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Victoria) and is limited to persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Descent.*

The Murrup Barak, Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development was established by the University of Melbourne to bring together the University's work in Indigenous research and teaching and to ensure that work is focused in ways that realise the aspirations of Indigenous communities. The Murrup Barak Institute has four key programs: Student Programs, Academic Development, Organisational Development, and Partnerships.

The Administrative Support Officer role supports the administrative and project needs of Murrup Barak by becoming proactively involved in general administration, event management and the stakeholder management of staff, students and industry and community representatives. This position reports to the Manager - Business and Operations and also provides event and course management support to the Manager - Partnerships and Development as well as the Senior Lecturer.

The position requires a commitment to working and communicating with people from a range of diverse backgrounds. In this role you will be expected to undertake a range of administrative duties including project tasks associated with the Rio Tinto Partnership and the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership. Completion of a degree or diploma qualification with experience of working with Indigenous Australians including students, community Elders, and Indigenous community organisations will be advantageous.

**Salary:** \$57,140 - \$65,633 p.a. (pro rata) plus 9% super.

**Job No:** 0028609

For position information and to apply online go to [www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers](http://www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers), click on 'Job Search' and search under the job title or job number.

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Office of  
Environment  
& Heritage

## Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Parks and Wildlife Group  
Coffs Harbour – Toormina Depot  
Field Officer Grade 1 / 4  
Permanent Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: OEH 036-12

Total remuneration package to \$69,950 p.a. including salary  
\$41,113 p.a. - \$54,850 p.a.

Undertakes maintenance and improvements to park infrastructure, operate and maintain plant and equipment, facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities. It also involves rehabilitation and restoration of degenerated areas.

**Selection Criteria:** To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Enquiries:** Bob Schultz (02) 6658 3450

**Information Packages contact:** Coffs Coast Office (02) 6652 0900 [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Applications are to be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

If you experience difficulties applying online please contact 02 9585 6018 during business hours for assistance.

**Closing Date:** Sunday, 4 March 2012

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Health  
South Eastern Sydney  
Local Health District

Closing Date: 11 March 2012

## Female Aboriginal Sexual Health Promotion Officer

Randwick

Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Julia Purchas, 02 9382 8123

Ref No: 66045

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at:  
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or email application quoting Ref. No. to:  
[jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au) or  
send application to:  
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,  
HRMC NSW 2310.

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YARNTEN COLLEGE  
NEWCASTLE

## Training Coordinator

Yarnteen College are seeking Aboriginal applicants for the role of Training Coordinator. The successful applicant will be responsible for the coordination, development and implementation of training programs to meet the needs of Aboriginal clients, Corporate Partners and Industry Employment Pathways.

The successful applicant will have qualifications and/or experience in project management, Ability to build and maintain relationships & qualifications in adult education / TAA or experience in training programs.

Applications Close:  
27th February 2012

For an information pack please contact Kristy on  
49408422 or email: [reception@yarnteen.com.au](mailto:reception@yarnteen.com.au)

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification  
and is Authorized under section 14(d) of the  
Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*



NSW Police Force  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, Central Metropolitan Region, Field Operations  
Clerk Grade 3/4  
Permanent Full-Time  
MAROUBRA  
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 12/027

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:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- 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, communicates, 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.

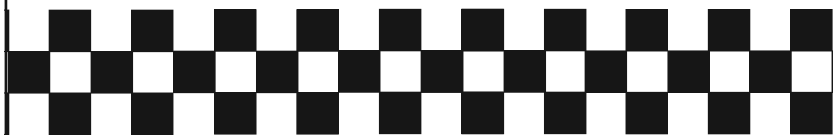
**Enquiries:** Sharyn Frawley on (02) 9349 9205

**Downloadable Information Package:** <http://files.jobs.nsw.gov.au/8ik66o>

**All applications must be submitted through Jobs.NSW. ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au))**

**Closing Date: Sunday 4 March 2012**

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Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment  
and Workplace Relations

## CONTRACT MANAGER

STATE AND REGIONAL SERVICES STRATEGY GROUP  
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CLOSING DATE: 8 MARCH 2012

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## Manager Gandangara Employment and Training Services (GETS)



GETS is a not for profit company created by the Gandangara Group. Its function is the provision of Education and Training Services to the Group, and external clients and partners. An opportunity has opened up for a suitably qualified and experienced Manager to build on the GETS success story.

### Job Description

- Manage all Gandangara education, employment and training programmes,
- Experience in managing a multi-disciplinary team,
- Ability to resolve complex issues in a timely manner,
- Demonstrated experience in delivering sound administration and financial controls,
- Build, develop and maintain relationships with clients and funding agents,
- Experience in producing budgets, detailed acquittals and reports,
- Experience in and understanding of the Human Resources function in a corporate environment,
- Ability to develop and implement innovative communication and marketing techniques,
- Sound working knowledge EEO policy,
- High level computer literacy.
- Confidence in public speaking and facilitating forums and workshops.

### The Successful Applicant

Ideally you will be a person with extensive management experience who thrives on working within a fast paced environment. You must have excellent communication skills that will allow you to liaise effectively with all levels of the business.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.*

If you would like to know more about this position please contact  
Mikael Smith on ph: 9602 5280 or via email on  
[Msmith@sasl.org.au](mailto:Msmith@sasl.org.au).

Applications close at COB 2nd March 2012

## Chief Operating Officer



Sydney Aboriginal Services Ltd (SASL) is an Aboriginal joint venture, not-for-profit Company created by the Gandangara Group. It is a corporate structure led by the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council in Liverpool, servicing Australia from Sydney's South West. SASL currently services the operational needs of no less than four Local Aboriginal Land Councils and is rapidly growing into one of the largest Aboriginal management company and service provider in Australia. An opportunity has opened up for a Chief Operating Officer to join our senior management team and contribute to further expansion through providing additional expertise and knowledge.

### Job Description

This is a pivotal role which will assist the overall management and growth of the organisation which includes:

- Providing active leadership by being actively involved in all programs and services.
- Identifying opportunities to work across programs taking advantage of new opportunities and addressing organisational challenges.
- Leading, coaching, developing and retaining a high performance senior management team that strives towards achieving the vision of the organisation.
- Working collaboratively with the Human Resource Manager to identify training programs that will build the capacity of all staff.
- Supervising the preparation of the annual operational budget, manage effectively the budget, and report accurately progress made and identify solutions to challenges encountered.
- Ensuring the continued financial viability of the organisation's operational units.
- Managing and cultivating existing relationships with partners to secure and expand recurring revenue streams.
- Publicly representing GLALC with external groups including community, government and private organisations.

### The Successful Applicant

Ideally you will be a person with extensive management experience who thrives on working within a fast paced environment. You must have excellent communication skills that will allow you to liaise effectively with all levels of the business.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.*

If you would like to know more about this position please contact Liz Wilson, HR Manager on ph: 9602 5280 or via email on  
[ewilson@sasl.org.au](mailto:ewilson@sasl.org.au).

Applications close at COB 2 March 2012



## 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 at mirii@gmx.com or by telephoning Tony on 0411 343 635.

Applications close Wednesday 29 February 2012.

Empowering First Australians Media



Education &  
Communities

## Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS)  
Permanent full-time position - Position Number: 152760  
Human Resources Directorate – Blacktown

Total remuneration package valued up to \$119,448 pa (salary \$99,982 to \$108,245 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Liaising with Aboriginal teachers and students on matters relating to recruitment and staffing.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and successful teaching experiences within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated high level communication, liaison and negotiation skills.
- Capacity to establish internal and external working relationships.
- Understanding of employment issues relating to Aboriginal people.
- Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

**Conditions:** This is a permanent appointment. Administrative hours and conditions apply. 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.

**Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

**Inquiries Officer:** Veronica Willmott (02) 9836 9148

**Email:** [Veronica.Willmott@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Veronica.Willmott@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Veronica Willmott (02) 9836 9148

**Email:** [Veronica.Willmott@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Veronica.Willmott@det.nsw.edu.au)

It is a requirement that all applicants apply online.

To apply online please visit our website: [www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs) and refer to position number 152760.

**Closing Date:** 7 March 2012

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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**BIRIPI  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
MEDICAL CENTRE**

## Permanent Full-Time Caseworker

Great Lakes/Manning Aboriginal Childrens Service

Biripi AMS is seeking applications from experienced and qualified persons for the above position. The successful person will be a part of the Out of Home Care Team with the aim of supporting and case-managing children in our foster care program. This will involve the supervision and support of foster carers and keeping children connected with their natural family.

Salary commencing \$56k - \$75k with Salary Packaging and a tax free component negotiable, dependent on qualifications and experience.

All applicants must contact GLMACS for an application package.

### Essential

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated ability to engage & work effectively with aboriginal communities.
- Current NSW drivers licence.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Effective time management and personal organisational skills.
- Ability to work independently, as a team member.
- Self motivated.
- Tertiary qualifications in welfare or related area.
- Strong case-management skills.
- Strong Computer Skills.
- Previous work history in Out of Home Care or related area.

### Desirable

- Experience working in an Aboriginal organisation.
- Knowledge of the Children and Young Persons (Care & Protection Act) 1998.
- Knowledge of the Out of Home Care Standards.

For further enquiries please contact Amanda Bridge on 6551 2088. For an application package please contact Cheryl Holden on 6551 2088 or email [cheryl.holden@glmacs.org.au](mailto:cheryl.holden@glmacs.org.au)

**Applications Close: 3pm Friday 16th March 2012**

*This position is child related work therefore it is against the law for anyone convicted of a serious sex offence to apply.*

## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 29 February 2012



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



### Q12012/023 HPX3 ILUA

#### Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to agreement covers about 19 hectares over Lot 97 in SP231132 and lies approximately 18 kilometres southeast of Mackay as shown in the locality map.

The agreement area lies with the Local Government Authority of Mackay Regional Council.

#### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd as manager and agent for and on behalf of BHP Coal Pty Ltd, BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd, Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd, QCT Mining Pty Ltd, QCT Investment Pty Ltd and QCT Resources Pty Ltd

C/- Freehills  
Central Plaza 1, 345 Queen Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Sam Dallachy, Norman Johnson, Duncan Johnson, Len Watson, Nathan Mooney and Gary Mooney on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Group

C/- North Queensland Land Council  
61 Anderson Street  
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The State of Queensland  
C/- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services  
Department of Environment and Resource Management  
Level 11, Mineral House  
41 George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

#### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.1(a) The Parties consent to: (1) the Grant of the Project Tenure to the Joint Venture Partners; and

(2) the Surrender in accordance with clause 4.2.

(b) The Project Tenure may, at the Joint Venture Partners' nomination, be Granted to one or more of the Joint Venture Partners or a Related Entity.

(c) For the purpose of section 24EB(1)(d) of the NTA, agree that any Surrender that occurs pursuant to clause 4.2 is intended to extinguish Native Title at the time of the Surrender.

4.2(a) If: (1) The Joint Venture Partners seek the Project Tenure; and (2) the Project Tenure cannot be Granted unless a Surrender first takes place, then the Surrender will occur immediately before the Project tenure is Granted.

(b) The Joint Venture Partners must notify the Signatories of any Surrender that occurs pursuant to this clause and provide the State with a copy of that notification.

4.4 For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA and regulation 7(5) of the ILUA Regulations, the Parties consent to the doing of any Project Acts that are Future Acts.

4.5 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply and does not apply to the Project Acts.

4.6 The Non-Extinguishment Principle does not apply to the Project Acts.

#### Definitions:

"Joint Venture Partners" means the persons who are the participants in the CQCA Joint Venture, currently being: 1. BHP Coal Pty Ltd; 2. BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd; 3. UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd; 4. Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd; 5. QCT Mining Pty Ltd; 6. QCT Investment Pty Ltd; and 7. QCT Resources Pty Ltd.

"Project Acts" means the Grant of the Project Tenure and the Surrender or Taking of Native Title and includes any act necessary or ancillary to the grant of the Project Tenure, the Surrender or Taking of Native Title.

"Reclamation Area" means an area of not more than 10.5 hectares being that part of Lot 97 on SP231132 landward of the high water line (subject to survey), a map of which appears in Schedule 4.

"Surrender" means a surrender of Native Title in relation to the Reclamation Area.

"Taking of Native Title" means the taking of Native Title within the Reclamation Area to enable the Grant of Project Tenure pursuant to the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (QLD), the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* (QLD) or any other legislation which provides for the taking of land or rights relating to 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 Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 29 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. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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# IF YOU WISH TO ADVERTSE IN THE KOORI MAIL NEWSPAPER, CONTACT THERESA, CHRIS OR STUART ON (02) 66 222 666.

## Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland  
Notification day: 29 February 2012



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### QI2012/038 Kalkadoon People and Local Government ILUA Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 38,720 square kilometres and is located in the vicinity of Mount Isa. The external boundary of the area is shown on the locality map in a bold black line.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Burke, Boulia, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, McKinlay Shire Councils and Mount Isa City Council.

### QI2012/039 Kalkadoon People/Alcala and Canobie ILUA Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 1340 square kilometres and is located approximately 150 kilometres northeast of Mt Isa. The area is shown stippled on the locality map. The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Cloncurry Shire Council.

### Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

#### Parties common to both agreements

Illona Parter, Noleen Dempsey, Douglas Bruce, Lawrence "Sonny" Condren, Patricia Ann Kyle, Cornelia Craigie, William Doyle, Hazel Munro and Sue Sarmardin (Jr) as the Applicant for Native Title Determination Application QUD579/2005 (Kalkadoon People)  
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services  
PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

#### Other parties to the agreements

#### **QI2012/038 Kalkadoon People and Local Government ILUA**

Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, Burke Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council  
C/- Gilkerson Legal  
GPO Box 12543  
BRISBANE QLD 4003

Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd  
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services  
PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

#### **QI2012/039 Kalkadoon People/Alcala and Canobie ILUA**

A A Company Pty Ltd  
C/- Thynne & Macartney  
GPO Box 245  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

### The agreements contain the following statements:

*[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]*

#### **QI2012/038 Kalkadoon People and Local Government ILUA**

Clause 38.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

Clause 43.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 7).  
*[The "Low Native Title Impact Activities" set out in Schedule 7 include Maintenance, Infrastructure, Statutory Approvals, Tenure Grants, Pest Control, Contractual Interests including with Third Parties, Operational Activities, Access and Site Investigation, Emergencies and Low Impact Works/Infrastructure otherwise agreed between the Native Title Party and a Local Government; a copy of Schedule 7 can be obtained from the Tribunal's Case Manager on the number below].*

#### **QI2012/039 Kalkadoon People/Alcala and Canobie ILUA**

*[The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either s24EB(1)(b)(c) or (d) or s24EBA (1) (a). The purpose of the agreement 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 two applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the areas concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown on the above map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, **National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 29 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](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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## ISIS Primary Care



ISIS Primary Care provides progressive community health and welfare services in the Western Metropolitan region, only 20 minutes by car from the city.

### Aboriginal Access Worker - ISIS Primary Care

Our community health service is looking for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander who is keen to make a difference for their community.

This fulltime or part time role is based at our St Albans site. Sitting within a supportive team this role will build upon the existing work in this area, with the main aim of helping the local Aboriginal community to get the services they need. ISIS Primary Care provides a range of health services across Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Wyndham, in the Western region of Melbourne.

This job covers two main areas of work - helping the Aboriginal community to access services and working within the organisation to improve how we work with the Aboriginal community.

To help the Aboriginal community to get the services they need:

- You will be working with other people that work in this area
- As we have done in the past, this might include art activities, cultural celebration days and any other ways that we can get to know the Aboriginal community better.
- You will also be involved in different formal and informal networks that have close links with the Aboriginal community

In terms of working with the organisation you will become a member of our Diversity committee as well as the Aboriginal advisory committee

- These two aspects of the work will help the organisation to gain the confidence and trust of the Aboriginal community
- The work of the Diversity committee will build upon the cultural awareness and other related work that has already been developed across the organisation

If you have an interest in the role and would like to know more please call Michael Falloon on 8734 1400

This position is exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 Application Number A178/2010

Applications Close Monday 5th March 2012

**All positions subject to satisfactory police check.**

**For position descriptions and to submit an application please go to the recruitment link located at [www.isispc.com.au](http://www.isispc.com.au).**

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## St Vincent's Private

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nursing Cadetship 2012

**Position No: 146441**

**Applications Close: 26/03/2012 5:00 pm**

**St Vincent's Private Hospital is a 250 bed acute care facility located in close proximity to the City of Sydney and the beaches and parks. We cater to a wide variety of medical and surgical specialties, utilizing cutting edge technology. St Vincent's Private Hospital has recently been designated a Magnet facility which demonstrates its high level of leadership, staff empowerment and professional practice and creates an exciting, innovative place to work."**

We are commencing the first intake of our new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nursing Cadetship program for Bachelor of Nursing students in 2012. We believe that nursing is an exciting career that provides many good career opportunities and the ability to contribute to the community. Cadets will receive valuable experience and support whilst they work as an Assistant in Nursing over the three year period during their university studies. In the first year of university studies, you will be supernumerary, meaning we can maximize support and learning opportunities for you, as you begin your nursing career.

Conducted in partnership with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Nursing cadets will also receive the following benefits during the program:

- A study allowance during university semesters of approximately \$600 each fortnight (based on a 20 week student semester)
- A book and equipment allowance of \$500 each semester
- Minimum of 12 weeks or 60 days employment each year. St Vincent's Private has an attractive pay scale for Assistants in Nursing.
- Cadets will be allocated a St Vincent's Private Hospital nursing mentor
- The experience of working at a leading private and Magnet accredited hospital
- We are currently involved in the Reconciliation Action Plan
- We have a competency based new graduate program. On completion of your degree we will encourage you to apply for our program or programs conducted at other hospitals.

### In order to be eligible for the cadetship at St Vincent's Private you need to:

- Be enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing by full time studies (as your first undergraduate degree). Preferably this should be Sydney based to facilitate work arrangements.
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and be accepted as such by the community in which you live, or have lived; and be of Australian Aboriginal descent; or of Torres strait Islander descent; or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Have excellent communication and team work skills

For further information, please contact: Jeremy Gowing NUM or Thelma De Lisser-Howarth, NM Phone (02) 8382 7111.

**Application Instructions:** Applicants are requested to apply online. [www.careersatvmhs.com.au](http://www.careersatvmhs.com.au)

You are required to address the selection criteria.

Please address your application to: Sarah Coleman , St Vincent's Private Hospital.



## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that **OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD** ABN 67 150 740 613 of Suite 7 / 29 Ord St West Perth WA 6005, is the mining operator and registered holder of Exploration Licence 3956 and Exploration Licence 4022. **OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD** proposes to carry out mining operations of an exploratory nature on the Exploration Licences on the following land (**Land**):

### EXPLORATION LICENCE 3956

The land is located in the State of South Australia and is comprised within Exploration Licence 3956 located approximately 20 km south east of Olary referred to as **Devonborough Downs Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°21'S and longitude 140°30'E, thence east to longitude 140°35'E, south to latitude 32°22'S, east to longitude 140°36'E, south to latitude 32°23'S, east to longitude 140°37'E, south to latitude 32°26'S, east to longitude 140°39'E, south to latitude 32°32'S, west to longitude 140°26'E, north to latitude 32°30'S, west to longitude 140°24'E, north to latitude 32°25'S, east to longitude 140°30'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**). The total area of the Land is approximately 359 square kilometres.

### EXPLORATION LICENCE 4022

The land is located in the State of South Australia, and is comprised within Exploration Licence 4022 located immediately south Olary referred to as **Olary Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°17'S and longitude 140°11'E, thence east to longitude 140°32'E, south to latitude 32°18'S, east to longitude 140°33'E, south to latitude 32°19'S, east to longitude 140°34'E, south to latitude 32°20'S, east to longitude 140°35'E, south to latitude 32°21'S, west to longitude 140°30'E, south to latitude 32°25'S, west to longitude 140°24'E, south to latitude 32°30'S, west to longitude 140°23'E, north to latitude 32°29'S, west to longitude 140°13'E, south to latitude 32°31'S, west to longitude 140°11'E, south to latitude 32°33'S, west to longitude 140°10'E, south to latitude 32°36'S, east to longitude 140°11'E, south to latitude 32°38'S, west to longitude 140°05'E, south to latitude 32°40'S, west to longitude 140°04'E, south to latitude 32°42'S, west to longitude 140°02'E, north to latitude 32°40'S, east to longitude 140°03'E, north to latitude 32°30'S, west to longitude 140°02'E, north to latitude 32°25'S, east to longitude 140°11'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**). The total area of the Land is approximately 976 square kilometres.

But in relation to both Exploration Licence 3956 and Exploration Licence 4022, excluding any land that is subject to a valid grant of freehold, or a valid grant of a perpetual leasehold, and excluding any land in relation to which all native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished in accordance with the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and/or the Native Title (South Australia) Act 1994 (SA); and

in relation to Exploration Licence 3956, excluding all land the subject of the Ngadjuri Nation No 2 native title determination application, Federal Court action number SAD304/11, that is registered with the National Native Title Tribunal, Tribunal file number SC11/2; and

in relation to Exploration Licence 4022, excluding all land the subject of the Adnyamathanha No 1 native title determination application, Federal Court action file number SAD6001/98, that is registered with the National Native Title Tribunal, Tribunal file number SC99/1; and excluding all land the subject of the Ngadjuri Nation native title determination application, Federal Court action file number SAD147/10, that is lodged with the National Native Title Tribunal, Tribunal file number SC10/2.

**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 mineralisation. Without limiting that general description, those operations may include: reconnaissance; gridding; mapping; aerial and handheld photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; soil, rock chip and other geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; shallow trenching; limited clearing for access and drilling; drilling (including diamond core drilling and other methods); downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill core/cuttings; and establishment of temporary camp/storage sites.

**The proposed operations will be authorised by the following exploration authorities under the *Mining Act 1971*:**

Exploration Licence 3956 and Exploration Licence 4022 of which **OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD** is the registered holder (including any extensions, renewals or replacements of these Exploration Licences).

**OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971* in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.**

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971*, 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, **OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD** 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.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if, within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations pursuant to Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971*, **OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD** (or its successors or assigns) and any native title party or parties that have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971* for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land to which this notice relates.

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 **OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD** as follows:

**OLARY MAGNETITE PTY LTD**  
c/- FINLAYSONS  
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: (08) 8235 7452  
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944  
Contact: Mr George McKenzie

## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 7 March 2012



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 6 June 2012**. After 6 June 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



**Application name:** Clive Davis & Ors v State of Western Australia (Whadjuk People)

**Federal Court File No:** WAD242/2011

**Date filed:** 23 June 2011

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

**Description:** The area subject to this application covers about 5,580 square kilometres over the Perth metropolitan area and surrounding areas as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Cities of Armadale, Bayswater, Belmont, Canning, Cockburn, Fremantle, Gosnells, Joondalup, Melville, Nedlands, Perth, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Vincent and Wanneroo, the Towns of Bassendean, Cambridge, Claremont, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Mosman Park and Victoria Park and the Shires of Beverley, Chittering, Gingin, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Northam, Peppermint Grove, Toodyay and York.

**Note that not all of the land and waters within the external boundary is subject to the claim. For example, the application excludes freehold land within that boundary.**

**Data statement:** Claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

*For assistance and further information about this application, call Karen Holmes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).*

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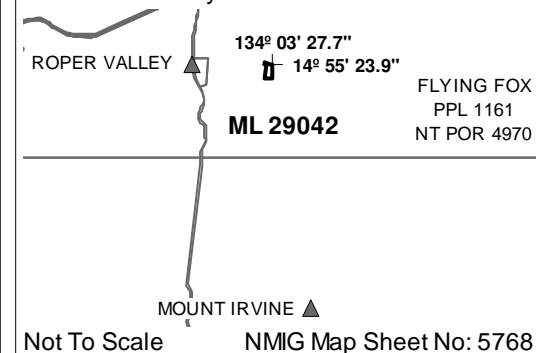
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

### *NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

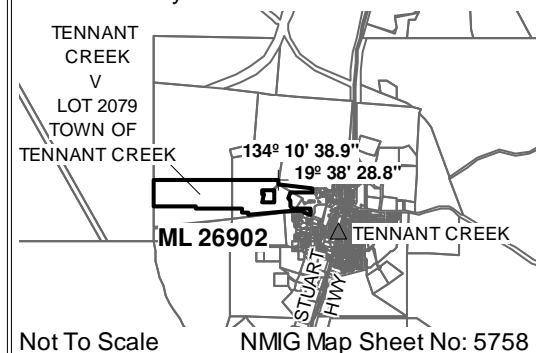
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following mineral title application(s).

**Applications to which this notice applies:**

Mineral Lease 29042 sought by AUSTRALIAN ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 42.76 Ha depicted below for a term of 40 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



Mineral Lease 26902 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 164.3 Ha depicted below for a term of 25 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



**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 leases 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) 89 995322.

**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) 8360 1230.

**Notification Day:** 22 February 2012



## PUBLIC NOTICE

# Information sessions for the Iman People for a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

**Cockatoo Coal Limited ABN 13 112 682 158 (Cockatoo Coal)** proposes to develop the Taroom and Collingwood open cut mining projects (**Cockatoo Coal Projects**) which lie within the ILUA Area shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**). The Taroom project is located approximately 7km south east of the township of Taroom and the Collingwood project is located approximately 12km north east of the Wandoan township. Cockatoo Coal will also continue to explore for coal within the ILUA Area and will be hoping to identify further opportunities for coal mine development.

Cockatoo Coal proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision C of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**NTA**) in relation to the land or waters that are subject to the ILUA Area and for any such ILUA/s to be authorised by all persons required to do so under s251A of the NTA.

The ILUA Area is located wholly within the boundary of the Iman People #2 native title claim (Native Title Determination Application QUD6162/98; QC97/55).

Information sessions regarding the Cockatoo Coal Projects and the proposed ILUA for any persons who identify as members of the Iman People #2 native title claim group will be held as follows:

**Date:** Monday 5th March 2012  
**Time:** 4pm – 6pm  
**Venue:** Holiday Inn, 159 Roma Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

**Date:** Tuesday 6th March 2012  
**Time:** 11am – 2pm  
**Venue:** Murgon Services Club, 70 Gore Street, Murgon QLD 4605

**Date:** Saturday 10th March 2012  
**Time:** 11am – 1pm  
**Venue:** Arthur Titley Centre, 101 – 105 Mosman Street, Charters Towers QLD 4820

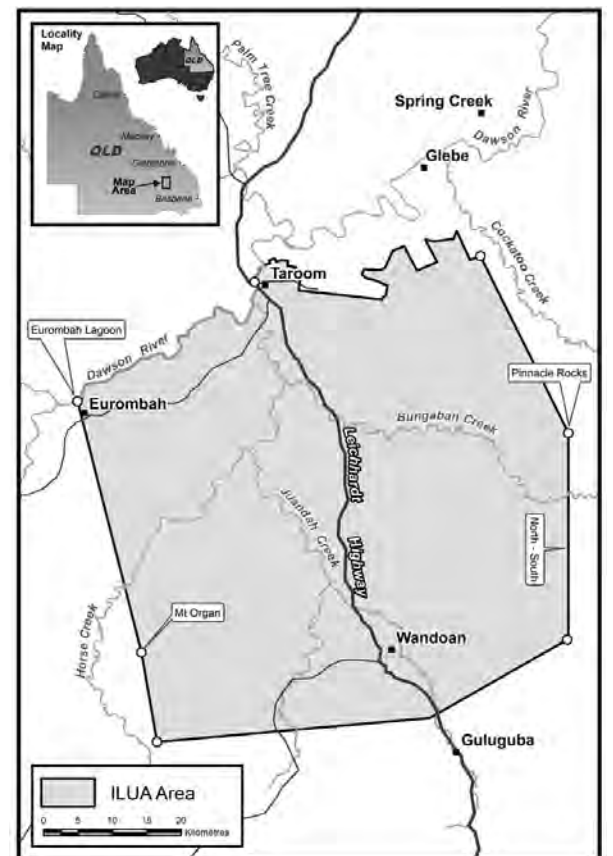
**Date:** Saturday 17th March 2012  
**Time:** 12pm – 2pm  
**Venue:** Central Queensland University, Building 32 Room G18, Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton QLD 4702

**Date:** Sunday 18th March 2012  
**Time:** 11am – 1pm  
**Venue:** Blackwater Community Centre, Wey Street, Blackwater QLD 4717

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the ILUA Area who does not identify as a member of the Iman People, or any person who requires further information in relation to the ILUA, should contact **Queensland Cultural Heritage and Native Title Management Services (Q-Chantms)** on (07) 4926 9682.

People who do not identify as a member of the Iman People may be asked to provide evidence of to support their claim that they hold or may hold native title within the ILUA Area, other than as a member of the Iman People # 2 native title claim group.

Financial assistance with travel and accommodation will not be provided, however catering will be provided at the meetings. Attendees should register their intention to attend a meeting with **Q-Chantms** on (07) 4926 9682.



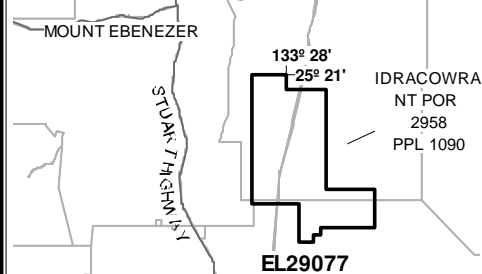
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

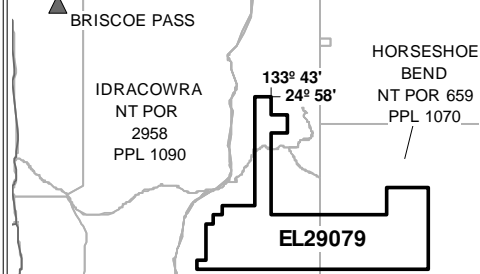
#### Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29077 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 227 Blocks (704 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the UMBEARA locality.



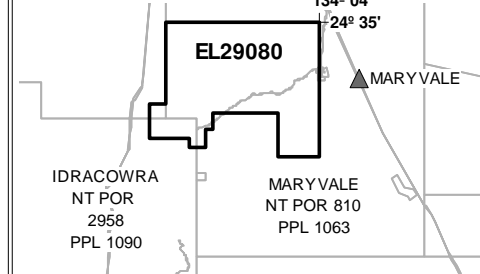
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Exploration Licence 29079 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 211 Blocks (657 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the IDRACOWRA locality.



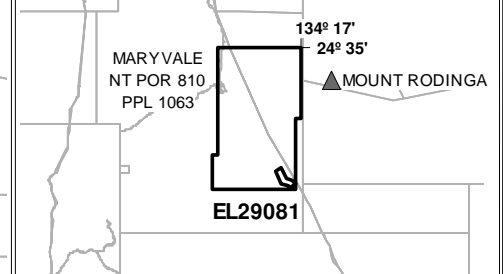
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Exploration Licence 29080 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 242 Blocks (755 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHARLOTTE locality.



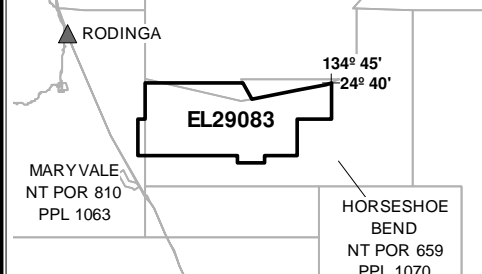
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Exploration Licence 29081 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 255 Blocks (796 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



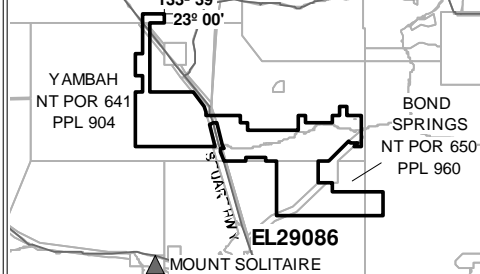
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Exploration Licence 29083 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 271 Blocks (776 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



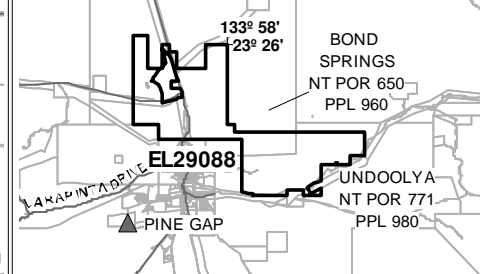
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Exploration Licence 29086 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 262 Blocks (794 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIIRT locality.



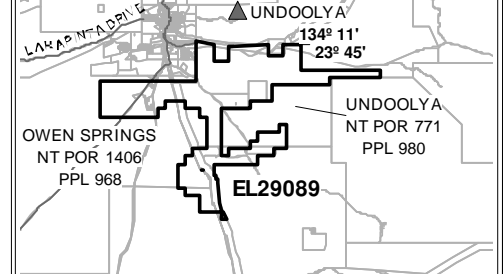
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Exploration Licence 29088 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 243 Blocks (713 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



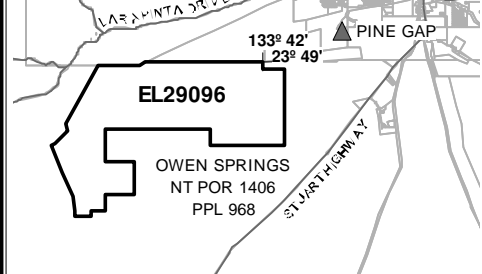
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Exploration Licence 29089 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 246 Blocks (725 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



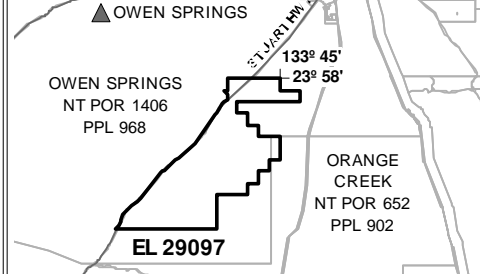
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Exploration Licence 29096 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 86 Blocks (241 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



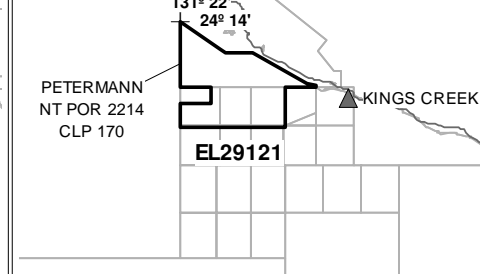
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Exploration Licence 29097 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 99 Blocks (293 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PEACHY locality.



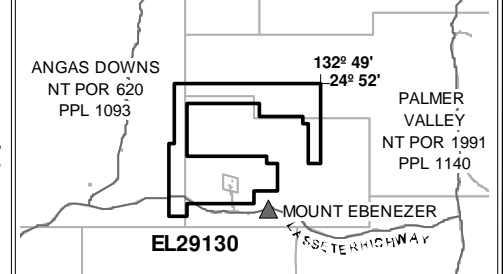
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Exploration Licence 29121 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 232 Blocks (645 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GILL locality.



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Exploration Licence 29130 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 247 Blocks (767 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SEYMOUR locality.



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**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 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences 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.

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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. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 22 February 2012





GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

TENEMENT TYPE	NO.	APPLICANT	AREA*	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2235	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	18BL.	60 km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 115° 44' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2358	SANDERSON, Alan	17BL.	66km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 117° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2360	WESTERN IRON ORE PTY LTD	70BL.	41km E'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 39' S Long: 115° 30' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1784	BRUTUS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD	8BL.	48km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 40' S Long: 115° 25' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1922	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	92BL.	144 km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 10' S Long: 116° 15' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1936	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	107BL.	130 km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 116° 14' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1942	CONDOR METALS LIMITED	56BL.	144 km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 116° 36' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1949	WA GYPSUM PTY LTD	200BL.	82km N'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 10' S Long: 113° 49' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1952	ENERGIA MINERALS LIMITED	142BL.	129km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 115° 19' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1955	ENERGIA MINERALS LIMITED	59BL.	154km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 39' S Long: 115° 13' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/799	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED	4BL.	44km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 117° 52' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2098	BLACK FIRE GOLD PTY LTD	25BL.	123km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 122° 55' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2215	BEADELL. RESOURCES LTD	200BL.	108km SW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 124° 11' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2216	WHITE CLIFF NICKEL LIMITED	29BL.	85km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 122° 33' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2218	ST BARBARA LIMITED	8BL.	120km NE'ly from Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 122° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/853	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	1BL.	49km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 7' S Long: 120° 57' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/854	HOOPER, William Ernest	1BL.	42km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 121° 11' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2661	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	20BL.	51km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2664	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	3BL.	21km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2685	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	12BL.	70km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 123° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2691-2	NORTHERN DRILLING PTY LTD	95BL.	45km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 49' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2694	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	14BL.	59km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 25' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2695	BREAKER RESOURCES NL	52BL.	127km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 123° 45' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2696	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	9BL.	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2701	WEDGETAIL PROSPECTING PTY LTD	2BL.	33km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1651	HOLDFAST EXPLORATION PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	39/1668	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	35BL.	181km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 123° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1673	VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	20BL.	79km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1673	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL.	82km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1674	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL.	89 km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 122° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1675	MANHATTAN CORPORATION LIMITED	54BL.	172km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 123° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3602	TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	15BL.	145km SE'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 122° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3653-I	AUSTRALIA MINERALS & MINING GROUP LIMITED	21BL.	32km NW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 13' S Long: 119° 14' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3725	XFE PTY LTD	200BL.	16 Km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 23' S Long: 120° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3935	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	7BL.	71km Sly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 118° 41' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3943	JCO INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	114BL.	59km Nly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 0' S Long: 120° 0' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3948	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	3BL.	37km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 34' S Long: 118° 49' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3973	MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD	70BL.	41km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 45' S Long: 120° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/1255	DE BEERS AUSTRALIA EXPLORATION LTD	70BL.	8km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 116° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2489	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	8BL.	44km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 53' S Long: 117° 24' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2490	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL.	45km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 49' S Long: 117° 23' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2513	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	24BL.	45km S'ly of Karratha	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 116° 45' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2695	HANNANS REWARD LTD	122BL.	74km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 37' S Long: 120° 24' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2727	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	21BL.	132km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 32' S Long: 119° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2728-9	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	331BL.	118km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 22' S Long: 120° 5' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	53/1651	MURCHISON RESOURCES PTY LTD	26BL.	23km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 23' S Long: 120° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	53/1658	TAMILE PTY LTD	15BL.	106km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 119° 49' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/897	MAKA MINERALS PTY LTD	38BL.	61km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 119° 38' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/900	WEST PEAK IRON LTD	1BL.	31km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 119° 34' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/414-I	WESTERN IRON ORE PTY LTD	4BL.	10km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 117° 55' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/415	WESTERN IRON ORE PTY LTD	1BL.	5km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 117° 53' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	70/4188	T.E JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	70/4232-4	GEOTECH INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	101BL.	18km SE'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 21' S Long: 116° 16' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence		LAKE HILLMAN MINING PTY LTD	8BL.	64km NW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 117° 25' E	KOORDA SHIRE
Exploration Licence		MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	477BL.	17km E'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 20' S Long: 118° 3' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE, KONININ SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4236 & 70/4247	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	250BL.	45km SE'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 16' S Long: 118° 53' E	KENT SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4253	BROADWATER RESOURCES PTY LTD	191BL.	54km W'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 26' S Long: 119° 30' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4265	BROADWATER RESOURCES PTY LTD	86BL.	41km N'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 5' S Long: 118° 55' E	NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1970	ENTERPRISE IRON PTY LTD	150BL.	32km E'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 118° 37' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2009	MOTUEKA INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2BL.	63km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 119° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2020	BROADWATER RESOURCES PTY LTD	66BL.	72km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 119° 20' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2021	TUNGSTEN WEST NL	15BL.	14km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 119° 37' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2022	TUNGSTEN WEST NL	1BL.	7km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 119° 33' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4619	ISHINE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES LTD	16BL.	29km NW'ly ofHalls Creek	Lat: 18° 4' S Long: 127° 27' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4633	PINGANDY PTY LTD	73BL.	74km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 53' S Long: 127° 39' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4635	AUSTRALIAN MINERAL MINES PTY LTD	2BL.	67km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 38' S Long: 126° 0' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4657	AUSTRALIA KIMBERLY GOLD PTY LTD	9BL.	100km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 25' S Long: 128° 5' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	08/74	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	79.50HA.	47km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 116° 9' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
		AMCI (IO) PTY LTD				
<b>The purposes of L 08/74 are: a bore,a bore field,a communications facility,a drainage channel,a minesite accommodation facility,a pipeline,a power generation and transmission facility,a power line,a road,a water management facility,taking water</b>						
Miscellaneous Licence	08/75	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	125.93HA.	29km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 116° 2' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
		AMCI (IO) PTY LTD				
<b>The purposes of L 08/75 are: a bore,a bore field,a communications facility,a drainage channel,a minesite accommodation facility,a pipeline,a power generation and transmission facility,a power line,a road,a water management facility,taking water</b>						
Miscellaneous Licence	30/52	YILGIRON PTY LTD	42543.77HA.	72km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 120° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE
<b>The purposes of L 3</b>						





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
20/633-I	MIDWEST CORPORATION LTD	390262	3.28HA.	63km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 117° 42' E	CUE SHIRE
28/1610	DRAKE RESOURCES LTD MAINCOAST PTY LTD	388763	76.10HA.	137km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 122° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
37/1088	NAVIGATOR (BRONZEWING) PTY LTD	389191	327.83HA.	66km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 121° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/847	NEWMONT YANDAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	389192	355.65HA.	63km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/859	RUDD, Alan Paul	388697	21.89HA.	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/896	ST BARBARA LIMITED	386503	56.24HA.	12km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/1886	METEX RESOURCES LTD GRANNY SMITH MINES LTD	385541	47.38HA.	10km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/1966	CRESCENT GOLD LTD	385540	71.83HA.	7km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/1966	CRESCENT GOLD LTD	387033	25.54HA.	7km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
53/1217	LEGEND MINING LTD	388629	24.75HA.	90km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 119° 22' E	WILUNA SHIRE
53/1290	WILUNA OPERATIONS LTD	379473	899.96HA.	75km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 120° 8' E	WILUNA SHIRE
57/705	LEGEND MINING LTD	388628	21.85HA.	88km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 12' S Long: 119° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
59/1324-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	385531	150.53HA.	66km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 117° 0' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
59/1690-I	KARARA MINING LIMITED	385532	43.04HA.	71km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 116° 46' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
77/1423-I	CAPE LAMBERT IRON ORE LTD	386470	25.34HA.	117km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 119° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
77/1424-I	CAPE LAMBERT IRON ORE LTD	386471	162.98HA.	104km N'ly from Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1920-I	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	387263	101.50HA.	12km SE'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 22 February 2012

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. 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/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

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. 22 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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Mt Elsie Holding Pastoral Lease Upgrade – Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement)

The owners of Pastoral Holding Lot 664 PH2061 (Mt Elsie Holding) give notice of a meeting for the purpose of seeking the native title parties’ authorisation of and entry into the Mt Elsie Holding ILUA (Area Agreement).

The Mt Elsie Holding ILUA proposes native title consent to the upgrade of a term lease to a perpetual lease under the Land Act 1994 (Qld) and the future conversion of that perpetual lease to freehold title. The ILUA provides for compensation and the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage on the ILUA area.

A search of the Register of Native Title Claims discloses that there are presently no registered native title claims over the proposed ILUA Area.

Members of the following registered native title claim groups are encouraged to attend the meeting:

Jangga People QUD 6230/1998  
Gudgala People QUD80/2005 and Gudgala People #2 QUD147/2006  
Wangan and Jagalingou People QUD85/2004

Other people who assert that they hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area are also encouraged to attend.

Details for the meeting are:

Date: Thursday 8 March 2012  
State Time:10am  
Venue: Shore Drive Motel, 117 The Strand, Townsville

To assist with catering and logistics please register your attendance with North Queensland Land Council between Monday 27 February and Friday 2 March 2012.

To register for the meeting, or for more information, please contact:

Lisa Raikaki (NQLC Project Officer)  
Phone number: 1800 814 779 or (07) 4775 3900  
Fax number: (07) 4728 1329

When registering to attend, you must clearly state:

- your name and contact details;
- the native title group or groups with which you identify;
- the basis on which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area; and
- where you will be travelling from to attend the meeting and proposed mode of transport.

Please note this meeting is being privately funded by Mt Elsie Pastoral Holding and funding for reasonable travel assistance (fuel reimbursement and accommodation where necessary) for attendees is limited.

Please register your attendance to participate in the meeting, even if you are not entitled to travel assistance.

The ILUA Area is outlined below and lies approximately 100kms south of Charters Towers.



PUBLIC NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

BHP Billiton Olympic Dam Corporation Pty Limited (BHP Billiton) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA).

The proposed ILUA is in relation to the land and waters in the area set out in the map (ILUA Area). Meetings will be held (details of which are set out in this notice) where all those persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or waters set out in the ILUA Area are invited to attend and vote on the execution and registration of the Olympic Dam ILUA.

Who should attend these meetings?

All those persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land and waters in the ILUA Area (Eligible Native Title Holders) should attend the appropriate meeting. Including:

- The claimants of the Barngarla Native Title Claim together with the people defined in the Olympic Dam Agreement as the Barngarla People represented by the Malkaribarngarla (Olympic Dam) Association Incorporated namely, the descendants of the apical ancestors of Percy Richards, Susie Richards, Maudie Blade, Bob Eyles, Harry Croft, Jack Stewart, Arthur Davis (together, Barngarla).
- The claimants of the Kokatha Uwankara Native Title Claim group including the following people and their descendants, Alam Allen, Arthur Baker, Hilda Captain, Susie Captain, Andrew Davis, Percy Davis, Stanley Davis, Ted Egan, Micky Fatt Gladys Kite, Ted Larkins, Mick Reid, George Reid, William Smith, Dick Thomas, Edie Thomas, George Turner, Wild Mary and Eileen Wingfiled and the following named individuals; Mark McKenzie Snr, Lee Brady and Tony Clark (together, Kokatha Uwankara).
- The people defined in the Olympic Dam Agreement as the Kuyani People represented by the Kuyani Yartah Association Incorporated, namely the direct descendants of the apical ancestors Rachel James, Jessie James, Les Pondi, Sydney Ryan and Nicolas Demell (together, Kuyani Yartah).
- The people defined in the Olympic Dam Agreement as the Kokatha People represented by the Kokatha (Olympic Dam Agreement) Association Incorporated namely, the direct descendants of the apical ancestors of Untumurra, Jinny, Myla, Elizabeth Miller, George Turner Senior, Mickie Fatt, Archie Nyalartu, Arthur Baker, Ibangka, Laurel Tracey, Dorothy Jean Hart and Lola Amos (together, Kokatha).

What is the ILUA?

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title holders to certain agreed acts to be set out in the ILUA, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the mine operations and the undertaking generally of the mine operations at Olympic Dam and any expansion of it. BHP Billiton will be seeking that the non-extinguishment principle apply to the agreed acts and to undertaking the mine operations generally at Olympic Dam.



Details of ILUA Authorisation Meetings

Authorisation meetings will be held at the following locations:

Barngarla

Date: Saturday 17 March 2012  
Time: 9 am (registration)  
Location: Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, 1 Daw Street, Port Augusta.

Kokatha Uwankara

Date: Saturday 17 March 2012  
Time: 1 pm (registration)  
Location: All Saints Parish Centre, 44 Tassie Street, Port Augusta.

Kuyani Yartah

Date: Sunday 18 March 2012  
Time: 11 am (registration)  
Location: Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, 1 Daw Street, Port Augusta.

Kokatha

Date: Saturday 17 March 2012  
Time: 4 pm (registration)  
Location: All Saints Parish Centre, 44 Tassie Street, Port Augusta.

If you are unsure as to which meeting to attend, or feel that you do not belong to one of the community groups, contact SANTS on the details referred to at the bottom of this notice.

To register your attendance at the authorisation meeting please send responses to the address below. Travel assistance will be provided to those eligible to attend.

A copy of the Notice of Meeting, a plain English summary of the ILUA and any of the associated documentation may be obtained by contacting the South Australian Native Title Services Ltd (SANTS) at the address below.

Responses should be sent to SANTS at the following address:

Michael Ellul or Anna Nelligan  
South Australian Native Title Services Limited  
Level 4, 345 King William Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000  
Phone: 1800 010 360  
Responses must be received by 9 March 2012.





# Tunstall boxes on into his tenth decade

ARTHUR Tunstall enters his tenth decade as feisty as ever, still holding office in sport despite being five years older than Queen Elizabeth, six years older than Pope Benedict and ten years older than Rupert Murdoch.

More than 60 years in boxing and sports administration have not wearied him.

He remains a born fighter who loves swinging leather, but he confesses to missing the old days, when he made bigger headlines than his stars and had a mouth to match.

It is hardly surprising to learn that on his 90th birthday (today 22 February) he is still in the picture as president of the NSW division of Australia's Commonwealth Games Association.

But metaphorically speaking, he is a support act.

Once upon a time he was the main event, and he hankers after the argy-bargy of the glory days, when he led with his chin and never walked away from a stoush.

Passionate and patriotic as well as polarising, he ran the Games show, famously clashing along the way with some of the biggest names in Australian sport, including Cathy Freeman, Kieren Perkins and Ron Clarke.

He ran boxing, too, but he was rolled four years ago and asked to leave a meeting by the new leadership.

"I loved boxing; it was my life and I miss it," Tunstall said at his home in Sydney's Double Bay, which virtually doubles as a sporting museum.

"I've had a good life (in sport) but when it stops you say, 'Jesus, what happened?'"

All careers come to an end, as did his time at the top of the Commonwealth Games movement.

## 'People were jealous'

"I say it openly – people were jealous of my name," Tunstall said.

He is proud of building up the movement 'from nothing to the standard I left it'.

"I started with \$5000 and left them with \$11 million," he said.

He still swims and walks regularly, though a mysterious bout of blood poisoning hospitalised him just before his 90th.

But TV provides the only sports viewing these days for the man who served for 60 years as NSW amateur boxing secretary, rose to the vice-presidency of the world amateur boxing association and officiated at ten Olympics, starting with Rome in 1960, and eight Commonwealth Games.

Tunstall remains an unreconstructed Aussie of the old school despite a lifetime of verbal brawls.

"It never worried me, pal. I've always been outspoken," he said.

"I don't believe in political correctness.

He has no regrets about the multitude of storms he found himself in.

He threatened to send runner Ron Clarke home from Edinburgh in 1970 for spending time with his wife away from the athletes' village.

He was at odds with long jumper Gary Honey at Auckland in 1990 over allegations of streaking in the village.

He clashed with swim great Kieren Perkins and athlete Jane Flemming in Canada in 1994 over individual sponsorships which conflicted with team sponsors.

Cathy Freeman earned his wrath that year for waving an Aboriginal flag as well as an Australian flag after winning the sprint gold medals.

He made peace with Freeman when both later appeared in an ad for Bushell's tea in which she asked him whether he had his tea black or white and he replied: "Black will do fine."

But she hesitated on that occasion about having her picture taken with him.

"I said, 'Don't be scared, I'm not going to eat you'," said Tunstall.

"She said, 'Some of my people might be surprised if I was in a photo with you'. In the end she said, 'Oh well, OK'."

Their paths have not crossed since, but Tunstall describes Freeman as a 'great runner who brought great credit to Australia. I respect her for that'. – AAP

## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that, **TAMAS KAPITANY** of 13 Olive Road, Devon Meadows, Victoria, 3977, proposes to carry out mining-operations pursuant to Mineral Claim 3443, including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with Mineral Claim 3443 and any other Mineral Claim authority or interest in a Mineral Claim authority held over the area of Mineral Claim 3443 on:

### DESCRIPTION OF AREA MINERAL CLAIM 3443

The land located in the State of South Australia, approximately 42km South West of Woomera, referred to as Mt Gunson and is the land bounded by:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude -31°25'40" and longitude 137°10'55" thence, North West to -31°25'30" and 137°10'27", thence South to -31°25'37", thence South East to -31°25'45" and 137°10'55" and thence north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 13.05 Hectares.

All the within latitudes and longitudes being geocentric and expressed in the terms of the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA94)

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is:**

Shallow excavation of Gypsum crystals and associated mineral salts. Very low impact with no mechanical equipment used. No damage to the area.

**The proposed operations are authorised by the following Mineral Claim Authorities under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):**

Mineral Claim 3443 of which TAMAS KAPITANY is the registered holder.

**TAMAS KAPITANY (and his successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) in the respect of the proposed mining operations of 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 of the Commonwealth as holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, TAMAS KAPITANY (or his 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:

### TAMAS KAPITANY

13 Olive Road, Devon Meadows, VIC, 3977

Telephone: (03) 5998 2493

Facsimile: (03) 5998 2685

Contact:

Craig Thomson/ Cameron McKenzie

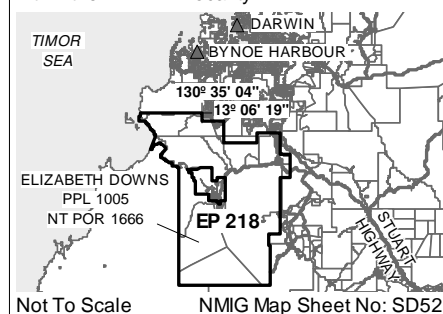
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

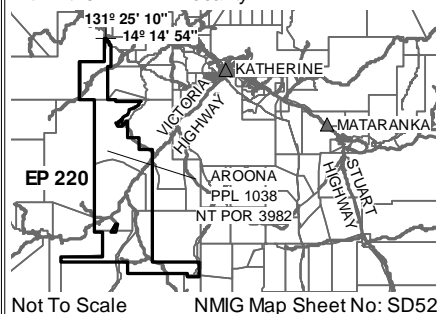
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, c/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) that application/s has/have been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit/s (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the *Petroleum Act* (NT) as follows.

#### Application(s) to which this notice applies:

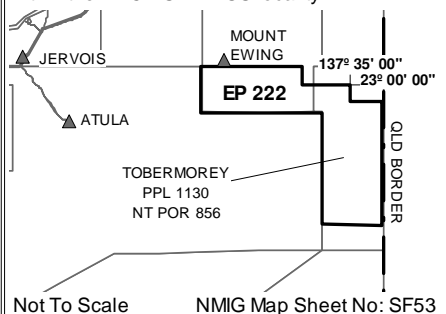
Exploration Permit 218 sought by ARAFURA OIL PTY LTD, ACN 147 521 051 over an area of 157 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DARWIN locality.



Exploration Permit 220 sought by ARAFURA OIL PTY LTD, ACN 147 521 051 over an area of 86 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DARWIN locality.



Exploration Permit 222 sought by WISO OIL PTY LTD, ACN 147 564 529 over an area of 53 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of a permit under the *Petroleum Act*, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. 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 St Mall, DARWIN NT 0800.

**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, GPO Box 9973 ADELAIDE SA 5001, telephone (08) 8205 2000.

**Notification Day:** For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act*, the notification day is 22 February 2012.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

### 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 the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

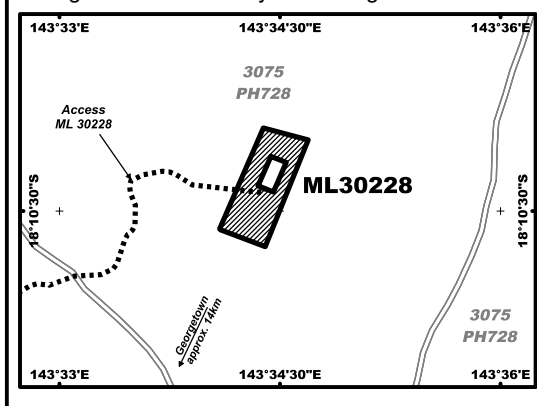
**Further Information:** Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar Georgetown, Court House, High Street, Georgetown Qld 4871, Telephone: (07) 4062 1204.

**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 a Mining Lease. 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

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 7 March 2012**

Mining Lease 30228 sought by Deutsche Rohstoff Australia Pty Ltd, over an area of 72.5517 ha, centred approximately 14km North, North East of Georgetown in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



Queensland Government



# Faingaa ready to tackle 2012

**Q**Ueensland Reds tackle machine Anthony Faingaa on Thursday made a timely comeback from shoulder surgery brought upon by his defensive hunger.

Lauded by Queensland coach Ewen McKenzie as the 'best body-on-the-line player' he's coached, Wallabies centre Faingaa returned for the Super Rugby champions' final trial against the Western Force in Perth.

He underwent surgery to remove a piece of bone in his left shoulder after carrying an AC problem through most of last year.

The injury flared mid-way through the Reds' successful campaign and never completely healed as he revelled in his duty as a defensive backline linchpin.

Faingaa finally bit the bullet to have

surgery two weeks after returning from the Wallabies' spring tour before Christmas.

"It's been one of those things that has been recurring," the 25-year-old said.

"When you play for your country or your State, you just suck it up and keep going.

"It's one of those things, do you not play a Test match or for your State because your shoulder's sore? You just play."

A hamstring injury to No 13 contender Aidan Toua in the 27-20 trial win over the Brumbies prompted McKenzie to call Faingaa back a week before the Super Rugby season-opener against the NSW Waratahs in Sydney.

While most attention has been given to Quade Cooper's replacement at five-eighth, McKenzie is just as concerned about getting his centre pairing right, with Faingaa likely to renew his partnership

with the rising Ben Tapuai.

Faingaa had the option to bypass surgery, but chose to risk a late start to a long season to ensure his joint was equipped to handle another year of mid-field carnage.

"It's actually been a blessing in disguise," he said.

"It's been quite a good off-season for myself.

"Because I tackle so much and that's one of my major strong points, it's why I wanted to get it right.

"I'm feeling fresh and I can't wait for this season to start."

Faingaa's twin brother Saia missed the Force clash on Thursday night due to ankle problem which isn't expected to keep him out of the 25 February grudge match with the Waratahs. — AAP



Anthony Faingaa, right, and twin brother Saia.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) – Sections 24MD(1), (7) and 29; Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW); Native Title (Notices) Determination 1998 (Cth) and Native Title (New South Wales) Act 1994, s.103

**Notice of Intention to do a Future Act to which Subdivisions M and P, Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 may apply:- acquisition of land by compulsory process including native title rights and interests**

**Description of the area that may be affected by the Compulsory Acquisition**

New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation ('NSWLHC'), through Landcom, pursuant to s. 22 of the *Housing Act 2001 (NSW)* and the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW)* ("the LAJTC Act"), intends to acquire by compulsory process for the purposes of the *Housing Act 2001 (NSW)*, all the interests, including native title rights and interests (if any), in land at Cardiff and Hillsborough described in Schedule 1 hereunder.

#### Description of the Nature of the Act

It is intended that all the interests, including native title rights and interests (if any), in the land described in Schedule 1 will be acquired by compulsory process for the purposes described above.

The compulsory acquisition of the native title rights and interests (if any) in relation to the land will occur if and when NSWLHC is allowed to validly do so under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* and when NSWLHC is able to do so in accordance with the *LAJTC Act*. Under the *LAJTC Act*, the compulsory acquisition will occur by Acquisition Notice published in the NSW Government Gazette under s.19 of the *LAJTC Act* declaring the land to be acquired by compulsory process. That notice will appear in the Government Gazette not less than 90 days (or such shorter time period as may be provided for in s.13(2)(b) of the *LAJTC Act*) after the giving of a Proposed Acquisition Notice, if one is required.

#### Notification day and prescribed documents & information pursuant to s.29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993

Only persons who are native title parties within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* will have

negotiation and other rights under Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of that Act. The notification day for the act is **7 March 2012**. Under s.30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Any inquiries in this regard should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Sydney Registry, (02) 9235 6300.

#### Compensation

Any person with an interest in the land acquired, including native title holders, has a right to compensation under the *LAJTC Act* (see below).

The Acquisition Notice may affect native title rights and interests (if any) in the land as provided in s.24MD(2)(c) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* and compensation may be payable for any such rights and interests so affected. The Acquisition Notice will vest the land in New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation freed of all interests. Section 55 of the *LAJTC Act* states that regard must be had to the following matters in determining the amount of compensation:

- the market value of the land;
- any special value of the land to the person on the date of its acquisition;
- any loss attributable to severance;
- any loss attributable to disturbance;
- solatium; and
- any increase or decrease in the value of any other land of the person at the date of acquisition which adjoins or is severed from the acquired land by reason of the carrying out of, or the proposal to carry out, the purposes for which the land was acquired.

If compensation under the *LAJTC Act* is not on just terms, the holder of any native title rights and interests is entitled to compensation for the acquisition in accordance with Division 5, Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

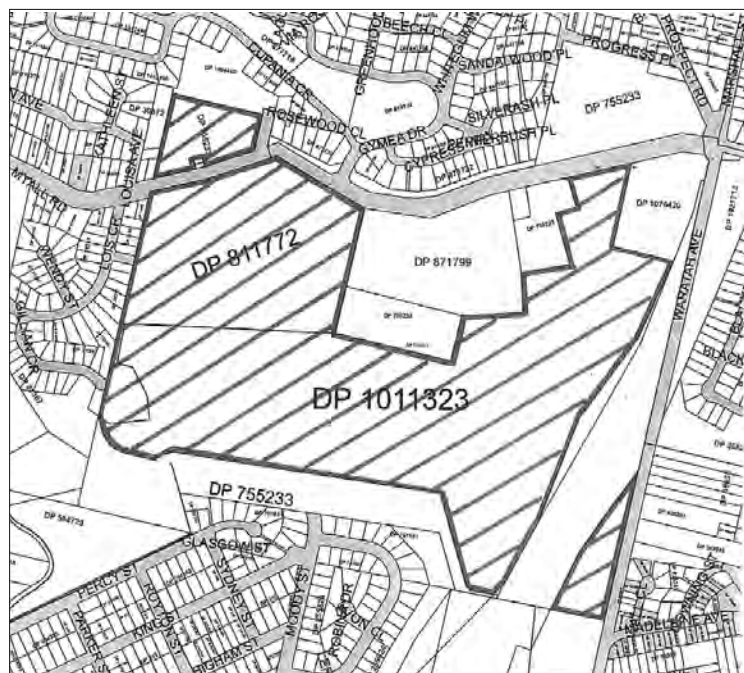
#### Claim for Compensation Form

A Claim for Compensation form will be available from Landcom after the giving of any Proposed Acquisition Notice. Any owner who wishes to claim compensation for the acquisition will be requested to lodge with Landcom a claim for compensation not less than 60 days after the date of any proposed acquisition notice.

For further information contact:  
Landcom, Level 2, 330 Church St, Parramatta NSW 2150  
Contact: Libby Baird; Tel: 9841 8600; Fax: 9841 8688

#### SCHEDULE 1

Those parcels of land off Myall Road at Hillsborough in the Parish of Kahibah Local Government Area of Lake Macquarie County of Northumberland being Lot 10 DP1011323, Lot 100 DP811772 and Lot 1 DP1168657 shown on the plans hereunder.



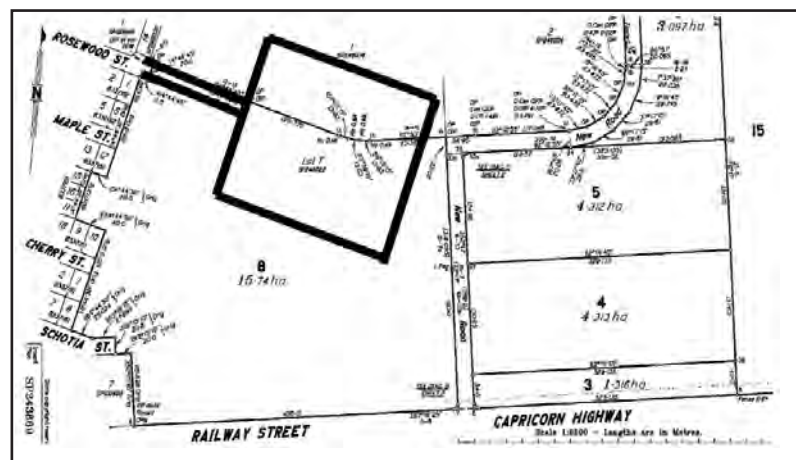
## Public Notice of Authorisation Meeting to consider proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act (Cth)

Qantac Pty Ltd (**Qantac**) proposes to develop an accommodation camp at Rosewood Street in Blackwater in the State of Queensland. The Accommodation Camp will consist of approximately 1000 accommodation dongers and associated infrastructure (the **Accommodation Camp**) and will be constructed on land the subject of a term lease granted by the State of Queensland (**Term Lease**).

Qantac proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (**ILUA**) with the Native Title Parties referred to below.

The purpose of the ILUA is to provide consent in relation to access to and the grant of the Term Lease by the State of Queensland to enable Qantac to have access to the Term Lease and construct the Accommodation Camp.

The land and waters affected by the Term Lease (the **ILUA Area**) are depicted on the map below (refer highlighted area: Lot T on SP246022 and access thereto). The ILUA Area is located wholly within an area in respect of which there is currently no registered native title claim.



Authorisation of the ILUA by the persons who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA Area is sought in accordance with section 23CG(3) of the Native Title Act.

#### Details of Authorisation Meeting

An Authorisation Meeting for the proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

**Time and Date:** Sunday, 11 March 2012, 8.00am registration and a meeting start time of 9.00am.  
**Place:** Rockhampton, Queensland  
**Purpose of the Meeting:** To authorise the ILUA between Qantac and the Native Title Parties.

You are invited to attend the Authorisation Meeting if you consider that **you are a person who holds or may hold native title in relation to land or waters within the ILUA Area**.

#### Registration of Interest

If you wish to attend the Authorisation Meeting, you must contact HopgoodGanim Lawyers or Red Centre Consulting on the details listed below by no later than Wednesday, 7 March 2012 to register your interest in attending at the Authorisation Meeting.

**HopgoodGanim Lawyers**  
PO Box 7822, Waterfront Place  
1 Eagle Street Brisbane QLD 4001  
Phone: 07 3024 0414  
**Email:**  
j.fulcher@hopgoodganim.com.au

**Red Centre Consulting**  
PO Box 28  
Lawnton QLD 4501  
Phone: 07 3257 3959  
**Email:**  
bstreten@redcentreconsultancy.com.au

To register your interest, you will need to provide your name and contact details.

Attendees at the Authorisation Meeting will be required to register with their name and contact details. No funding is available for attendance at this meeting as the proposed Accommodation Camp and Term Lease are very small in area and extent.

Your early response to **HopgoodGanim Lawyers** or **Red Centre Consulting** is also required so that arrangements can be made for the purposes of catering.



# Former Demon Wonaeamirri signs with the NT Thunder

**T**HE Northern Territory Thunder's 2012 senior squad has received a massive boost with the signing of former Melbourne Demon Austin Wonaeamirri for the 2012 season.

Wonaeamirri will be joined in Thunder colours this year by former GWS player Damian Williams Jnr, and Centralian Robbie Howard.

Wonaeamirri will bring a wealth of experience and talent to the Thunder.

Drafted by Melbourne at pick 19 in the 2007 AFL rookie draft, Wonaeamirri played 31 games for the Demons between 2008 and 2011.

After being delisted at the end of the 2011 season, Wonaeamirri has returned to the Tiwi Islands and has been playing for the Tiwi Bombers in the local NTFL competition.

He was a Northern Territory junior representative, playing in the 2007 under

18 National championships, where he was named player of the carnival for the NT. He was also part of the Indigenous under 18 tour of South Africa in 2006.

In 2008 Wonaeamirri was an NAB AFL Rising Star nominee for his round seven performance against the Fremantle Dockers.

During his 31-game AFL career, he kicked 37 goals playing out of a forward pocket.

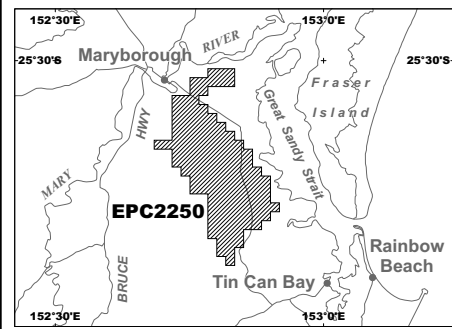


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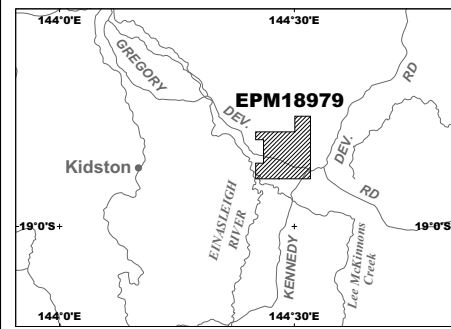
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 Permits for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

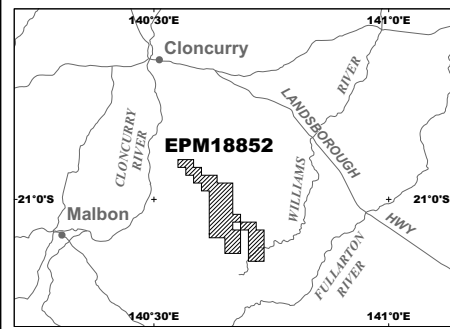
Exploration Permit 2250 sought by Jindal Steel and Power (Australia) Pty Ltd, ACN 144 630 179, over an area of 128 sub-blocks (396km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 20km SE of Maryborough, in the locality of Fraser Coast Regional Council.



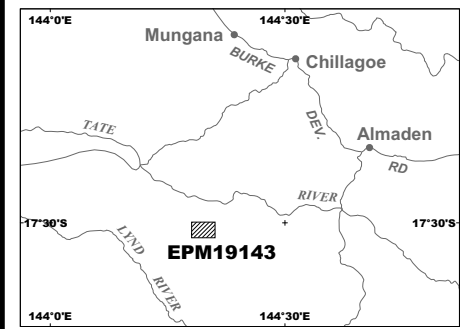
Exploration Permit 18979 sought by Pepinnini Minerals Limited, ACN 101 714 989, over an area of 43 sub-blocks (139km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 33km ENE of Kidston, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



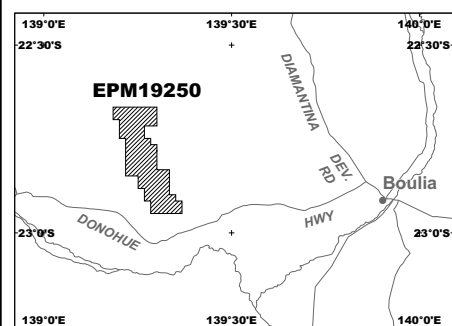
Exploration Permit 18852 sought by Activex Limited, ACN 113 452 896, over an area of 45 sub-blocks (144km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 37km SE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



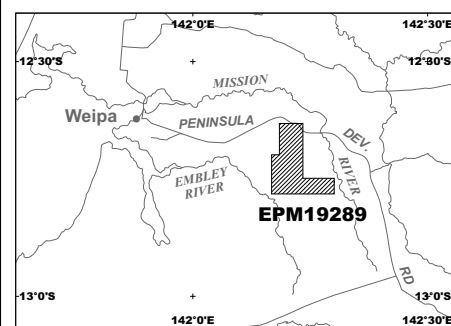
Exploration Permit 19143 sought by Nedex Pty Ltd, ACN 064 889 827, over an area of 6 sub-blocks (20km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 46km SW of Chillagoe, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



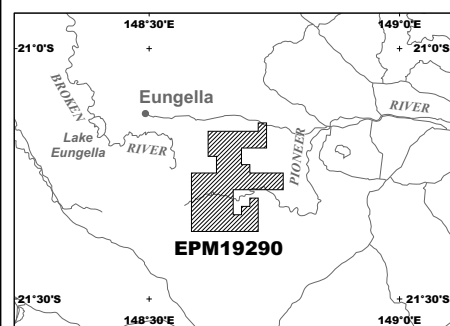
Exploration Permit 19250 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 88 sub-blocks (278km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 65km ENE of Boulia, in the locality of Boulia Shire Council.



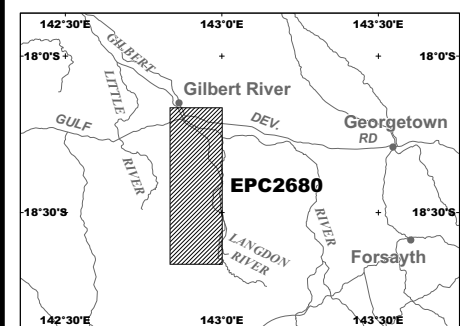
Exploration Permit 19289 sought by Ironridge Resources Limited, ACN 127 215 132, over an area of 40 sub-blocks (134km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 40km ESE of Weipa, in the locality of Cook Shire Council and Napranum Shire Council.



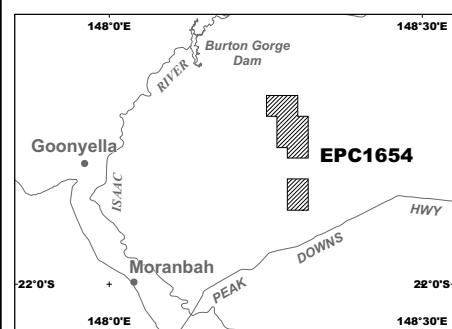
Exploration Permit 19290 sought by Hartz Rare Earths Pty Ltd, ACN 147 226 622, over an area of 82 sub-blocks (261km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 24km SE of Eungella, in the locality of Mackay Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council.



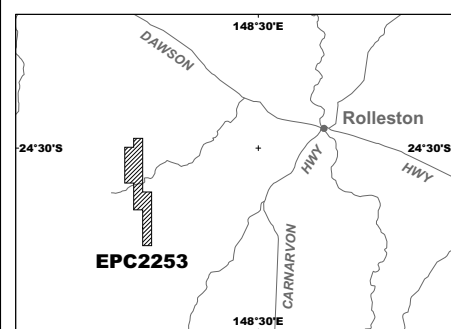
Exploration Permit 2680 sought by Ebony Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 149 240 657, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (974km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 68km WSW of Georgetown, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council.



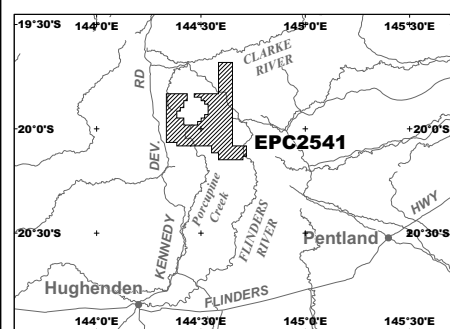
Exploration Permit 1654 sought by Vale Coal Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 108 568 725, over an area of 23 sub-blocks (73km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 34km NE of Moranbah, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



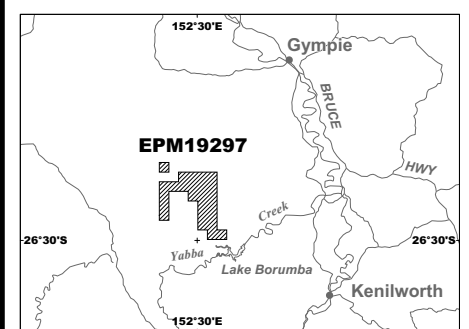
Exploration Permit 2253 sought by Endocoal Limited, ACN 132 183 281, over an area of 18 sub-blocks (56km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 37km WSW of Rolleston, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 2541 sought by Linc Energy Ltd, ACN 076 157 045, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (965km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 107km NNE of Hughenden, in the locality of Flinders Shire Council and Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19297 sought by Ausquest Limited, ACN 091 542 451, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (77km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 32km SW of Gympie, in the locality of Gympie Regional Council.



**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](mailto: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: 14 March 2012**



## Beale ready for Super opener

**T**HE Melbourne Rebels are confident strike weapon Kurtley Beale will be fit to play his old side NSW in their opening Super Rugby match despite being ruled out of their final trial due to his ongoing hamstring injury.

The Wallabies fullback was rubbed out of the squad that faced New Zealand heavyweights the Crusaders at AAMI Park in Melbourne on Saturday night after suffering the setback at training.

"Kurtley twinged his hamstring and he's had a scan but it's minor at this stage but precautionary-wise we won't play him this weekend," coach Damien Hill said before the game against the Crusaders.

"He should be right for the Waratahs."

Beale initially suffered the injury at last year's Rugby World Cup and Hill said it was the same hamstring, although a 'different spot'. — AAP



● **LEFT:** Kurtley Beale breaks through to score during the one-off rugby union international between Wales and Australia in Cardiff on 6 November 2010. —AFP photo

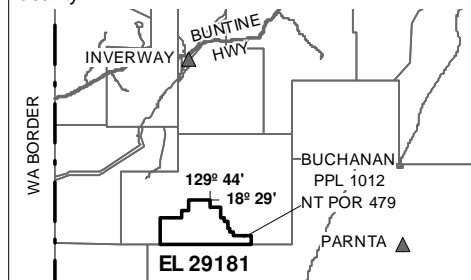
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

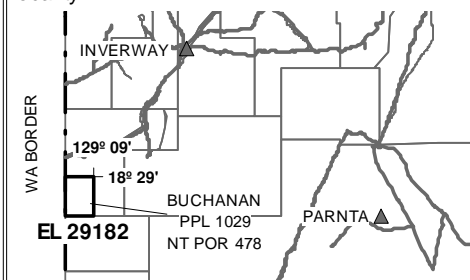
#### Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29181 sought by ABM RESOURCES NL, ACN 009 127 020 over an area of 192 Blocks (625 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WARE locality.



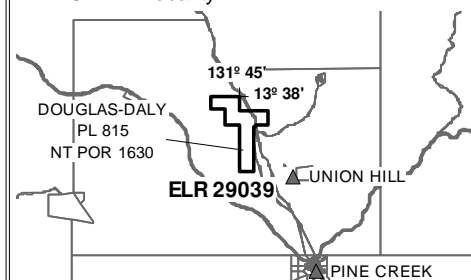
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Exploration Licence 29182 sought by ABM RESOURCES NL, ACN 009 127 020 over an area of 108 Blocks (350 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PHIBBS locality.



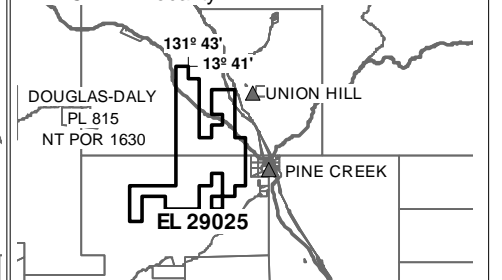
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Exploration Licence In Retention 29039 sought by CROCODILE GOLD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 136 505 587 over an area of 2430 Ha depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



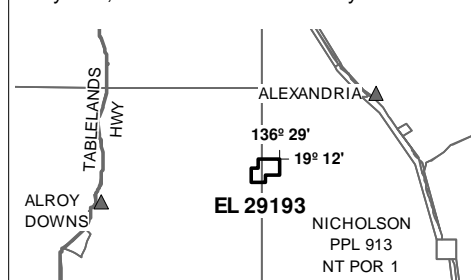
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Exploration Licence 29025 sought by DARWIN MINING EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 151 529 145 over an area of 54 Blocks (180 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



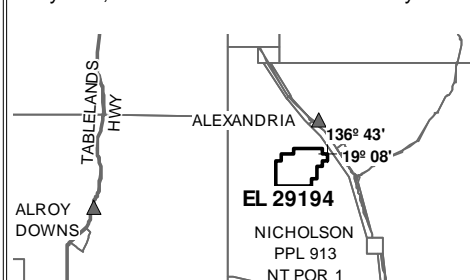
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Exploration Licence 29193 sought by FERTOZ PTY LTD, ACN 145 951 622 over an area of 9 Blocks (29 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALOY locality.



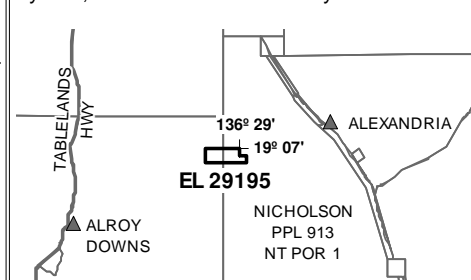
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Exploration Licence 29194 sought by FERTOZ PTY LTD, ACN 145 951 622 over an area of 41 Blocks (133 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



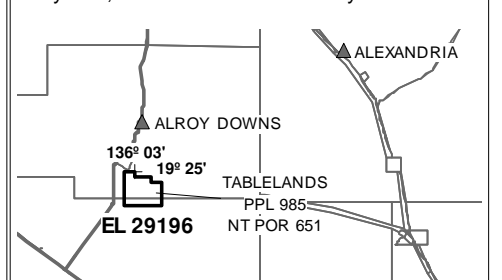
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Exploration Licence 29195 sought by FERTOZ PTY LTD, ACN 145 951 622 over an area of 11 Blocks (36 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALOY locality.



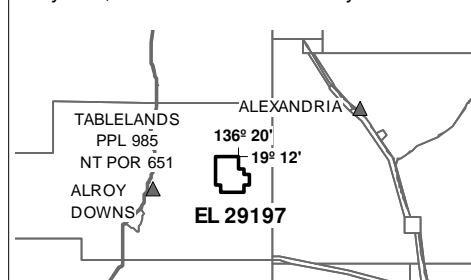
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Exploration Licence 29196 sought by FERTOZ PTY LTD, ACN 145 951 622 over an area of 35 Blocks (113 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALOY locality.



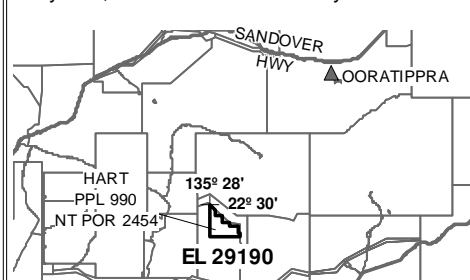
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Exploration Licence 29197 sought by FERTOZ PTY LTD, ACN 145 951 622 over an area of 29 Blocks (94 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALOY locality.



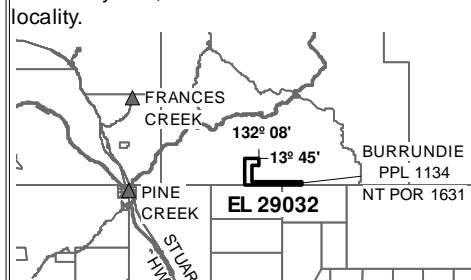
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Exploration Licence 29190 sought by GEMPART PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 47 Blocks (144 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.



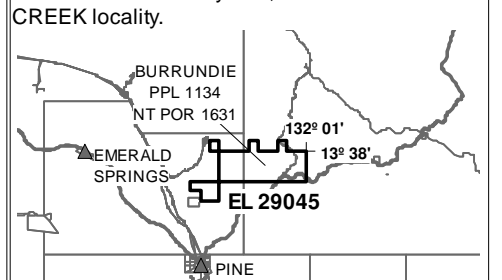
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Exploration Licence 29032 sought by GREGORY WOOD AND SANDRA WOOD, over an area of 12 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.



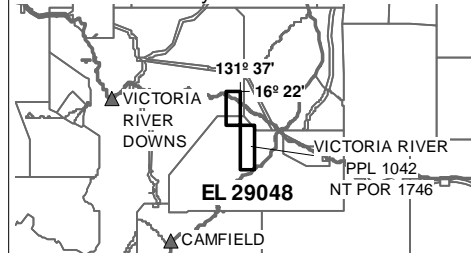
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Exploration Licence 29045 sought by GRIGM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 148 051 567 over an area of 35 Blocks (117 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



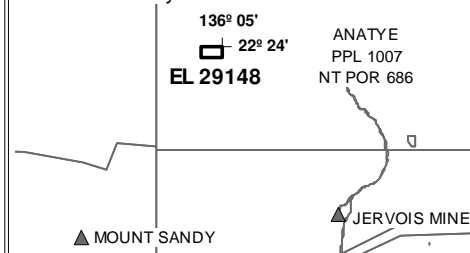
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Exploration Licence 29048 sought by GRIGM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 148 051 567 over an area of 84 Blocks (276 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MONTEJINNI locality.



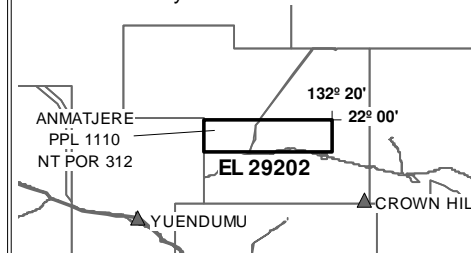
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Exploration Licence 29148 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 2 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.



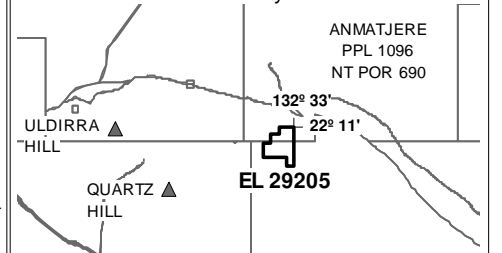
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Exploration Licence 29202 sought by PACIFIC EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 153 168 364 over an area of 110 Blocks (340 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DENISON locality.



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Exploration Licence 29205 sought by PACIFIC EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 153 168 364 over an area of 14 Blocks (44 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



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**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 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences 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 Centrepoint 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.

**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. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 22 February 2012



## Sharks recruit bares his teeth

**I**MPOSING Cronulla recruit Andrew Fifita can't wait for the National Rugby League (NRL) season to start so he can show Wests Tigers' coach Tim Sheens and Tigers fans exactly what they're missing out on.

Fifita was one of the victims of the Tigers' pursuit of New Zealand international Adam Blair last year, as he was offloaded, along with veteran prop Bryce Gibbs to the Sharks to make way for Blair and his salary.

The decision didn't sit well with Gibbs and Fifita at the time, but the 22-year-old is

delighted in his new surrounds in the shire and desperate to repay the Sharks for the faith shown in him by helping defeat the Tigers on their home turf in round one on 4 March.

Intensifying Fifita's motivation is Sheens' decision to omit the Indigenous All Stars representative during the club's finals run last year.

"Yeah (I have a point to prove)," Fifita said.

"Not playing the last few rounds and all that. I just want to get out there in front of their crowd – that's going to be the biggest thing –

and represent the club.

"I'm loving the Sharks, every bit of it. I can't wait to get out there and show them what they're missing out on.

"They chose better players last year towards the end of last year for their semi-finals teams and I guess I wasn't one of them.

"I'm going to show them how good I can possibly be and what they missed out, and what I could've done in the finals for them."

– AAP

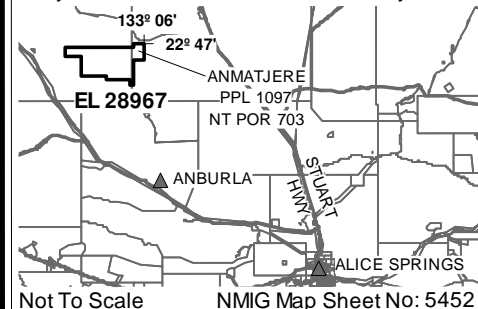
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

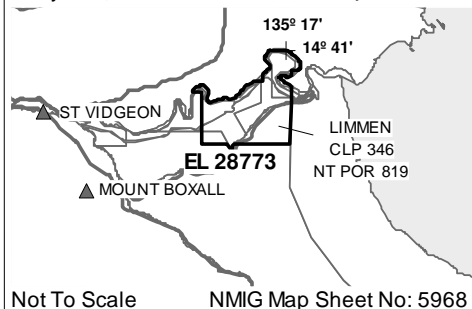
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

**Applications to which this notice applies:**

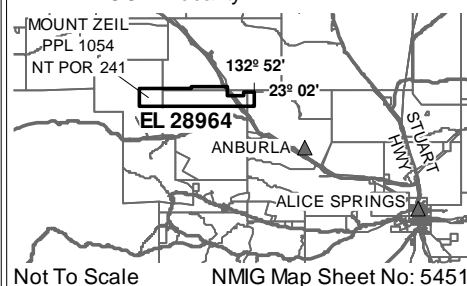
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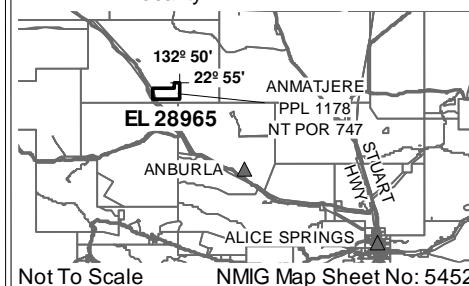
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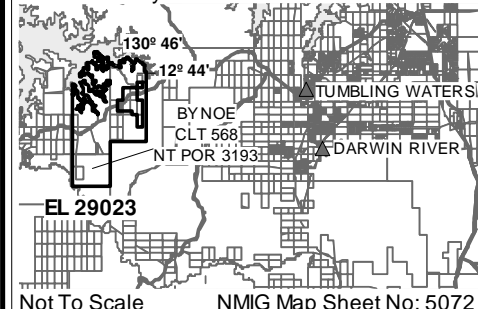
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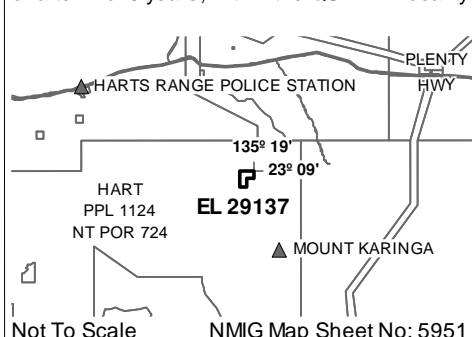
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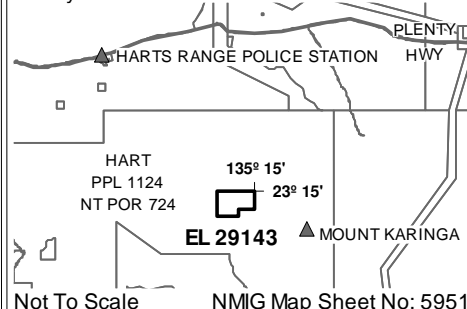
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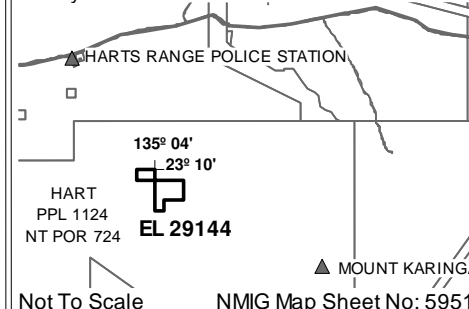
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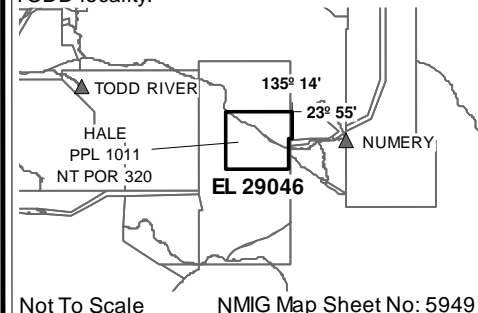
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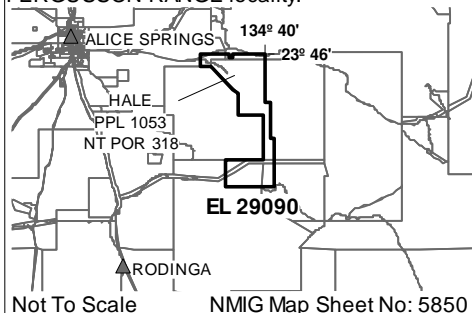
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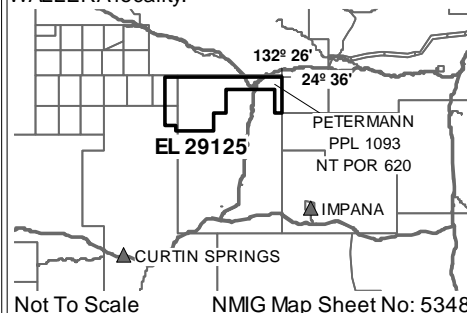
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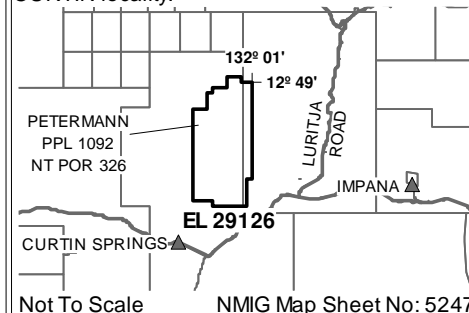
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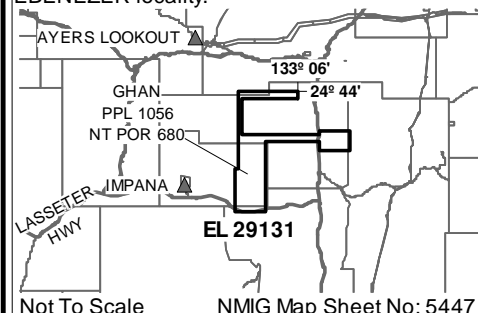
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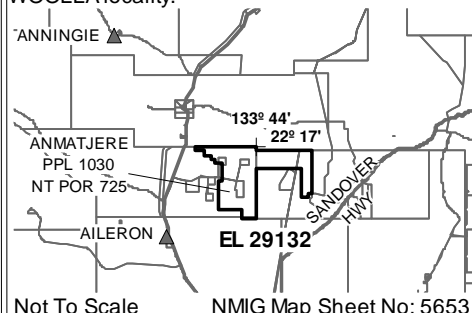
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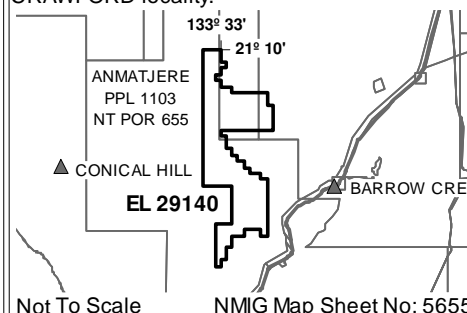
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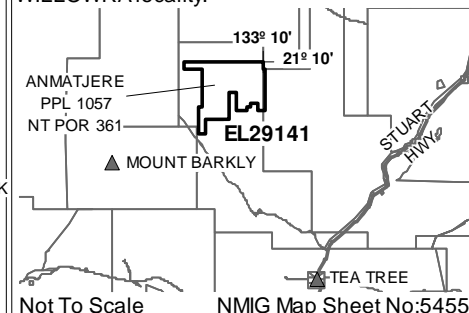
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Exploration Licence 29140 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 213 Blocks (681 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CRAWFORD locality.



Exploration Licence 29141 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 256 Blocks (817 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WILLOWRA locality.



**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 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences 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 Centrepoint 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.

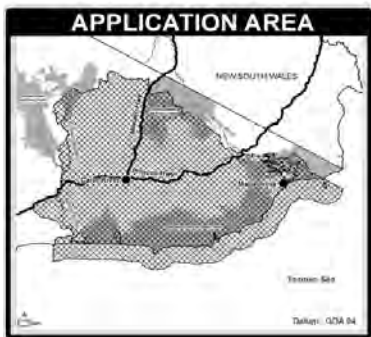
**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 22 February 2012



## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

### Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Cann River Aboriginal South Monero Traditional Owners Women & Families Culture & Heritage Corporation Inc

Date received: 31 January 2012

Public comments due: 4 April 2012

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Cann River Aboriginal South Monero Traditional Owners Women & Families Culture & Heritage Corporation Inc for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat  
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001

Email: [vahec@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:vahec@dpcd.vic.gov.au)

Phone: (03) 9208 3243

Fax: (03) 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.



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NITV's Brad Cooke interviewing NSW Indigenous women's cricket captain Julie Muir during the 2009 Imparja Cup series in Alice Springs.

# Barefoot show broadened to cover all sport



NITV's popular *Barefoot Rugby League Show* is being broadened to become an 'all sports' program.

But some in the Indigenous community aren't happy about the change. NITV announced on 9 February that the weekly *Barefoot Sports* would premiere in the prime time slot of 7.30pm on Thursday 1 March.

Head of NITV Sport Mark Ella said highlighting Indigenous sporting achievement was a driving force behind the new show, which would be 'jam-packed with sporting stories, scores and updates', encompassing sports at the grassroots, national and international levels.

Former *Barefoot Rugby League Show* host Brad Cooke will host *Barefoot Sports*, with help from stars such as hockey player Des Abbot, basketballer Patrick Mills, and rugby player Bo de la Cruz.

"We have so many stories to tell, so many of our mob achieving through sport at local, national and international level," Ella said.

"With Brad Cooke leading the panel discussion each week, I have no doubt we will have a winning show for all Australians to enjoy."

Cooke said he was looking forward to 'acknowledging the great achievements of our athletes across many different sports and challenging my own knowledge beyond rugby league'.

However, an online petition has been doing the rounds in the Indigenous community, calling for support to keep the *Barefoot Rugby League Show* on air and produced by Indigenous productions company Maling Productions.

Tracey Cooley said the *Barefoot Rugby League Show* had been the most popular program on the network in the past four years.

"*Barefoot* profiles and highlights Indigenous rugby league from the NRL to grassroots competitions and games from across the country," she said in an email.



MARK ELLA

"NITV have decided to not re-commission Indigenous Productions Company Maling Productions to produce a further series of *Barefoot* this season, instead replacing the time slot and show with a non-Indigenous producer and an all-sports show called *Barefoot Sports*."

Cooley pointed recipients of her email towards the petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/keep-barefoot-rugby-league-show-on-air-with-maling-prod.html>.

However, NITV spokesman Chris Bonney said the petition was spreading misinformation about *Barefoot Sports*, which would be produced by an all-Indigenous team including Susan Moylan-Coombes, Mark Ella as executive producer, Ben Smith as series producer and researcher David Long.

"*Barefoot Sports* production has more Indigenous people working on the production than Maling Productions had on *Barefoot Rugby League Show*," Mr Bonney said.

"The *Barefoot* brand is totally owned by NITV and not Maling Productions. (It) will cover all sports that our people participate in. There's an interest nationally for our sports programs to be opened up to other sports."

### Public Notice of the proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)

Anglo Coal (Moranbah North Management) Pty Ltd ACN 069 603 587 (**Anglo Coal**) 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 those people who hold or may hold native title (**Native Title Parties**) in the area of Anglo Coal's Moranbah North project where native title has not otherwise already been addressed (**ILUA Area**). The State of Queensland, acting through the Department of Environment and Resource Management, is a mandatory party to the proposed ILUA.

Under the proposed ILUA, the Native Title Parties will consent to:

1. Anglo Coal 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 Anglo Coal 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 (QUD380/08; QC08/11) 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.

The members of the Wiri People Core Country Claim (QUD372/06; QC06/14) assert native title rights and interests in the ILUA Area. In compliance with the requirements under the NTA, a meeting will be held for the purpose of authorisation of the ILUA by the Wiri People.

The Wiri People are described in their Native Title Determination Application as the descendants of 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 Cotherstone & Billy Sullivan), Harry (father of Flora Doyle & Lilly), King & Meg King, Ida Hess and Maggie Barker.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

**Location:** Mackay TAFE Theatre, K Block, 90-92 Sydney Street, Mackay, 4740

**Date:** Saturday 3 March 2012

**Time:** 11:00 AM

A separate authorisation meeting has been arranged for the Barada Barna People, for which separate meeting notices have been published.

Members of the Wiri People who wish to attend the meeting should register with **Mihi Piripi** on (07) 4617 8777 by 5.00pm on Friday 24 February 2012.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the ILUA Area who does not identify as Wiri or Barada Barna, or any person who requires further information in relation to the ILUA, should contact Nathan Brown at Anglo Coal on (07) 3834 1218.







## Cricket team visits Uluru

The NSW women's cricket team took time out from their preparations for the big Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs by visiting Uluru, to the south-west of Alice Springs. Two days later, they began their campaign to retain the States and Territories Division trophy, eventually beating the ACT in the final at Traeger Park.

*Picture Supplied*

# Christian can fill the void

By PETER ARGENT



ALREADY, after his first handful of one-day internationals (ODIs), Wiradjuri man Daniel Christian has proved he can be a match-winner, shining as a batsman, bowler and in the field.

Christian is a player who can change the course of a game.

It may be through a brilliant piece of fielding, as a wicket-taker, or with the willow in his hand.

He debuted against India in this form of the game on 5 February at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and played a role in a comfortable 65-run win to start the series.

Along with collecting 1-21 from his five-over spell, Christian effected the run-out of Ravichandran Ashwin and was involved in a unbroken 62-run sixth-wicket stand with David Hussey which gave Australia a respectable total.

He was unconquered on 17, from 16 deliveries, farming much of the strike to Hussey, who had his eye in.

He was even more impressive playing in his second match in Perth.

Christian vied for man-of-the-match honours, having contributed with the bat, ball and in the field.

After the Aussies were in early trouble at 4-81 and then 5-130, Christian came to the wicket.

He smashed one six straight down the

ground and dispatched the ball to the boundary four times for an important 33, which helped the team to a total of 231.

This innings was more measured and displayed a responsible approach with the bat as he faced 44 deliveries in a tough situation.

While a little expensive with the ball, he claimed the important scalp of Sri Lankan captain Mahela Jayawardene and all-rounder Nuwan Kulasekara in his eight-over spell.

Even more impressive, during the Sri Lankans' late charge with the bat, Christian's athletic diving saves ensured crucial runs were saved in the Aussies' five-run win.

Then, off the fifth ball of the last over of the match, Angelo Mathews smashed a ball high into the deep and Christian took the catch a couple of metres from the boundary, for Australia to achieve victory.

He also batted well in the Sunday 12 February game on his home turf at the Adelaide Oval against India, before running himself out.

Christian compiled a 39 at a better-than-run-a-ball pace, and hit two fours, but his ten wicketless overs cost 45 runs.

Australia has been screaming out for a quality bowling all-rounder and really hasn't had one since Simon O'Donnell in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

With continued work and growth over the next couple of seasons, Christian could be the man for all seasons.



● ABOVE and BELOW: Dan Christian in action for Australia as a batsman, bowler and in the field. *Pictures: Peter Argent*







The Oakey Red Belly Blacks, playing at a carnival for the first time.

## Impressive debut by Oakey



VISITING teams the Oakey Red Belly Blacks and the Kambu Warriors battled out the final of the Drayton Warriors' rugby league carnival.

Kambu won the Ced Docherty Memorial Shield with a 24-6

victory.

About 3000 fans packed into Brothers' grounds at Toowoomba to watch the final.

Tournament spokesman Tom Clevin said evergreen Alex Young and Shane Turf and James Hood stood out for Oakey, while Farran Willet and Vinnie Steven were Kambu's best.

Willet was named best back of the final and Steven was the player of the carnival.

Stradbroke Island beat Toowoomba Warriors 34-16 in the plate final.

'Straddie' halfback Wed Conlon was named the best back of the carnival, while for Warriors,

Aaron Anderson and Jarrod Roy were the best.

A women's exhibition match featured Chinchilla and the Toowoomba Warriors, with the Warriors winning 38-0.

In an under 16 exhibition game, Stradbroke Island beat the Toowoomba Warriors 40-6.

The town of Oakey had never entered an Aboriginal Knockout carnival before, so reaching the final was an amazing feat.

The Red Belly Blacks had only nine weeks preparation.

In their opening game they beat Chinchilla 24-12.

They had a bye in the second round, then beat Titans 22-18 to qualifying for the final.

A Red Belly Blacks spokesman told the *Koori Mail* that the Oakey team never gave up in the final after being down 12-0 at half-time.

He said some players had travelled from Alice Springs to play with the Oakey team.



The Kambu Warriors, in the yellow strips, and the Oakey Red Belly Blacks after their clash in the final of the Drayton Warriors Aboriginal rugby league carnival at Toowoomba.

## LMDRT dinner on 4 April

THE 20th anniversary of the establishment of Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) will be celebrated at the 14th annual LMRDT fundraising dinner in Sydney on 4 April.

The dinner will be held at Dockside, Darling

Harbour. Tickets are \$220 or \$2200 for a table of ten.

Guest speaker will be Australian Rugby Union (ARU) boss John O'Neill.

The three Ella brothers, Mark, Gary and Glen, have also said they will attend.

Bookings for the dinner must be in by 26 March.



LLOYD McDERMOTT

# Knockout blueprint on offer



ORGANISERS of future New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnivals now have a blueprint on how to run the carnival.

Officials of Walgett Aboriginal Connection (Walgett AC), who organised the 2011 carnival at Bathurst, have put together the template with a view to helping future Knockout carnival hosts organise their events.

It addresses all the aspects Walgett AC had to deal with in organising their carnival.

Spokesman Geoff Simpson said the blueprint would be forwarded to the Murrumbidgee Warriors, at Maitland, who will host the 2012 Aboriginal Knockout.

Copies of the blueprint had been sent to the National Rugby League (NRL), the New South Wales Rugby

League (NSWRL) and Country Rugby League (CRL).

Mr Simpson said the blueprint was a 'living document' and organisers of future carnivals could add to the blueprint based on their experiences.

"It's a tool for people to use," he said.

"It's a working model.

"We don't want to force it on people. It's there if they want to take advantage of our knowledge and experience.

"We want the Knockout to remain a sustainable event and we hope our document is something that will assist future organisers."

Mr Simpson said the blueprint touched on traffic management, catering, security, administration and a host of other issues that needed to be addressed.

"We are offering to meet Murrumbidgee and help them organise their Knockout," he said.

# Indigenous team wins tournament



THE Australian Indigenous team has won the 2012 New South Wales Rugby League Cabramatta International Nines tournament in Sydney in

early February.

The Indigenous team was made up of current non-National Rugby League (NRL) players from NSW and Queensland.

The tournament brought together 21 teams from Australia, the Philippines, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Niue, Portugal and Fiji.

The Indigenous team beat Balmain 26-10 in their first game, then brushed aside the Penrith Brothers 24-10 to advance to the quarter-finals.

There, they beat Auburn 22-18, setting up a semi-final showdown with Mounties.

The Indigenous team won that game 36-24.

Their surprise opponent in the final was Vanuatu, playing in the tournament for the first time.

The Indigenous team won the final 17-12.

In extraordinary scenes in Vanuatu, the team was greeted by ecstatic home fans on their return to the small island nation.

The side comprised players from Sydney and Brisbane as well as four local players.

The Australian Indigenous team last won the tournament in 2009 and reached the semi-finals in the two years leading up to this tournament.

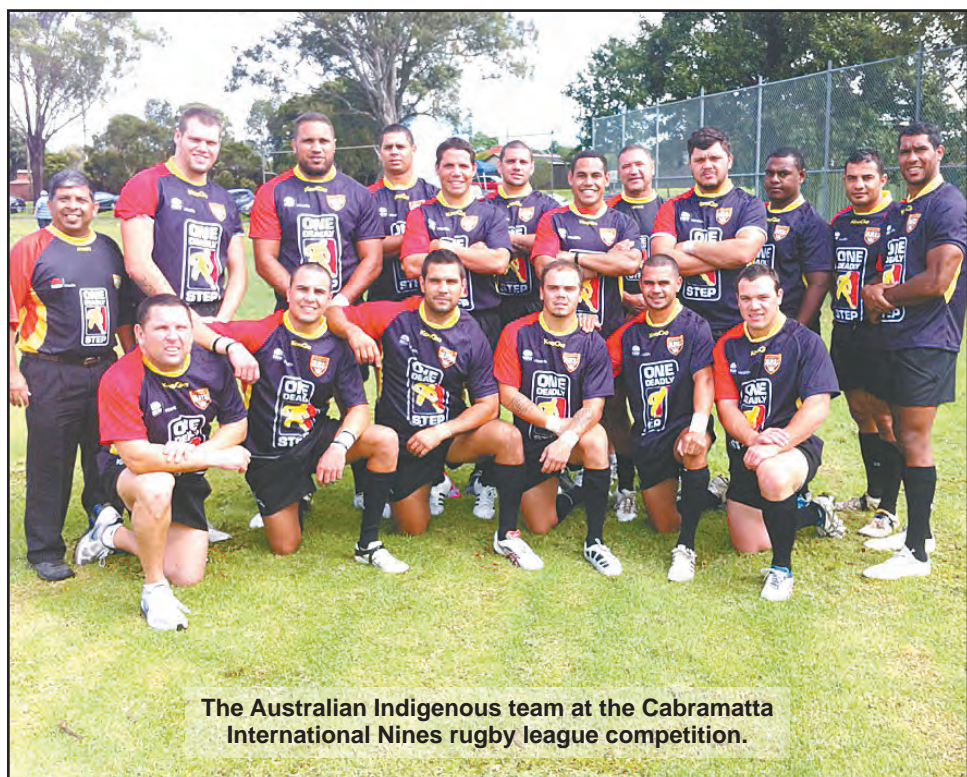
### Plenty of rain, humidity

Indigenous team manager Greg Appo said it rained during the first two days of the carnival, but was very hot and humid.

The Australian Indigenous Nines team:

1. Hughie Stanley (Rockhampton Qld), 2. Aidan Ryan (Wellington NSW), 3. Ali Beale (Mt Druitt NSW), 4. Ashley Kris (Rockhampton Qld), 5. Corey Stanley (Wellington NSW), 6. Nathaniel Bowman (Townsville Qld), 7. Joshua Tanner (Bundaberg Qld), 8. Alan Daley (La Perouse NSW), 9. Brock Dunn (Dubbo NSW), 10. Yileen Gordon (Waterloo NSW), 11. Justin Toomey-White (Wellington NSW), 12. Noel Underwood (Yarrabah Qld), 13. Shaun Daylight (Ipswich Qld), 14. Santoi Thaiday (Yam Island, Torres Strait Qld), 15. Bowen Ryan (Blacktown NSW).

Coach, Rod Frail; manager, Greg Appo; trainer, Sean Stanley; selectors, Steve Hall, Rod Silva, Greg Appo, Rod Frail.



The Australian Indigenous team at the Cabramatta International Nines rugby league competition.



# League challenge

## 'What about us,' say North Qld officials

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION far north Queensland team Argun Warriors should have been given the opportunity to compete at the 3 February Deadly Choices Interstate match, according to some far north Queensland administrators. The National Rugby League-sanctioned Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge was billed as the Koori versus Murri showdown to decide the best Indigenous rugby league team in Australia.

New South Wales Hunter Valley side Mindaribba Warriors beat Queensland's Southern Dingoes 40-18 in the showdown at Pizze Park, on the Gold Coast.

But leading north Queensland All Blacks carnivals organisers Sarah Addo and Jenny Pryor, as well as successful coach Gerald Bowie, claimed it didn't meet its aims.

### Right to challenge

They reckoned the champion North Queensland team of the year should have been given the right to challenge the winners of the Murri Knockout before they met the NSW Knockout victors.

TSI side Argun Warriors won two major NQ carnivals during 2011.

Warriors took out the Island of Origin Series grand final at Badu Island in June, defeating Saguci 20-14.

The Warriors backed up to win North Queensland's biggest All Blacks carnival in Cairns during October.

That Argun Warriors side



Argun Warriors players run on to the field at a north Queensland carnival.

included NRL stars Chris Sandow and Travis Waddell and defeated East Coast Dolphins 32-24 in the decider.

Sarah Addo organised that Cairns carnival and said there was no way the Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge decided the best Indigenous team.

"This event was conducted without full consultation with other All Blacks carnival organisers in Queensland," she said.

"This event should not have been implemented until all the winners of our carnivals played off, then the Queensland winners should have played the NSW winners."

She said the Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge was a kick in the guts for hard-working

organisers of the North Queensland All Blacks carnivals.

Gerald Bowie coached the Argun Warriors side that won the Cairns carnival and feels that the Warriors should have had the right to contest the event.

Bowie also coached Waur United, from Kubin Village Moa Island, which defeated NPA team Ala Eagles 44-42 in the final on November's Dan Ropeyarn carnival at Bamaga.

### Player, then coach

In the past 19 years, Bowie, of Badu heritage, has been involved as a player or coach in successful sides at 64 All Blacks carnivals.

"The Murri Knockout winners should have had to play the winners of other North Queensland

All Blacks carnivals," Bowie said.

"Argun Warriors is a great team and can face any team that participates in any All Blacks carnival."

"Argun will be back at the Cairns All Blacks with a stronger side."

Another critic of the Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge event is Jenny Pryor, who is the chief organiser of the Townsville Bindal All Blacks carnival, which celebrates its 25 year next October.

"Firstly, the Murri Knockout organisation has not got representation of all of Queensland, especially a representative from each of the All Blacks organisers across the State," she said.

"There are a lot of good teams that play in our carnivals so they have been excluded. The Murri

Knockout was in its first year so how can the organiser claim the game will decide the best Indigenous team."

Bowie has issued a challenge declaring that Argun Warriors should meet the winner of the Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge.

"We would be happy to play them somewhere in between where we are based such as at Mackay and I am confident we would win," he said.

His comments were supported by star Argun Warriors back Keiji Bowie, who is based at Weipa, working for Rio Tinto.

"I reckon we should have been invited to play Southern Dingoes for the right to play the NSW Knockout winners," he said.

# Palm Island to host carnival

By ALF WILSON



TWO Palm Island rugby league sides will face an invasion of teams from Woorabinda, Hope Vale, Yarrabah, Charters Towers, Cairns and Townsville at a gala All Blacks carnival this weekend at the north Queensland Aboriginal community.

To be held at the local Palm Island football oval, the two-day carnival will attract most of Palm Island's 2500 residents and supporters of visiting teams.

Bindal Sharks, from Townsville, and Murray Island Descendants, from Cairns, will be the teams from north Queensland's two biggest cities.

The carnival has been organised by Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, and Norman Bounghi, who coached local side Jets to their domestic

grand final win.

The teams will have a huge incentive, with \$8000 for the winners and \$2500 for the runners-up.

Barracudas Gold and Barracudas Green are the local teams to take on the visitors.

Officials of these teams include former Newcastle Knights NRL star Milton Thaiday, Skipjacks club champion forward Fred Bulsey, Genami Geia, Lloyd Morgan and Vaughn Charles.

Three referees will travel from Cairns to handle the games, which start with a round-robin in two pools on Saturday at 9am over 20-minute halves, and will continue under floodlights that evening.

On Sunday, quarter-finals will be followed by semi-finals and the final late in the day.

"Many of the players will arrive on the Sealink ferry from Townsville the day before the carnival and the Cairns players and supporters

by barge from Lucinda," Bounghi said.

It looks like being a great carnival, with some of Queensland's most talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players on display.

The Descendants side is being organised by Cairns referee Richard Grogan, who has regularly officiated in games at the Island of Origin Series on Badu Island, the Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island and Bamaga's Dan Ropeyarn carnival.

"They are all from Cairns and are of Torres Strait Islander descent – mostly Mer," Bounghi said.

Two Palm Island sides competed at the Yarrabah All Blacks carnival last October.

Bindal Sharks reached the final of the Townsville All Blacks carnival last November before losing to Cannonballs.

Woorabinda is also expected to field a very strong team and many of their players have relatives on Palm Island.



FRED BULSEY



## Call goes out to help Kandy compete in Canada athletics



BATHURST teenager Kandy Kennedy is off to Canada in June to compete in long jump and 100m events.

After meeting pre-determined standards in Little Athletics, Kandy will tour for three weeks.

She also excels in other sports such as netball, soccer and rugby league.

She is the daughter of former

Balmain Tigers NRL player William 'Bubba' Kennedy. He still plays for the Bathurst Panthers in the Group 10 competition.

Kandy's mum, Kerrie, said her daughter wanted to become an Indigenous ambassador for women's rugby league.

"She's very proud of her heritage and loves her football and wants to continue with it in the Sydney women's competition when she gets older," Kerrie said.

But the immediate focus is on Canada and raising enough money to get Kandy there.

The trip will cost about \$8000.

Kandy has already received some support, including assistance from Walgett AC, who organised last year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival in Bathurst.

People or organisations wanting to help Kandy get to Canada can contact Kerrie Kennedy on (02) 6332 1467.

## Coffs Harbour gears up for Ella Sevens

RUGBY union's big Ella 7s tournament is on again this year at Coffs Harbour.

The women's competition will start at 6.30pm on Friday 2 March, with the main day the following day.

The men will play all their games on the Saturday.

All players will need to submit an ARU registration form unless they have already registered with a club for 2011.

Entry to the event at the BCU International Stadium (off Hogbin Drive) is \$5.

The Ella 7s began in 2007 and is now firmly established as an annual national Indigenous rugby sevens tournament.

## Cox in Opals Olympic preliminary squad

ROHANE Cox, pictured, has been named in the Australian women's basketball preliminary squad for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Coach Carrie Graf said although there was a core group of players likely to make up much of the 12-player team for London, there were still spots up for grabs.

The Opals' Games preparation starts with a selection camp in mid-March ahead of the official pre-Olympic training camp in May at the AIS.

The final Olympic squad will be named in late June. — AAP



# North Q'land hockey team for Singapore



THE North Queensland Rubies will become the first Indigenous hockey team to compete internationally when they contest a

tournament in Singapore in March.

The girls will line up in the Singapore Sixes against former Australian internationals, top European clubs and the Malaysian national team.

The squad is the result of the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program, a partnership between Hockey Queensland and Hockey Australia.

The program aims to get more Indigenous players to play at elite levels.

The Cairns Post reported that the program appeared to be working, with Cairns girls Carmon McPhee and Rebecca Fatnowna selected in the under-18 Queensland squad and McPhee and Kiona Jones winning gold with the Australian under-21 Country team at the Oceania Cup in Fiji in early December.

The Post said things were not always so conventional when the Remote Program headed to the communities.

"We set up a field in between the tee and green of the Karumba Golf Club one day so a carnival could go ahead," it quoted one official as saying.

"Another time we had to put markers around giant holes in the field dug by wild pigs the night before. But the kids didn't care, we just avoided the holes. It was no big deal to them."

McPhee, who plays for Cairns club Brothers along with Fatnowna, will captain the team in what is another chapter for her fast-growing hockey resume.

"I'm not sick of it yet," she told the



The Rubies during a January camp in Cairns.

Cairns Post, referring to her hectic year-round hockey schedule.

"I'm really looking forward to this experience, it'll be good on a lot of levels for us."

The Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program had more than 3000 children playing hockey last year, with visits to schools and communities from Mt Isa to Badu Island, in the Torres Strait.

The North Queensland Rubies Indigenous hockey team: Goalkeeper, Fiona Jones (Cairns).

Defenders, Samantha Morgan (Mackay), Carmon McPhee (captain - Cairns).

Midfield, Shyneal Saunders (Rockhampton), Jasmine Cleland (Rockhampton),

Jocelyn Nepia (Mackay).

Forwards, Shannaiya Ferns Tatipata (Cairns), Lucretia Willie (Rockhampton), Awhina Nepia (Mackay).

Coach, Wesley Ferns (Cairns); manager, Dalassa Savage (Cairns), Ena Qaianga (Cairns).

Rubies coach Wes Ferns.



## Malthouse 'worried' about Krakouer

FORMER Collingwood coach Mick Malthouse is worried about the welfare of Magpies forward Andrew Krakouer, pictured, who is having a month's break from the Australian Football League (AFL) club.

Malthouse hopes Krakouer will soon play again, but wonders how the small forward will cope without fellow indigenous player Leon Davis.

The Magpies gave Krakouer four weeks off to deal with personal issues in his home state of WA.

"I think when the games start he'll probably feel a bit better, but Leon Davis won't be there," Malthouse said.

Davis left Collingwood and returned to WA at the end of last season after failing to agree on a new deal. — AAP



## \$200,000 boost for NT's Imparja Cup

NORTHERN Territory Sports Minister Karl Hampton has announced Government funding of 200,000 over four years, adding support to the Imparja Cup cricket tournament in Alice Springs.

Mr Hampton said the Territory Government was boosting its support of Australia's national Indigenous cricket carnival to make it even better and more affordable.

"I'm pleased to say that Cricket Australia has guaranteed the Imparja Cup will stay in Alice Springs as a result of this Government's funding until, and including 2015," Mr Hampton said.

"Now into its 19th year, the Imparja Cup is Australia's national Indigenous cricket carnival, State and community level."



# A new beginning

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

**T**HE game of rugby league has been provided with an opportunity that will never be repeated.

The formation of the new structure of the game under the Independent Australian Rugby League Commission has finally reunited the game and provided it with a governing body that should be free of all the politics that have prevented the game from realising its full potential.

As we approach the first premiership game, we should not expect automatic change or immediate improvement.

What we should expect is a new level of transparency and a willingness to listen to all stakeholders in what I firmly believe is the greatest game of all.

In saying this, I mean no disrespect for the many people who have held custodial roles in the game; particularly all those who have given so much of their time voluntarily to the game they love.

Nor am I necessarily being critical of those in administrative roles whose powers have been limited by the structures of the game.

But there has been no doubt that the best interests of the game have not been served at all times as people have been consumed by the self-perceived importance of their role.

This is not limited to the higher levels of administration, as we have all experience with the local committee member who thinks they have the answer to everything.

The game deserves better after an era that has been dominated by the fall-out from the Super League wars.

The Commission has the ability and integrity to take a fresh look at the rugby league landscape and to make decisions unhindered by the way things were done in the past.

They need to make informed decisions while not being impeded by an unending process of consultation.

To this end, they need to have truly representative groups of stakeholders providing them with hard data and proposed solutions to issues in the game.

Too often, people complain about problems without having an alternative strategy.

People often simply equate improvement with more money.

Resources are part of the solution, but it is more the intelligent use of resources available that is the real issue.

And it is the people at the coal-face of the issues who are more likely to understand the true value of resources.

### Greatest resource

And the greatest resource the game has is its human resource – the people (mainly volunteers or amateurs) who play, coach, referee or administer the game.

The true workers are the mums and dads and other community volunteers who give up their time for our stars of tomorrow – the thousands of juniors who aspire to emulate their heroes who play in the NRL.

All need a representative voice in the game.

Grassroots rugby league needs to be heard.

Females in the game are overdue a real presence.

Indigenous rugby league needs an inclusive identity within

the game.

All cultures and backgrounds need to be respected for what they bring to our sport.

The Men of League and other entities deserve their place at the table.

Importantly, the players need a true voice in the game outside of the important role of the players' union.

It was the power and passion of the players that brought the All Stars concept to fruition after years of being blocked by well-meaning officialdom.

Players can be as passionate about the development and future of the game as any other group.

They started playing the game because they loved it and – you can take it from me – you need that passion to continue playing the game at the highest level.

Money alone is not sufficient motivation to put your body on the line – you need to have a commitment to your team-mates and the game to perform.

Players are also like other people in that they are proud of who they are and where they come from.

That is the foundation of the success of the All Stars game and I am afraid the players' voice has been overwhelmed by the success of the game.

Too many people want to be part of that success and forget where the game came from.

I was reminded of this when I was privileged to visit the NRL

Pacifika Group as they planned to provide a platform for issues affecting our Polynesian players.

They recently held an education camp and forum that brought together players from across the game.

The players left that camp affirmed and believing that they had a real role to play, not only in the game, but also in using their profile to make a positive difference in their communities and to issues important to their people.

Sound familiar?

### Major objective

This was also one of the major objectives of the Indigenous Player Group on our journey to the All Stars game.

I am certain it is the same for players who come from the bush, other countries, or the many cultures that exist within the game.

The game should not be afraid to engage with the players.

Not all issues are about money or player rights.

The players are passionate about our game and its future.

They deserve to be heard and, where appropriate, supported in their efforts to give back to the game.

The Independent commissioners are intelligent and successful people.

I am sure they will have the wisdom to listen.

It is an opportunity the game may never have again.

## Commission takes control of rugby league



THE long-awaited Australian Rugby League Commission has been

launched by chairman John Grant who hailed it as a fresh start for the game.

The independent commission, almost four years in the making, takes over immediately with the former ARL board dissolved at a meeting on Friday 10 February.

The new set-up also brings to a close media group News Limited's 17-year involvement in the running of the National Rugby League competition.

John Grant signed off on the historic change at a launch function at Rugby League Central, the newly-opened \$20 million headquarters at Sydney's Moore Park.

"We finally have the result we wanted," said Grant.

"Rugby league has today achieved something many sporting competitions around the world are working very, very hard on and that's independent governance.

"More importantly it's been done at a time when the game is in great shape. Let

me acknowledge the leap of faith the game has taken."

Grant is joined on the eight-person commission by Gary Pemberton, the man widely credited with securing record broadcasting rights for the Sydney Olympics, Harris Farm founder and chairwoman Catherine Harris; brand

strategist Ian Elliot and business heavyweights Peter Gregg and Jeremy Sutcliffe.

Highly-respected indigenous educationalist Dr Chris Sarra – Queensland's Australian of the Year in 2009 and a key figure in the Indigenous All Stars concept – is also on board along with

we have the closest sporting competition of its kind in the world and our players and clubs are regarded for making a positive difference in the community.

"The game has always been about innovation over its more than 100 years of history." – AAP



The Australian Rugby League Commission, which now is the single controlling body and administrator of the game, from left, Gary Pemberton, Peter Gregg, Catherine Harris, Ian Elliot, chairman John Grant, Wayne Pearce, Jeremy Sutcliffe and Dr Chris Sarra.

former Test star Wayne Pearce.

The end of the current ARL will not affect the NSWRL and QRL, who continue to oversee representative sides in their respective states.

The Country Rugby League will merge with the NSWRL and be based at the new HQ in Sydney.

Long-serving NRL chief executive David Gallop assumes a similar role with the commission.

Gallop said rugby league was ready to dive into an exciting new era, with new opportunities for players and grass roots communities.

"It's a special day because it's a day when rugby league springboards into the future and that springboard can only happen because of the success and the strength of the game going into the 2012 season," Gallop said.

"The game is built on strong foundation stones,



# Players need space

**A**NDREW Krakouer, John Heslin and Majak Daw have all taken leave from their Australian Football League (AFL) careers over the past few weeks – some for clear reasons and others confidential at this stage.

Apart from matters that are already in the public domain, I would like to basically leave the matters there and respect the privacy of the individuals involved.

And that is the major point of my column this week.

After the excitement of the first round of the NAB Cup and the anticipation of the first premiership round, we should pause and think of the expectations we sometimes place on our players.

We expect them to be role models at all times and I agree that players have to live up to standards that are in the main higher than those we expect of the average person in the street.

But this expectation sometimes flows over into a player's personal life and the pressures can sometimes become too much.

This is particularly the case when the media becomes involved and can go too far in search of the next scandalous headline.

Sometimes the issue can be fairly basic like the case of Richmond's Irish recruit John Heslin, who returned home after just three months on the Tigers' list.

He was basically homesick, which is completely understandable.

However, parts of the media still tried to make this a story because Heslin is the third Richmond player in the past two years to give in to homesickness.

Relton Roberts and Troy Taylor returned to the Northern

Territory after brief careers at Punt Road.

It was as if the club was somehow responsible for this run of events.

In a statement released by the Tigers, general manager of football Craig Cameron said the club would support Heslin's decision.

"It's never easy for young players to relocate to a new country, a long way from their family and friends. John found that transition difficult, and has experienced homesickness," Cameron said.

"We have worked hard to support John and will continue to do so, but we understand his decision to return home at this time."

And that should have been the end of a simple matter of a young person struggling without the support of his family.

## Pin-up boys

The cases of Krakouer and Daw were always going to be different because they were in their own ways 'pin-up' boys of the AFL in recent times.

I have personally written about my admiration for Andrew and his personal story of redemption and believe he should be given as much space and time away from the game that he needs.

I support Mick Malthouse whose comments focus on the welfare of the person rather than the career of the footballer, although we all hope he will return in the near future.

Malthouse hopes Krakouer will soon play again, but wonders how the small forward will cope without fellow indigenous player Leon Davis.

The Magpies gave Krakouer four weeks off to deal with personal issues in his home state of WA.

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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"I think when the games start he'll probably feel a bit better, but Leon Davis won't be there," Malthouse said.

Davis left Collingwood and returned to WA at the end of last season after failing to agree on a new deal.

Malthouse said he was trying to contact Krakouer, who was the feel-good story of last season.

Krakouer, who previously played for Richmond, made his AFL comeback with the Pies after serving a jail term for assault.

"It's not about football, this is about life," Malthouse said.

"If he comes back to football – well and good – but I want to get in touch on the humanity thing, not so much the football thing."

"I want to make contact with him; he's such a beautiful kid."

It is the person that matters here, but unfortunately he will

undoubtedly also feel the pressure of the media as he sorts out his personal issues.

The Kangaroos also tried to protect their player in Majak Daw, but ended up being criticised for what was perceived as their botched handling of Majak Daw's indefinite suspension.

Club president James Brayshaw said the club was trying to 'protect' the Sudanese-born athlete who came to Australia as a refugee.

Unfortunately, in trying to protect him, they exposed him to some alarming media treatment that showed little concern for the individual involved.

The club didn't help matters when an official uncharacteristically referred to Daw as 'a chap who was in Egypt for three years with his family as a 12-year-old. Lying might have been a part of the way they had to survive, so I think you have to take that into account'.

## Unfortunate

This was unfortunate as the Kangaroos, like all clubs, have promoted cultural sensitivity in dealings with all communities.

It must have made life even tougher for Daw, a rookie footballer promoted by his club and fostered by the AFL as a badge of the game's multicultural honour.

He must have felt exploited given his treatment by the media. So much for multiculturalism.

As a game, we all have to work to bring this footballer back into the fold, whether or not he ever proves to be a senior player.

The league, which has worked closely with Daw in the past, must and will help.

The same goes for Krakouer. Collingwood coach Nathan

Buckley would be disappointed that private details of Krakouer's extensive problems have become public.

For a season his magnificent comeback to AFL papered over the cracks that were haunting him off-field, but the cracks deepened nevertheless.

Now that he is a senior coach, Buckley will become more acutely aware of the social and financial pressures unique to many high-profile Indigenous players.

## Inevitable

To celebrate and detail Krakouer's extraordinary comeback from 16 months in prison to an AFL grand final demands some examination of the fall which Buckley hinted earlier this month was perhaps inevitable.

Separation can lead to isolation, but that appears to have taken place well before Friday's announcement.

That Krakouer has been set apart from the senior team is an indication of the fragility of his current emotional state.

Now the club admits it is unclear where the Krakouer story is headed.

The game of Australian rules deserves — and takes — great credit for its development of Indigenous talent and its crusade against racism.

It must continue to show leadership in this area.

But the public and the media have their role to play too.

Players may be our heroes, but they hurt and bleed in the same way we all do.

Let us celebrate their talents on the field and hold them up to fair expectations off the field.

But let's also give them space to be human.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

# Palm Island's once-in-a-generation boxer

By **ALF WILSON**



**GIANT** 16-year-old Indigenous boxer David Sam has been described by his trainer Ray Dennis as a 'once-in-a-generation' pugilist.

Palm Islander Sam weighs 100kg – and most of it is muscle.

Sam won a gold medal at the Australian Boxing Association's Amateur national titles in Hobart on 4 February.

It was in the 91kg+ super heavyweight youth division and Dennis said it was the manner in which Sam won which made him a special boxer.

"David won by knockout in an early round and has so much class at his tender young age," Dennis said.

Sam is the nephew of former champion professional champion boxer Doug Sam, who fought for a world title.

"David now qualifies for the Oceania Games at Canberra in March and will do very well," Dennis said.

So what sets Sam aside from other heavyweight boxers?

"It is his speed – it's like that of a much

lighter boxer," Dennis said.

"Because David is so big, he has brute strength in his punches and he is very fit."

Dennis said that if Sam remained committed, he could end up a world professional champion and a very rich man.

"The lad is just 16 and already possesses a knockout punch. He has any amount of potential, but has to train hard and remain committed to training," Dennis said.

Dennis said Sam had won six of his eight amateur bouts, with his losses against much older opponents.

"One boxer who beat him was aged 27 and all of his opponents have been older. This is a once-in-a-generation boxer we have here," Dennis said.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to Sam when he returned from Hobart to Townsville as he was preparing to catch the ferry to Palm Island.

"I really want to go as far as I can on Palm and be a role model for my people," he said.

Sam has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander blood.

"I have family up on Darnley Island in



**David Sam, left, trades punches with Selwyn Seaton, who covers up during a sparring session on Palm Island. Picture: Alf Wilson**

the Torres Strait," he said.

His brother Kareem lives on Moa Island and was a good amateur boxer, along with other elder brothers Costa, Assan and Moa Sam.

The other Palm boxer who competed at

the Hobart titles was Reggie Palm Island, who lost in his flyweight division bout.

"Reggie wasn't at peak fitness after fathering a baby and knows he needs to be fully dedicated as he also has lots of ability," Dennis said.



# Petrenko pads up with Steve Waugh

By PETER ARGENT



Jared Petrenko hits a six.



RISING Adelaide Crows Indigenous star Jared Petrenko swapped his football attire for a cricket bat to join former Test cricket captain Steve Waugh to celebrate the opening of the new St Clair Oval, in the western suburbs of Adelaide.

Petrenko and Waugh played for reigning SANFL premiers Woodville West Torrens Football Club (Petrenko's foundation club) against co-tenants at Oval Avenue, the Woodville District Cricket Club.

The All Star Twenty20 match included a number of elite past and present cricket and football players: Former Test cricketer Wayne Phillips, along with past and current Adelaide Crows Trent Hentschel, Bernie Vince and Petrenko.

Former Australian national cricket coach and Redbacks wicketkeeper Tim Nielsen was among local sports stars in the Waugh All Stars XI, along with new Eagles captain Luke Powell.

The Eagles spent the first 20 overs in the field, and while declining to bowl, Petrenko exhibited safe hands, taking a couple of good catches.

He then opened the batting with Crows team-mate Bernie Vince, recapturing the touch he showed as a junior cricketer.

The pair produced a 40-run opening stand before Petrenko was dismissed for 18.

The highlight of his innings was a mammoth six over wide mid-on, which cleared the new St Clair Oval boundary by ten metres.

Despite a half century by 168-Test champion Waugh, the Eagles All Stars went down by six runs.



Jared Petrenko, right, and Steve Waugh.

The score was Woodville 7-168, Eagles All Stars 8-162.

Earlier in the day, in the Crows' internal trial played at AAMI Stadium, which was a media lock-out, Petrenko kicked two goals for the winning team.

# 'We'll shake the world'

## Geale set for title defence



DANIEL Geale says Billy Dib and he will be looking to make a statement to the world when they

defend their IBF boxing world titles in mandatory defences in Hobart on 7 March.

Middleweight Geale will put his belt on the line against American-based Ghanaian Qsmanu Adamu (20-2, 15 KOs), the IBF No 1 contender.

Featherweight Dib, who like Geale, will be making his second title defence, will be up against Mexican Eduardo Escobedo (32-3, 23 KOs), the IBF rated No 3 and the highest available contender, with the top two spots currently vacant.

"This is going to be massive exposure, we're going to be seen around the world," Geale said.

"We have to perform. Both of us have got to make statements to the rest of the world."

Geale thought it could be his last bout in Australia for a while, with plenty of interest from overseas promoters in his services.

He felt the experience of IBF No 2-ranked middleweight Sam Soliman could be decisive against

Garth Wood in the all-Australian middleweight clash in Sydney last Sunday, but expressed no interest in fighting the winner.

"We've been having huge offers from fighters overseas. My goals are to travel overseas and fight and win over there," Geale said.

Geale has prepared by sparring rounds with former *The Contender* TV show winner and super middleweight world title contender Sakio Bika.

"I've done three or four sessions with Sakio now, so that probably equates to about ten sessions with normal people," Geale quipped.

In Dib's case, his acclaimed trainer Billy Hussein will be locking wits with famed Mexican 'Nacho' Beristain, who was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame this year following his work with legends like Oscar de la Hoya and Juan Manuel Marquez.

"He (Escobedo) has got a master trainer in his corner and I've got a master trainer in my corner," Dib said.

### Injunction threat

Meanwhile, Geale has hit back at rival Soliman's threat to the IBF world champion's next title defence, asking simply: Who does he think he is?

Announcing the double-header of world title defences in Hobart on 7 March, Tasmanian Geale said he was unconcerned by a potential legal stoush with the No 2 middleweight challenger.

Soliman's management had called on lawyers in an attempt to stop Geale's bout with Osumanu Adama, threatening an injunction.

They claim Geale broke an agreement and that Soliman was disadvantaged because he was unable to find a promoter to complete an IBF-ordered box-off to determine Geale's challenger.

"It's their fault that things didn't work out the way that they want there," said Geale, who claims he had to confirm his mandatory defence by February.

"They're sort of crying about it now and carrying on about it now. Who do these guys think they are to be able to say that?"

### 'Right avenues'

"They've got to go through the right avenues if they want to fight me. They've got to get their rankings right if they want to fight me and then we'll consider that option."

"At the moment we've got options coming from everywhere."

"I've had to work so hard to get into this position as well and these people want to jump the queue and just fight me whenever they feel like it. It's just not the right way."

Geale (26-1) has again shunned more lucrative offers to defend his middleweight title at home, inviting former amateur team-mate and IBF featherweight champion Dib along to defend his belt.

Two world title defences on the one bill is thought to be a first for Australian boxing.



Daniel Geale celebrates after winning his IBF World championship middleweight title fight against Sebastian Sylvester, of Germany, in Neubrandenburg, Germany, last 7 May. (Getty image)

"This sort of stuff sometimes happens in Vegas so to bring it down to Tassie, it's a pretty decent thing," Geale said.

The 30-year-old has seen several fights fall through in the US and Europe since injuring his hand in the first defence of the title against Eromosele Albert in Hobart last year, but says with offers flooding in, this could be his swansong in Australia.

Geale said Ghana-born American Adama (20-2) would be a tougher proposition than Albert.

"He can punch harder, he's probably a little bit faster and he's definitely stronger," Geale said. "He thinks he's just going to walk through me and just sort of knock me out."

"That's not going to happen. I'm going to be physically at



# Highlights of 2012



Troy Oakley (Victoria) turns in time to see the bails fall, bowled by Queensland captain Worrin Williams in the match at Larapinta Oval.



NSW players show their joy as the winning runs are scored in the final of the Imparja Cup.

Federal Minister Warren Snowdon presents retiring NICAC co-chairman Vince Copley with an Aboriginal painting at the Imparja Cup dinner.



## Tributes flow for retiring Vince Copley

**T**RIBUTES flowed for Vince Copley at the Imparja Cup gala dinner in Alice Springs on Friday 10 February.

Leading cricket administrators and politicians lined up to pay tribute to Mr Copley, who has stepped down as co-chairman of the Indigenous cricket's over-arching organisation, the National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee (NICAC).

One of those to speak was NICAC co-chairman and former South Australian Premier John Bannon.

NICAC was established in 2001 to guide the development of Indigenous cricket.

Its jewel in the crown is the Imparja Cup cricket carnival held every February in Alice Springs.

It brings together the best Indigenous cricketers in Australia, playing for their States and Territories.

The Imparja Cup runs parallel to a number of minor competitions involving women cricketers and major centres and community divisions.

Mr Copley is recognised as being the driving force in elevating the profile of Indigenous cricket.

His association with cricket goes back a long time, first as a player and then as an administrator.

He was also an outstanding Australian rules football and played at VFL level.

The new co-chairman of NICAC is Aaron Briscoe, from the ACT.



Stout is out... Bradley Stout is bowled by NSW's Jake Turner in the men's final. Excluding the Imparja Cup final, Stout led the run-scoring with 279 runs at 55.80 at a remarkable strike-rate of 191.1.



The Queensland team after the final.



The 'baby' of the Imparja Cup, 13-year-old Ayden McGregor-Baptista, playing for South Australia.



Brian Manning (NT) launches into the South Australian bowling.



Rising young Victorian Bohdi Walker hits out against Queensland at Larapinta Oval.



● LEFT: NSW batter Roxsanne Van-Veen is bowled by Sally Moylan in the women's final. The ACT wicketkeeper is Melanie Driscoll.



● RIGHT: Victorian Brenden Miller in action against Queensland at Larapinta Oval. The Queensland batsman is Worrin Williams.



# Imparja Cup carnival



Fletcher Stewart bowling for Victoria against Queensland at Larapinta Oval. Queensland won the match to qualify for the final.



NSW and ACT players after the women's final.

## Development team off to India

**T**HE Indigenous development squad, chosen at this year's Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs, is off to India later this year.

Identified by tournament selectors Ray Bright and Mark Hanton, the team will attend India's cricket schools.

Indigenous development squads have previously toured England, Papua New Guinea and competed in the Arafura Games in Darwin.

Bright said the Indian tour would advance the careers of those selected and outlined the mix of past-performers and talent selected.

"We've managed a good blend of guys who we've seen perform in previous years along with some new faces, like Nathan Price, John Green



The Black Caps team, made up of players who performed well in the Imparja Cup.

and Bohdi Walker," Bright said.

"In sending the team to India, we're aiming to further their development as players and individuals.

"The experience will get them used to the professional lifestyle they can expect as they reach the next level of cricket."

In a night of recognition, the Imparja Cup tournament's best performers were chosen in the Black Caps representative side.

Ben Abbatangelo (Vic) and Adam McDermott (Qld) received Cricket Australia scholarships to India and four of the Imparja Cup's youngest stars were selected to attend under-18 talent camps.

The Indigenous Development Squad to tour India:

Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Michael Bailey (WA), Jeff Cook (NSW), Jake Kubinek (Qld), Jake Turner (NSW),

Adam McDermott (Qld), Nathan Price (NSW), Dylan Fuller (NT), Aaron Muir (NSW), Fletcher Stewart (Vic), Bradley Stout (Qld), Bohdi Walker (Vic), Cameron Trask (Qld), John Green (Vic), Worrin Williams (Qld), Darcy Short (WA), Josh Lalor (NSW).

Coach, Barry Weare; manager, Aaron Briscoe.

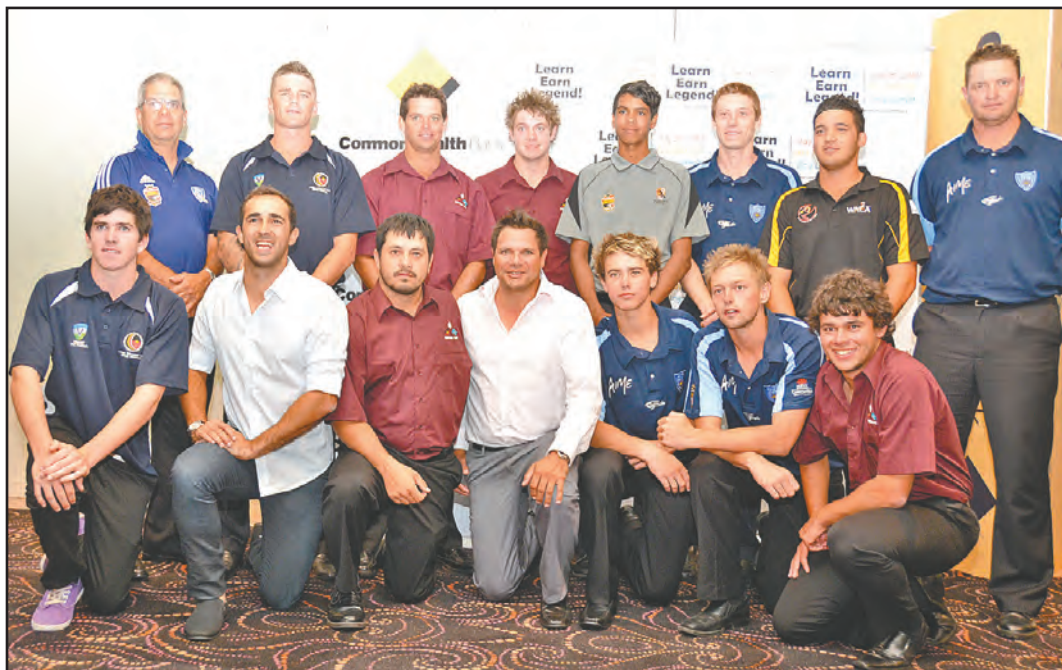
The Black Caps team: Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Michael Bailey (WA), Jeff Cook (NSW), Jake Kubinek (Qld), Adrian McAdam (NT), Adam McDermott (Qld), Nathan Price (NSW), Pat Rosser (NSW), Willie Serle (SA), Fletcher Stewart (Vic), Bradley Stout (Qld), Bohdi Walker (Vic).



Luke Lander (SA) puts maximum effort into this delivery in the game against the Northern Territory.



West Australian Jay Collard bowling against the ACT at Traeger Park.



The Indigenous Development Team after it was announced at the Imparja Cup dinner. The team will visit India later this year.



Brady Grey (Tasmania) bowling against NSW.



# Highlights of 2012

The sweet taste of success for the NSW women.



## NSW women too strong

**T**HE NSW women previewed the success of their male colleagues, making it five titles in succession with a dominant 58-run victory against the ACT, reflecting their tournament-long supremacy.

The Blues faltered at the hands of Sally Moylan's off-spin early in their innings, losing three top-order wickets, including star batter Sam Hinton for 11, leaving them 3-35 after seven overs.

But Hinton's opening partner Nicole Honeysett stepped into the void, stabilising the NSW innings and quelling the ACT charge.

Supported by Veronica Gordon (29) in the middle-order, Honeysett carried her bat,

finishing on 46 from 48 deliveries and guiding NSW to a solid 7-115 from their allotted overs.

ACT all-rounder Moylan finished with 4-24 from her four overs of off-spin.

With little time to dwell on her bowling feats, Moylan opened the batting for ACT, but didn't last long.

Her dismissal was followed by a steady procession of batters and the ACT's stuttering run chase ended on 57 with an over to spare.

The women's competition this year was a triangular series involving NSW, the ACT and the Northern Territory.

Tournament organisers are pushing other States and Territories to enter women's teams.



NSW and ACT players and the umpires after the women's final.



● LEFT: ACT batter Jill Robinson skied this and was out for a duck in the women's final against NSW.



● RIGHT: Veronica Gordon (NSW) swings to leg in the women's final against the ACT.

● RIGHT: ACT captain Sally Moylan claimed the prize wicket of NSW batter Samantha Hinton with this delivery



Sally Moylan watches the ball fly as she is bowled by Rheanna Lotter.



Community Division players from Timber Creek Dingoes (red) and Brothers in Arms (Alice Springs - yellow) after the final, won by Alice Springs.



Brothers in Arms with their trophy after their Community Division success.



The winning Major Centres Division side Darwin.



The lush Traeger Park, Alice Springs, with the magnificent MacDonnell Ranges as a backdrop.



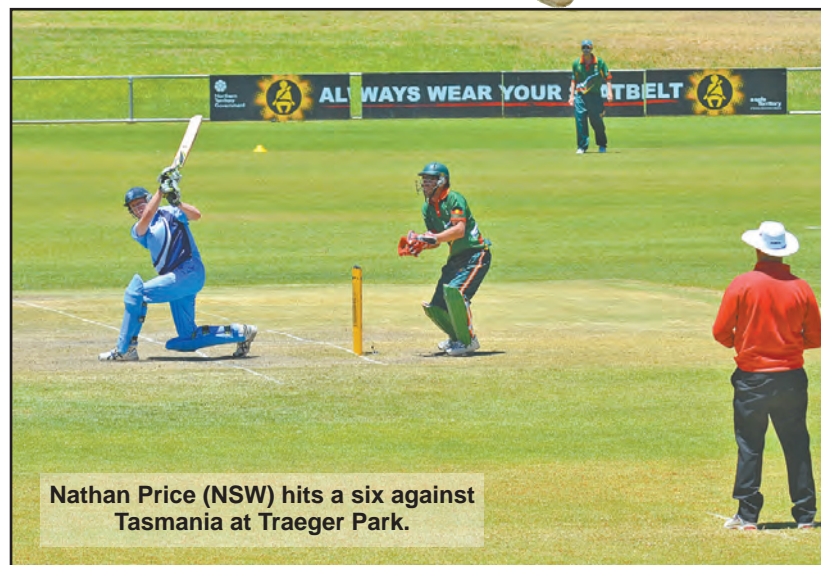
# Imparja Cup carnival



Worrin Williams steered Queensland to victory in their game against Victoria at Larapinta Oval.



Alistair Bivens (WA) out, caught, during the game against the ACT.



Nathan Price (NSW) hits a six against Tasmania at Traeger Park.



Major Centres Division players Darwin (green) and Alkupitija (yellow) after the final, won by Darwin.



Player of the Women's States and Territories Division final Nicole Honeysett (NSW) being interviewed by Grant Saunders (Castle Media) for NITV.



Retiring National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee (NICAC) co-chairman Vince Copley, left, with Northern Territory Sports Minister Karl Hampton at the Imparja Cup dinner.



NSW skipper Jeff Cook hits a six against Tasmania. He was out next ball.



Dean Harris (Tasmania) was dropped on the boundary and the ball went for four in the match at Traeger Park against NSW.

## Lamont plunders runs for Darwin

WHEN Tasmanian Imparja Cup discard Colin Lamont received an invitation from Darwin to play in the Imparja Cup Major Centres competition, it was too good an opportunity to decline.

The invitation came from Imparja Cup co-founder and Darwin player Shane Franey.

Lamont was one of the first players picked in Tasmania's early Imparja Cup teams, but has been overlooked in recent years despite scoring lots of runs in local Tasmanian cricket.

It was with some satisfaction to Lamont, when, at the Imparja Cup dinner in Alice Springs on Friday 10 February, he was named player of the Major Centres Division after plundering runs throughout the tournament.

Leading up to the final, Lamont scored 77, 77, 60, 21 and 62 and hit another 62 in the final for a tournament aggregate of 349 at an average of 49.85.

Lamont later told the *Koori Mail* that after again being overlooked by Tasmania, he had decided to 'let my bat do the talking'.

Darwin sneaked home in the Major Centres final, beating defending premiers Alkupitija, by just a couple of runs.

Darwin batted first and scored 127 and Alkupitija, after being in



Player of the series and co-player of the final Colin Lamont, right, with Darwin co-captain and co-player of the final Jared Franey after Darwin had won the Major Centres Division.

trouble at 5-25, finished with 124 after 20 overs.

Other teams in this division were Katherine Kangas, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

In the final of the Community Division, Brothers In Arms (Alice Springs) beat the Timber Creek Dingoes.

Other teams were Truckeez, Nywente, Safe & Sober (Congress), Amoonguna Crows, Clontarf Eagles, Reclink Rebels, Alice Springs Correctional Centre, Stuart Highway Mob, Melville Island Juparika, Tangentyere Tigers and CAAPU.

Alice Springs team Bush Potatoes beat Congress (Alice Springs) in the Women's Community Division.

The Alice Angels was the other team in that division.



● LEFT: Brian Manning (NT) batting against South Australia at Traeger Park. The wicketkeeper is Marcus McGregor-Cassidy.





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Jubilant NSW players after retaining the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs on Saturday 12 February.  
Picture: Graham Hunt

## Blues crush Qld



Imparja Cup final hero Pat Rosser.

By GRAHAM HUNT



NEW South Wales saved its best until last when it crushed Queensland in the final of the 2012 Imparja Cup cricket competition in Alice Springs on Saturday 11

February.

Veteran Pat Rosser played an explosive innings, steering NSW to victory in just 11.1 overs in the T20 final at Traeger Park.

Responding to Queensland's 9-114, NSW was well in control when Rosser decided to take matters into his own hands, blasting an Imparja Cup record 30 runs off just one over from the unfortunate Queensland leg-spinner Adam McDermott.

Rosser's innings included eight fours and six sixes.

The four sixes Rosser helped himself to in McDermott's solitary over were over mid-wicket.

Earlier, Rosser had played his part in restricting Queensland to 9-114.

He and fellow off-spinner and NSW

captain Jeff Cook each took two wickets as the Blues bowled with discipline.

Queensland captain Worrin Williams played a lone hand in resisting the NSW attack.

Williams stayed until the end of the Queensland innings, scoring 60 from 41 balls.

The final was something of an anti-climax after a thrilling clash between NSW and Queensland earlier in the tournament.

### Sneaked home

The two teams came together on day three of the competition and NSW sneaked home with a last-ball win at Albrecht Oval.

Scores: Queensland 6-165, NSW 6-171.

That win assured NSW a place in the final.

Nathan Price produced the highest individual score of the series with 97 not out for NSW, ending the match with a six.

Queensland clinched its finals berth the next day when it beat Victoria at Larapinta Oval.

Victoria were the big improvers of the carnival, finishing the qualifying matches in

third place with 20 points from five wins and two losses (to NSW and Qld).

Then came Western Australia (12 points – three wins and four losses), South Australia (12 – three wins and four losses), ACT (8 – two wins and five losses), Northern Territory (4 – one win and six losses) and Tasmania (4 – one win and six losses).

Nathan Price (NSW) produced the highest individual score of the series with his 97 not out against Queensland.

Others with big innings were Queenslander Bradley Stout (91), Jesse Hampton (ACT) with 87, Pat Rosser with 87 and 85, Michael Bailey (WA) 85 and young Victorian captain Ben Abbatangelo with 81.

Tyrone Thomas (NSW) produced the only five-wicket haul of the tournament, finishing with 5-7 against Western Australia on the opening day.

Other top efforts came from Bhodi Johnson (Tasmania – 4-14), Michael Bailey (WA – 4-14), Dane Ugle (WA – 4-18), Adrian McAdam (NT – 4-21), Bohdi Walker (Vic – 4-23), Fletcher Stewart (Vic – 4-24) and Michael Dunn (ACT – 4-32).

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