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Spot the leader!



Here's a tip: It'll be hard, given the wealth of talent in this crowd of 16 to 25-year-olds at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney's Redfern on Friday afternoon. Prime Minister Julia Gillard, accompanied by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, was a surprise visitor to a four-day national youth forum on constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The 70-or-so participants from every state and territory pledged to take their newfound expertise on the subject back to their families, friends, workmates, schools and universities. See Pages 11-14 for more on this inspiring gathering. *Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM, courtesy of the NCIE*

See you in court



AN ALLIANCE of lawyers has warned that a High Court challenge is likely if the Federal Government pushes forward with its Stronger Futures legislation, which would extend the Northern Territory intervention for another ten years.

The warning came as Indigenous and other groups across the nation slammed a Senate report effectively giving the proposed Bills the nod, despite senators raising concerns that the consultation process underpinning them was 'flawed'.

Australian Greens Senator

Challenge likely if Stronger Futures legislation proceeds

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My FAMILY

MICHELLE LEISHA – Woorabinda, Qld

MY name is Michelle Leisha and this is part of my family.

We live in Woorabinda (central Queensland), we are all direct descendants of the Ghungulu tribe who are the traditional owners for this area.

In the photo in the back row there is my eldest daughter Claudete Kay holding my granddaughter Marratta Graham. Next to her is my youngest daughter Geve Graham and my second daughter Kymberlee Graham.

Down in front next to me in the red dress is my granddaughter Tjilalaki Graham and next to me is my cousin-sister Beverley Leisha holding her granddaughter Grace Fuller and her grandson Robert Leisha.

My dad was born here at the 8-Mile so our connection to country is very strong. He was John Leisha and he married my mum Jean Walker, from Springsure.

We speak and still have our language which has been passed on, and that all came through from our great grandfather Timmy Kemp, who is still alive and turned 90 at the end of last year.

I left Woore for 15 years to travel with my husband Douglas Graham to his country, which is around Miles as well as Blackwater and Yarrabah.



We came home last year because I became very ill and needed to come back here for cultural reasons.

We all love living here, we go out for bush tucker, we have get-togethers like barbecues and birthday parties, and the women in our family love to get together and yarn together.

There's women's business here that we need to do.

We also hope to make some boomerangs and clapsticks to sell at the Beef Expo in May this year. So we'll work together on that as a family.

We share Woorabinda with all different tribes as our ancestors have done in the past and we're proud to be a part of that.

— As told to
CHRISTINE HOWES

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koomail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



TIWANA, Traevonnah, Tyessa, Joseph and Jennifer Fisher were amongst students and their families who joined staff from Murgon State High School in southern Queensland at a National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence breakfast on Friday. Photo supplied

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N-dump final plea

Governor-General asked to visit site



TRADITIONAL owners fighting a nuclear waste dump in the Northern Territory have invited the Governor-General to Tennant Creek before she signs off on the legislation. The Senate passed laws last Tuesday enabling medical, research and industrial waste to be stored at the Aboriginal-owned site Muckaty Station, 120kms from Tennant Creek, for hundreds of years – a move that has angered environmentalists and traditional owners.

The House of Representatives agreed to minor amendments to the Government's *Nuclear Waste Management Bill 2010* on Wednesday, including one lobbied for by the Greens that will prohibit international nuclear waste.

Greens MP Adam Bandt says despite the added safeguard, the laws remain fundamentally flawed.

The Aboriginal community at Muckaty Station, nominated for the dump site by the Northern Land Council in 2007, did not want the dump to go ahead, he noted.

Several traditional owners claim they were not properly consulted and did not give their consent, and have

taken the dispute to the Federal Court.

Opposition Energy and Resources spokesman Ian Macfarlane says approving a nuclear waste site was 10 years too late and took aim at those 'prepared to compromise honesty on the basis of political gain'.

"That is despicable," he told Parliament, noting that his comments were not directed at Government MPs.

Last-ditch bid

In a last-ditch bid to stop the waste dump, 27 traditional owners have written to Governor-General Quentin Bryce inviting her to the Top End to meet and discuss their concerns.

"Muckaty is a very special place for us," the traditional owners of the Warlmanpa Land Trust wrote, adding they worried about the dump's impact on animals, bush tucker, old stories and new kids.

"None of the ministers have ever come to talk to us about the waste dump."

The Northern Land Council in 2007 nominated Muckaty Station, however a legal challenge by a group of traditional owners is now before the Federal Court.

The Governor-General is required to give royal assent to the laws. — AAP



Turbo's Deadly award



MELBOURNE artist Trevor 'Turbo' Brown celebrates after taking out this year's Victorian Deadly Art Award. The Latji Latji man from the state's far north won widespread praise – not to mention the \$25,000 prize – for his entry *Owl Dreaming*, a portrait of a 'spirit owl' he rescued while living in Mildura. See our report and more photos from the 2012 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards on Page 59. Photo: Steve Rhall



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Prognosis good for Townsville service



THE future of an Aboriginal health service in Townsville 'looks bright' following a series of reforms brought about by a period of governance and internal disputes.

The Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Services (TAIHS) will now be known as the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Services after being registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait*

Islander) Act 2006.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said the corporation had previously been registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* after being set up in 1974 to provide community-based and culturally-appropriate health care and community services.

Services include general practice, dental health, specialist clinics, supported accommodation, child safety programs, and other community services.

It also provides health and other

services to non-Indigenous people.

Mr Beven said in 2011 the health service went through a difficult period of governance and internal dispute that led to the appointment of a funds administrator by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing.

Reforms

"As part of important reforms, the directors recommended to the members that TAIHS transfer its registration to the CATSI Act," Mr Beven said. "The members approved the transfer at an

extraordinary general meeting in Townsville on 13 December 2011."

Mr Beven said the health service had a fine history of over 30 years delivering quality health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Townsville region. "Now as a corporation registered under the CATSI Act it will be able to access a range of support services from my office as it continues its reform work," he said.

Donald Whaleboat, the corporation's chairperson, said it had been a challenging time but

the directors and members had worked through the issues and were committed to strengthening the health service.

"With this transfer to the CATSI Act the future looks bright," Mr Whaleboat said.

The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, the peak body for community controlled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services in Queensland, played a key role in advising the directors and members on the transfer to the CATSI Act, and other reforms.

NAIDOC deadlines near



ENTRIES close on 30 March for this year's National NAIDOC Poster Competition. And people have until 27 April to make nominations for the National NAIDOC Awards.

The National NAIDOC Committee is urging Indigenous artists to submit an artwork based on this year's National NAIDOC theme – 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on' for the poster competition.

The winning entry receives a \$5000

cash prize and the artwork is displayed on the 2012 National NAIDOC Poster.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell said there were ten National NAIDOC Awards award categories this year. Winners will be honoured at the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball, in Hobart on 6 July. NAIDOC Week this year is from 1-8 July.

Nomination forms for the poster competition and awards are available online at www.naidoc.org.au or from Indigenous Coordination Centres.

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Honour goes to Alana



ACCLAIMED Aboriginal photographer Alana Harris and her daughter Tirrikee Ofomah, 7, are pictured at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra. The affectionate pair and other family members were attending an International Women's Day (IWD) event on 8 March, during which Ms Harris was presented with an award recognising her service to the institute over the past 27 years.

Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and daughters were honoured in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout the country. For more on International Women's Day activities, see pages 44 and 45.

Queensland State Election 2012

Hunting an issue



A GOVERNMENT that tightens laws on traditional turtle and dugong hunting faces a backlash from the Indigenous community,

traditional owners say.

The Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is investigating claims made by ABC TV that turtles and dugongs are being killed inhumanely and poached in the state's far north.

A report showed Torres Strait locals hacking the legs off a sea turtle, which took seven minutes to die.

Footage by former IT entrepreneur and now eco-warrior Rupert Imhoff showed a turtle fastened by a rope for up to three days waiting to die, while dugongs were being dragged by boats.

Mr Imhoff says he's heard reports and been told by islanders that they are transporting excessive turtle and dugong to Cairns.

The Liberal National Party (LNP) has vowed to remove animal cruelty exemptions for traditional hunters if it is elected.

Those who hold agreements are exempt from animal cruelty penalties, which can draw up to two years' jail or a \$100,000 fine.



A feeding dugong ... the Queensland Government has announced an investigation into mistreatment of dugongs and turtles in the Torres Strait. Photo courtesy of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Traditional owners say 'watering down' the *Native Title Act* would be a backwards step for Queensland Aborigines.

The Giringun Aboriginal Corporation, which represents some north Queensland traditional owner groups, says it's a kneejerk reaction.

"It enhances the image that if one blackfella plays up we all must be doing the same thing, so we need to change blanket legislation," the corporation's chief executive,

Phil Rist, told AAP last week.

"If we go down the track of trying to amend the *Native Title Act*, it's going to set relationships between Queensland Indigenous people and the Government and the broader community back 10 years."

Strict conditions

Mr Rist says traditional owners attach strict conditions to hunting permits, including the provisos that animals be killed humanely and meat not be sold for financial gain.



Girringun CEO Phil Rist.

He argues breaches of conditions should be dealt with by traditional owners.

"Those groups have in place right now a very effective management regime that deals with turtle hunting and dugong hunting," he said.

Mr Rist says instead of changing legislation, the Government must work with traditional owner groups to 'come to some sort of understanding' over animal cruelty breaches and poaching.

He says there are social and cultural advantages for Indigenous people when traditional owners have control over hunting permits.

On Saturday, two Indigenous candidates standing for the Australian Greens in the impending state election denounced the 'cruel and inhumane killing' of dugong and sea turtles in Torres Strait.

Candidate for the seat of Cook George Riley said many Aboriginal people in north Queensland were deeply concerned about the footage shown last week.

"We love our country including our sea places and wildlife and do not want to see them harmed by white greed or by Aboriginal disrespect," he said in a statement.

Greens candidate for Inala Michael Quall said there was a lot of unhappiness about how some hunters were ignoring the advice of Elders 'to line their own pockets' and he favoured further development of Traditional Use of Marine Resource Agreements (TUMRA) to solve the problem.

Such agreements can include limits for hunting and collecting and are usually based on advice from Elders about reasonable community needs and ecosystem capacity, he said. — AAP, with additional reporting by the *Koori Mail*

Grog plan policies 'crucial'

By ALF WILSON in Townsville

ALCOHOL Management Plans (AMPs) in place in 19 Indigenous communities appear likely to become a major issue for this Saturday's Queensland election.

The policies of the major parties and candidates in every seat which has a community covered by an AMP are expected to influence voters' decisions on polling day.

Some of the communities have total bans on alcohol, while restricted amounts of mid- and low-strength beers can be brought on to others.

Such AMPs have been the subject of much criticism by Indigenous Queenslanders.

The ruling Bligh Labor Government has vowed to keep the AMPs in place.

But Liberal-National Party leader Campbell Newman says that if elected, as appears likely, his Government may abolish or scale them back.

Mr Newman said that although the plans had been a circuit breaker to reduce violent crimes in communities, Indigenous people should have the same rights as all Queenslanders.

"Our ultimate goal is that Aboriginal people in this State in the future should have the same deal as any other Queenslanders," he said.

"What's been put in place is just a temporary band-aid. Why



TIANEE MILLER



RUSSELL SARABO



VINCE THIMBLE



LILLIAN WILLIS



MARITA NOMOA



EDDIE WALSH

is it that an Aboriginal worker cannot come to a home they own and have a beer sitting on the front porch?"

Premier Bligh said Mr Newman was trying to buy Aboriginal votes and vowed to keep the AMPs in place.

Palm Island has been one of

the communities under the spotlight in recent months, with reports that sly grog was being brought on to the community.

Mayor Alf Lacey said that candidates' policies on AMP laws would be crucial amongst voters in the state election.

On 15 March, the *Koori Mail*

conducted a straw poll of 20 Palm Islanders and found that 17 were strongly against the community's AMP.

But only six who were strong Labor voters said they would change to the LNP because of their policy. Fourteen were happy to provide a comment, but did not

want to be named or have their photo taken. Six agreed.

Eddie Walsh, 59, said he was a non-drinker these days and used to vote for Labor.

"Some ALP people have said in the past that Palm Island is a dysfunctional community. I now say the ALP is dysfunctional. I will be voting for Bob Katter's Australia Party," Mr Walsh said.

Lillian Willis, 43, said she had been a Labor voter for some time and would probably go that way again even though she was angry that Palm residents were subject to the AMP.

"Many like a drink but I will think a lot about who I vote for," she said.

Marita Nomoa, 53, said she was against the AMP and could not make up her mind about who she would vote for.

Vince Thimble, 43, said he would remain a Labor voter, but didn't like the AMP.

"People should be able to choose if they want a drink but I won't vote for the LNP," he said.

Tianee Miller, 28, said she was against the AMP but the policy by both major parties on it would not influence her vote.

Russell Sarabo, 34, said he didn't like the AMP but it was not the one thing that would influence which way he would vote.

"I think lack of jobs and housing are the major issues," he said.

Anger as Senate report



JODY BROUN



LES MALEZER



JACQUELINE PHILLIPS



JOHN PATERSON



GRAEME MUNDINE

NT 'intervention' plan condemned

By DARREN COYNE



A SENATE report into the Federal Government's proposed Stronger Futures legislation has been met with howls of protest from Indigenous and other groups across the nation.

Although highly critical of the Government's consultations with Aboriginal communities, the Senate's Community Affairs committee last week gave the Government's plans to extend the Northern Territory Intervention the go-ahead, with only the Australian Greens dissenting.

The draft laws include tough alcohol restrictions and penalties and a program that cuts the welfare payments of parents whose kids skip school, known as the Student Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM), and prohibit cultural considerations from being taken into account in sentencing.

The Senate committee did make 11 recommendations, including that the measures be evaluated in five years rather than seven, releasing more information about SEAM and improving the way the Government consults Aboriginal people. But the bottom line was that it backed the Government's approach.

That's despite receiving more than 450 submissions – most of which opposed the package of laws – from groups including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Amnesty International and the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS), and hearing from Aboriginal Elders opposing the measures.

Reaction to the Senate report came thick and fast.

The National Congress accused the Senate committee of ignoring and disrespecting much of the detailed content contained in submissions to the recent inquiry into the proposed legislation.

Co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer said it appeared that submissions had been 'cherry-picked' to build a case for the continuation of the Intervention, and that there was no mention of Congress calls for the bills to be tested for human rights compliance.

The Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) warned the laws would likely end up being challenged in the High Court, while Indigenous Social Justice Association president Ray Jackson called on the Government to 'renounce the unjust and un-Australian intervention and empower the Elders to do things right. Blackfella way'.

ALA national president Greg Barns said the plans to extend the Intervention for another decade were akin to apartheid in South Africa, a system of



Members of the Senate committee, from left, Senators Trish Crossin, Claire Moore, Dr Ian Holland, Rachel Siewert, Sue Boyce and Nigel Scullion during consultations at Maningrida last month.

32,000 take stand

AN online campaign against the Federal Government's proposed Stronger Futures legislation has been gaining momentum.

More than 32,000 people have joined the campaign, Stand for Freedom, in the past three weeks. To participate, people can go to the website www.standforfreedom.org.au

The website also contains a message from John Butler, Archie Roach, Shane Howard, Danielle Caruana (Mama Kin) and Shellie Morris, challenging people to Stand for Freedom by supporting the campaign.

Created by Our Generation Media in partnership with Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), the petition is addressed to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Opposition Leader Tony Abbott, Greens leader Bob Brown, Attorney-General Nicola Roxon and about 15 senators.

The petition urges the parliamentarians not to pass the legislation, saying it is a 'top-down, punitive approach that is already adversely impacting on the legal and human rights of Indigenous Australians'.

racial segregation that existed between 1948 to 1994.

"This legislation is racist, oppressive and the product of poorly conducted consultations," he said.

"You can't just say that a law is a special measure, you need to prove it – otherwise laws like apartheid in South Africa or segregation in the US could have been simply described as a special measure."

Church groups were also critical of the Senate committee's report.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney Archdiocese executive director Graeme Mundine said the overwhelming message from Aboriginal peoples was that they do not want the legislation approved.

"Aboriginal peoples want to be treated with respect, dignity and be full participants in creating and implementing sustainable solutions to overcome disadvantage plaguing communities," he said.

Mr Mundine accused the Government of spin when in fact 'what little verifiable evidence there is shows the Intervention ... has not substantially improved life for Aboriginal peoples'.

"Far from it, measures such as increasing suicides and rising rates in imprisonment show a very different picture," he said. "The Government's dogged determination to plough on, in collusion with the Opposition, despite the lack of evidence is astounding."

Choices

Mr Mundine said Aboriginal people, not governments, should be the ones to decide how they want to live in the 21st Century, and it was up to governments to enable those choices.

"It beggars belief that the Parliament can be pushing through such damaging legislation while at

the same time spruik about Constitutional recognition and reconciliation.

"You cannot continuously trample on people's rights and then expect to close the gap or be reconciled."

The Uniting Church of Australia also called on the Government to reject the Senate report's recommendations, and instead redesign the entire legislative package to ensure it reflected the wishes of those most affected.

General secretary of the Northern Synod Peter Jones, who appeared at the Darwin hearings, described the legislation as 'disempowering'. "Government decisions and actions taken without the active participation of Indigenous peoples must stop," he said. "This Senate inquiry offered us a chance to reset the relationship between the Government and the First Peoples, and it appears that it is now a wasted opportunity."

"Indigenous peoples in the Territory attended the consultation meetings in good faith – believing that their calls for real change would be answered. If the Government fails to act now it will be clear that their interest lies only in extending the current Intervention."

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) national director Jacqueline Phillips also called for the bills to be withdrawn.

"ANTaR is very concerned that community support for these far-reaching and long-term measures has not been obtained," she said.

"In the absence of consent, these Government bills must be withdrawn."

Ms Phillips said it was time for the Government to improve its consultation process and reopen

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backs Stronger Futures

By DARREN COYNE



AUSTRALIAN Greens senator Rachel Siewert was a lone dissenting voice amongst the Senate committee that

examined Federal Government plans to lock in intervention measures into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities for another decade.

Although she listed a number of recommendations that could improve the proposed Stronger Futures legislation if it is to proceed, Senator Siewert's final bit of advice to the Federal Government was simple... Scrap it!

"If neither the Government nor the Coalition can see the fundamental flaws in the approach of this legislation, substantial amendments are needed to mitigate the impact of these Bills," she wrote in her dissenting report.

Senator Siewert described the ongoing intervention into Aboriginal communities as racist, lacking community support and ineffective.

Other senators on the committee, all Labor and Coalition party members, noted that the consultation process undertaken by the Federal Government was flawed, but chose to support the proposed legislation, albeit with some amendments.

These included allowing infringement notices to be issued for minor alcohol offences and the possession and supply of liquor rather than jail terms as proposed in the legislation.

They called on the Government to restrict agencies who could make income management referrals to just those with internal and external review and appeal processes.

The committee said the Federal and NT governments should provide greater clarity regarding SEAM and the Every Child, Every Day measures, how they interacted and would operate in parallel.

They also recommended SEAM evaluation reports be released in a timely manner and called on the Government to work closely with the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) to build a 'culturally

Scrap it! – That's Siewert's advice

competent workforce'.

The Government and Coalition senators recommended future consultations use the AHRC's framework for meaningful and effective consultation processes, and said land councils were also a valuable resource that could be tapped into for consultations.

Towards the opening of her dissenting report, Senator Siewert said there was no substantive evidence to show the Intervention had had a positive effect on Aboriginal Territorians to date.

"Rather, Aboriginal people, their representative organisations, and the community sector have made it clear that the top-down, punitive nature of the Intervention is actually undermining and disempowering Aboriginal people and communities," she wrote.

"The ineffectiveness of these measures is not surprising considering international research on Indigenous economic development points to the success of community driven measures over top-down approaches."

In a separate statement, she said the Greens strongly recommended that the legislation be rejected.

"The Greens have strongly recommended that the Senate rejects this legislation," she said.

"There is an overwhelming sense – from Aboriginal people, their representative organisations, and the community sector – that the approach taken in both the Intervention and Stronger Futures undermines and disempowers Aboriginal people and

communities. Our recommendations seek to reverse the top-down policy approach being taken by the Government, reflecting the international research that shows empowerment and local governance are essential for improving outcomes.

"I'm concerned by the Government's commitment to expensive and ineffective policies in the absence of solid evidence that they are improving the lives of Aboriginal people.

"We are recommending that punitive measures such as income management, SEAM and alcohol bans imposed without community consultation are replaced with approaches based on proven mechanisms and developed with community support.

"Our recommendations also reflect the international evidence that communities must be empowered to make their own decisions.

"Until community governance is strengthened in the NT, measures to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal people will not be as effective.

"I am deeply disappointed that the Government has not dedicated more resources to this end.

"This inquiry has left me in no doubt that Stronger Futures is nothing more than an extension of the Northern Territory Intervention.

"It is a deeply flawed approach based on a substandard consultation process.

"Subjecting people to ineffective and damaging policies for a further 10 years is completely unacceptable."

– With AAP



Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert speaking at a rally last month against the proposed extension of the NT Intervention. Photo by JOE MAYERS

Macklin rejects criticism

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dialogue with affected communities on the Stronger Futures measures.

Meanwhile, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) chief executive John Paterson accused the Senate committee of failing to the 'get to the guts' of what was needed in Aboriginal communities.

"The Senate Committee says that government needs to listen to our people in better ways. Well, what about the elements of the Intervention Aboriginal people have been demanding for 40 years – greater resources into health, housing, education, employment and community safety," Mr Paterson said.

"The Senate committee has barely mentioned this, and has not called the Government to account to publicly commit to ten years of resourcing.

"And it wasn't for want of evidence. The Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory drew attention to the need for ongoing resources, and one of AMSANT's members, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, spoke about this need at great length during their evidence.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin ... She rejected criticism, saying the 10-year extension was needed because problems in Aboriginal communities were so entrenched.

"What we needed out of the Senate committee were assurances and recommendations about resourcing the next ten years – we didn't get it."

Prior to the Senate report being released, nearly 30 leading Australians wrote to the Gillard Government asking it to abandon its proposed legislation and instead negotiate with Aboriginal Elders and other leaders on ways to improve the lives of Indigenous Territorians.

Former Family Court chief justice Alastair Nicholson, along with others in the high-level group including former politicians, Elders, academics, church representatives and justice campaigners, said the Government's approach was demeaning, coercive, racist and a return to failed policies of the past.

"Again we have the spectacle of the Government going through the motions of 'consulting' without really doing so in order

to pursue its pre-determined and Canberra driven policies," they said in a letter.

"The Government simply sounded Aboriginal opinion over a wide range of issues and used such expressions of opinion that favoured its purposes to justify the introduction of special measures."

But Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin was not having a bar of the criticism, insisting that claims the Government failed to consult widely enough were unjust. She said about 100 public meetings were held, and she participated in many of them herself.

"I certainly used interpreters; in some of the meetings the meetings were held entirely in the local Aboriginal language," Ms Macklin said.

"I needed the interpreters to understand what was going on. They were very important to me and very important to the Aboriginal people who were talking with me."

The Minister said the 10-year extension of the intervention was needed because problems in Aboriginal communities were so entrenched.

–With AAP



Aboriginal Legal Service of WA CEO Dennis Eggington believes the Government is throwing scraps to Indigenous people.



Mark Bin Bakar: "There's a stake in the heart of Aboriginal people and they move it and we bleed a bit more."

WA \$2000 offer 'is a slap in the face'

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Western Australian Government announcement that it will give \$2000 or less to Aboriginal people who had

past earnings stolen has been condemned by Aboriginal leaders as cruel, heartless and misleading.

Between 1905 and 1972, thousands of Aboriginal workers had up to three-quarters of their earnings quarantined under legislation allowing money and property belonging to Aboriginal people to be put into a complex network of trust accounts, without their permission.

Much of this money has never been paid to the people who earned it and is now known as Stolen Wages.

Aboriginal Legal Service Western Australia (ALSWA) CEO Dennis Eggington said the Government's one-off offer of a maximum of \$2000 was a 'slap in the face and a cruel and heartless offer which offends the very notion of recompense'.

"These people worked all of their lives, worked for years, for nothing but a bit of flour and tea, with a little bit of offal thrown in from the cattle barons, and they're being offered probably a fortnight's pay for an entire lifetime of work," Mr Eggington said.

"It is a complete denial of the contribution these people made to the development of WA and it reinforces the stereotypical view that Aboriginal people aren't

Protest march on Wednesday

THERE will be a gathering in Perth next Wednesday to protest about the WA Government's decision to offer stolen wages victims \$2000, and also issues of land deals and human rights.

The Djidar-Boodja (first dawn of the land) protest will gather at 11am on 28 March at the corner of Riverside Drive and Victoria Avenue and march to Parliament House.

Organiser Robert Eggington, from Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, will speak about human rights.

"Australians identify with a fair go for all, but there's a huge hypocrisy regarding

Aboriginal people. It's obvious you only get a fair go just if you're white," Mr Eggington said.

"Our people have to understand that redress links in with the offer being made for stolen wages. We've got to get compensation for Aboriginal people for all atrocities, now."

Activist Iva Hayward-Jackson will also speak, as will returned serviceman and stolen wages victim Leonard Ogilvie, and native title claimant Bella Bropho.

There will be a bus for Elders and the frail. For more information, call Robert or Selina Eggington at Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation on (08) 9451 4977.

worth anything and aren't worth investing in.

"One of the outcomes of the Stolen Wages debate was a chance to rewrite history in WA and write back into the history the contribution these people made at a time when WA needed resources for farming and for developing rural WA.

"This sends a very clear message that it doesn't matter what Aboriginal people do, that we're not worth investing in."

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said he understood there would be some people who were disappointed.

"But I really did want a resolution and I'd like to think that this does now provide solace," Mr Collier told the *Koori Mail*.

The 2008 West Australian of the Year, Mark Bin Bakar, is the founding member of the Kimberley

Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation, a group that helps stolen children reconnect with their families.

His alter-ego Mary G usually brings laughter and empathy to difficult subjects, but on the day the *Koori Mail* spoke with Dr Bin Bakar he was saddened by the WA Government's actions.

"It's disgraceful, disrespectful and hurtful to Aboriginal people because it shows there is still a mentality that reigns that believes we should still be considered under the flora and fauna act," he said.

Minister Collier said that sum had been arrived at after an 'arduous' process, with the Department of Indigenous Affairs doing extensive investigation and interviewing a number of people who had their wages stolen.

"In terms of ascertaining an appropriate amount, it's important

to remember that it's based on figures from records that don't exist," he said.

"For some people it will be too much, for some it won't be enough, and there will be people who are legitimately disappointed, but there is nothing tangible on which we could base an assumed amount."

Senior researcher at the Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Broome, Steve Kinnane comes from Miruwong country in the east Kimberley.

He has been researching the state's recent Aboriginal history for more than 20 years, and a book he co-authored, *Ghost Files: The Missing Files of the Department of Indigenous Affairs archives*, was used as a reference in the previous WA Government's Stolen Wages Taskforce report, released in 2008. "I don't understand it, there's

plenty of evidence – including 15,000 personal files – that clearly indicates exactly how wages were spent, on what, and how much went into trust accounts," Mr Kinnane said. (See report facing page). "The idea that there's not enough information or evidence is wrong and misleading, and goes against what's clearly stated in the Government's own report.

"It's completely ridiculous as a response, it's insulting and misleading as to what actually took place and what their own Inquiry found."

WA is the third state to offer compensation for Aboriginal stolen wages.

In 2002, the Queensland Government offered \$4000 and \$7000, provided people waived the right to further compensation (see separate story).

NSW formed the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme (ATFRS) in 2004, which was supposed to repatriate in full all the wages stolen from Aboriginal workers to surviving people and their families. It committed to paying \$3521 for every \$100 stolen, but has been criticised for not following through properly with descendants and for the conditions for payment being too strict.

Mr Eggington said Aboriginal workers would have been better able to provide for their families had they been paid their proper wages.

"For families who have been fighting for so long, it's a kick in the guts," he said.

"It's like double jeopardy. Firstly there was a complete denial of

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Evidence is clear, says researcher

STEVE KINNANE has recorded oral history from Aboriginal people about their experiences from the first half of the 20th century.

In the course of his research he has read hundreds of government files about Aboriginal people, including the personal file of his grandmother Jessie Smith, who was indentured as a domestic servant and had about half of her wages withheld.

"She would have loved to work in some other capacity, but the law dictated what Aboriginal people were allowed to do," Mr Kinnane said.

"Any employer of Aboriginal people had to take out a permit for five shillings. Once they had that permit, the employer was supposed to abide by specific conditions, like one day off a week,

providing accommodation, food and so on. In actual fact there was no policing, no ensuring regulations and requirements were adhered to.

"If an Aboriginal person complained or left – and there are numerous attestments to this in records and oral evidence – we see that the

pastoral industries, even to the point of being traded."

Mr Kinnane agreed with Mark Bin Bakar and ALSWA's Dennis Eggington that the Government's response was racially motivated and wouldn't have happened to white people.

"In a way it's playing to those kind of denialist views of Australian history, harking back to the history wars, which were essentially a dumbing down of history by a number of people with poor research gaining prominence in the wider media," he said.

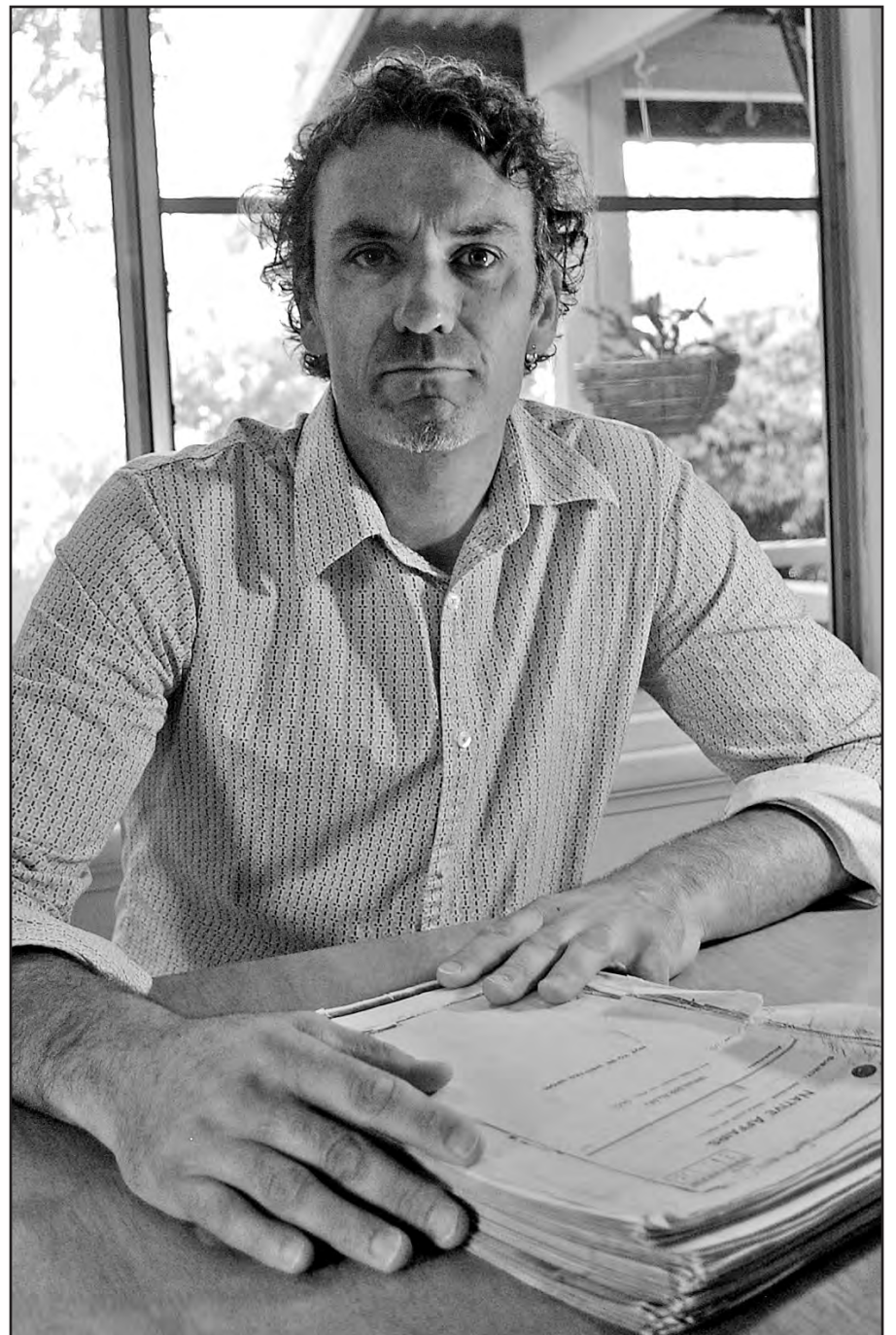
"The claims are rarely based in fact.

"Everyone should question history but do so due with respect for the evidence, and in this case there are ample records, there are people still alive and there are family members."

'In a way it's playing to those kind of denialist views of Australian history...'

department virtually never supported them.

"While the intent of the regulations may have been to protect and manage and the idea behind some kind of regulation of employment, in reality what happened was a system of bonded labour, particularly in the pearling and



Steve Kinnane reads through old WA Department of Native Affairs papers on his grandmother Jessie Smith. He said the Government's announcement was extremely disappointing.

Offer is 'cruel, heartless'

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what could have been an existing basis for steady family life, could have meant better education, housing, and health, and now they're being denied a second time."

Mr Eggington said ALSWA had boxes of documentation detailing people's pensions being taken without their permission and records from cattle stations that withheld money detailing names and amounts in some cases. "If there are people who can't prove their wages were stolen then there needs to be a different approach, but records do exist, in some cases they're quite rigorous," he said.

Mr Eggington said it was typical of the attitude of the WA Government to Aboriginal people, when a State that was doing so well out of the resources and mining boom refused to do the right thing by its Indigenous people.

"In WA, we have booming mining towns alongside poverty-stricken deplorable shanty towns," he said.

"It just reinforces that attitude that we're worthless, and don't matter."

The 2008 WA Stolen Wages Taskforce recommended a formal apology to Aboriginal people for income control and the effects on Aboriginal people; public recognition of the substantial contribution Aboriginal people have made to the social, economic and cultural development of the State, and those who served in, or assisted, the armed forces; recognition of Aboriginal people in the Constitution of WA; implementing a formal policy of welcome to country at all public events; recognising



PETER COLLIER

Aboriginal people by encouraging the use of the Aboriginal flag on government buildings; and a community fund to encourage economic growth and recognise the broader implications of stealing Aboriginal people's wages.

Mr Collier said his Government would not be doing any of those things, because they were outside the terms of reference of the taskforce. "We, as a Government, have responded to stolen wages as required. That report went beyond the confines of stolen wages," he said. "I can appreciate there will be some disappointment but, having said that, we did have to find a resolution. We could have ignored the issue completely but it was the decision of this Government to go down this path."

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) WA's John McBain said the WA Government offer was 'grossly inadequate' and 'in clear conflict with the legal and moral standards of our nation'.

"The proposed WA scheme falls far short of comparative schemes in NSW and Queensland, excluding descendants from compensation and delivering less compensation," he said.

"West Australians should be ashamed of this Government's mean-spirited offer."

Dr Bin Bakar said the Government's actions forced people to relive their pain.

"If you give people a sense of hope, that people feel the Government is going to do a good deal, about redress, native title, stolen wages, and they do something like this very patronising attempt at reconciling the past, then that sense of hope just goes and it breaks your heart," he said.

"Our people are in trauma as it is, and the Government keeps dangling a carrot, or throwing burley to mullets, and you know, mullets just go mad. They're laughing at our people, making a mockery of us, and it's not Australian, not Australian at all.

"The truth of the matter is the Government had the opportunity to do the right thing, to deal with the past with Aboriginal Stolen Wages, to really change people's lives for the better, to reconcile, move on, so people could say 'I suffered but my country loved me, my country looked after me'.

"But not the way Aboriginal people are being treated. There's a stake in the heart of Aboriginal people; they move it and we bleed a bit more."



2012 NAIDOC WEEK EVENT MANAGEMENT – Request For Quotation No. 35-12

The City of Sydney invites quotations from suitably qualified and experienced organisations for the event management of the 2012 NAIDOC Week Event to be held in Hyde Park on Monday 2 July 2012.

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'All I want is what's rightfully mine'

By RUDI MAXWELL



YAMATJI man Leonard Ogilvie was wounded fighting for Australia in the Korean War.

He is a member of the Stolen Generations, was abused at Moore River Settlement and had his wages stolen.

And he has been trying for four years to convince the WA Government to return the money he earned working on farms and sheep stations before he served his country.

Mr Ogilvie, 84, was sent to work on a farm when he was 14 years old, after he left the notorious Moore River Settlement in 1942.

"The Government instructed your employer to take half your

wages (but) they didn't ask me. I didn't have any choice and they've still got it and there are quite a few other people who are in the same boat," he said.

"All I want is what is rightfully mine, and the Government's still got it."

Mr Ogilvie worked on sheep stations doing long hours of hard physical labour, fencing, carting hay, shearing, milking cows and other general farm work looking after cattle and sheep.

He left after about six months and went to work on another farm, where half his wages were again withheld.

In 1949, Mr Ogilvie joined the Department of Main Roads.

"At one station, near Bindoon, I worked for four years and it was the same. They were instructed by the department to send half your wages into the department



An archival photo of Len Ogilvie during his time in service in the Korean War. Mr Ogilvie is fighting to have money he and others earned returned to them by the WA Government.

for banking," he said.

"A friend of mine, a young woman, she was sent to a farm

and she didn't get anything.

"At one place, it was 12 hours a day, paying us 30 shillings a week.

"With those hours, it wasn't right. You worked six days a week and at shearing time seven days a week because you'd have to get the sheep penned up in the yard for Monday morning and there was never any extra pay for it.

"I think I received 12 pounds, that's about all I received. I worked for a few shillings here and there, never the correct wage, until I saved the fare back to Northampton, where I came from in the first place.

"There was a ruling that when you left a job, if you were under 21 you were supposed to go to Moore River, but I had been there for six-and-a-half years and it was the most miserable time of

my life. I broke the rules and didn't go back."

Mr Ogilvie believes the WA Government's offer of \$2000 in lieu of his stolen wages is not fair.

"I'm not very happy with that, no," he said. "I'm not a mathematician, but I think it would work out to be a bit more than they are offering. I'm not happy.

"When you first went to work, you were a second-class citizen because you were Aboriginal, you had no rights. They could do what they liked with you, and you had to take it or leave it.

"Four years ago I first sent in my records and they conveniently lost that.

"This Government must be counting on a few more of us to die. Then they won't have to pay."

Qld Elders are full of sympathy

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ABORIGINAL Elders in Queensland have come out in sympathy for West Australian Aboriginal

victims of Stolen Wages practices. The Queensland Government made a similar offer to claimants based on age in 2002, causing a battle which 83-year-old campaigner Ruth Hegarty maintains is still not finished.

"It's certainly isn't finished and we need, very much, to fight for this," Aunty Ruth said.

She said Cherbourg Dormitory Elders had recently met and considered the issue of Stolen Wages still very much on the table.

"Having seen the Western Australian offer to Aboriginal people in the stolen wages issue, I feel that this is a terrible, terrible thing to have to happen to our people who have worked so hard in the past, and received nothing at the time," she said.

"Whilst we didn't get all that we had endeavoured to get, at least it was something.

"And the WA Government, this is just the meanest, meanest offer I have ever heard. I watched this on

television and I thought: 'How mean can they be?'

"What Aboriginal people gave was very, very valuable, and yet we find that no one can compensate them for all the hardships that they have gone through.

"I mean, Queensland, we thought was bad, but this is absolutely mean."

Fred Edwards, whose wages were withheld while he was a stock worker across Queensland for more than 20 years, described the WA Government's offer as 'terrible'. Mr Edwards' image was used in a 2003 postcard campaign aimed at raising awareness of stolen wages, which he blamed for his having to consider working again at the age of 74.

'Terrible'

"It's a tricky one there... there's all that money sitting there and people out there really need the money, and that's all they can offer," he said.

"It's terrible when they get that sort of offer.

"They ask us to live like a white man. They say to you: 'Pull yourself together and do all these sorts of things, try to live up to the standards of the white person'.

"Well, I did all that, I slaved all my life and I paid for this

place out of my pension, you know, I've paid it off.

"It's all right to buy a place, but then when you need help around the place when the place is starting to fall down around your ears and that, they won't help you.

"I'm real desperate but I'm putting up with whatever I can. I'm not the only one; there's a lot of other Elders here."

Queensland Council of Unions general secretary Ron Monaghan said unions saw stolen wages as an issue of wage justice.

"In 2002, the then Premier promised \$55 million in reparations for stolen wages," he said. "After initial payments of between \$4000 and \$7000 to claimants, the Queensland Government decided to not pay the whole \$55 million as was promised and put the remaining \$21 million of the \$55 million into an education fund.

"Whilst the QCU commends the Government's commitment to education, we don't believe the fund should have been set up using money set aside for stolen wages.

"If the Protection Acts were the same in WA as they were in Queensland, then \$2000 seems to be an inadequate reparation payment for stolen wages."



This file photo shows a 2002 rally in Brisbane against the Queensland Government's stolen wages offer.

Fires lit for a 'scarily smart' young mob

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THEY'RE young, energetic, staunch and – according to one old hand – 'scarily smart'.

So it's probably no real surprise that Prime Minister Julia Gillard wanted to meet the 70-or-so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants in a national youth forum on constitutional change held in Sydney last week.

The group, aged 16 to 25, spent four days at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern engaging with expert facilitators and influencers within politics, media and corporate Australia on ways to build campaigns to encourage constitutional recognition for Indigenous Australians.

Prime Minister Gillard was a surprise visitor to the forum, turning up late on Friday afternoon just in time to watch participants stage a mock media conference.

It's hard to say who was more impressed with what they heard – the group who said they felt Ms Gillard was sincere in her desire to see Indigenous Australians recognised in the nation's founding document, or the PM who said she'd be taking some of the participants' suggestions on board for the campaign to get all Australians on board.

Three of the participants spoke to the *Koori Mail* on Saturday and all credited the forum as having lit a fire in their bellies to work towards constitutional change. Using phrases like 'a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' and 'a privilege', they pledged to take their newfound knowledge back to their families, friends, schools and universities including through tools such as Facebook and Twitter.

Perth College student, 17-year-old Emma Garlett, was sought out by Ms Gillard and congratulated on her group's suggestion of 'Finishing what we



West Australian participant Emma Garlett with Prime Minister Julia Gillard. Photo by MICKEY KOVARI



Participants Blake Tatafu, 19, from Sydney and, right, Harry Murphy, 16, from Sydney.

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM, courtesy of the NCIE

started' as a possible campaign theme, referencing both the 1967 Referendum and the 2008 national apology to the Stolen Generations.

"Julia Gillard came up to me and said our campaign was fantastic and she was really inspired about an idea we had of approaching influential leaders and educating them on the history of Indigenous people so they can be advocates

for constitutional change – athletes, AFL stars, singers... whoever," Emma told the *Koori Mail*.

"Our campaign 'Finishing what we started' is about looking at things in a positive light – not showing the negative but showing the process of what has happened and what should happen."

Nineteen year-old Blake Tatafu is studying community and social

development at the University of Western Sydney. He said that, while he was initially cynical about the prospect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being included in the Constitution, he now thought it would be 'a form of justice'.

"As long as there's the respect for the Elders and others who worked so hard for us to be where

we are today," he told the *Koori Mail*. "And as long as everyone understands that, while we're part of the Constitution, we are and always will be the First Australians."

"The Prime Minister told us the Government's voices weren't the important ones in this process; it was the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and that was great to hear."

Sixteen-year-old Wiradjuri teen Harry Murphy said he'd gone to the forum 'with guns blazing'.

"I think constitutional change is really important and my personal view is this is where it starts. This is a stepping stone... it's not just about symbolism; it will inspire our people to believe more in themselves," the Tempe High School student told the *Koori Mail*.

"Don't get me wrong, it's going to be tough... there has to be an education process about how this will all translate, but it's the beginning of great things. This will close the gap, it'll bring Australians together."

During the forum, the group learned about the views of an expert panel that reported to the Government in January, recommending changes to the Constitution to recognise the continuing cultures, languages and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples; remove racist elements; and prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, colour or ethnic or national origin.

The Government is considering the panel's recommendations before determining the best way forward, but has long pledged its commitment to a national referendum on the subject.

On Thursday night, the NCIE hosted a gala dinner to show the big end of town how they could support the Centre and young Indigenous people in the process. Emma Donovan, pianist Bradley Gilchrist, Casey Donovan and Bangarra were amongst those who helped put on a spectacular show.



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Hands up who is on Facebook?



National Co-ordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking Tom Calma, Lowitja Institute chairperson Pat Anderson and former ATSIC and NITV CEO Pat Turner.



Lynese Jacob from Bamaga, Queensland.



Billy-Jo Wesley, 17, from Alice Springs.



National Congress Co-Chair Jody Broun gives her address.



Yale MacGillivray, 19, from Sydney.



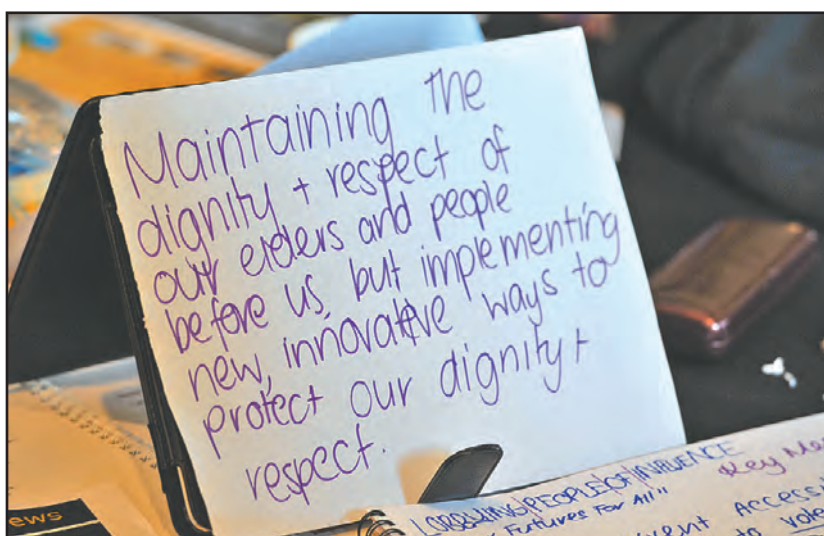
Forum co-convenor Billy Gordon.



Todd Fernando, 22, from Sydney, with Adam Wanambi, 18, from Gapuwiyak, NT.



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Inspirational notes from one of the forum tables.



Benson Saulo, from Victoria.



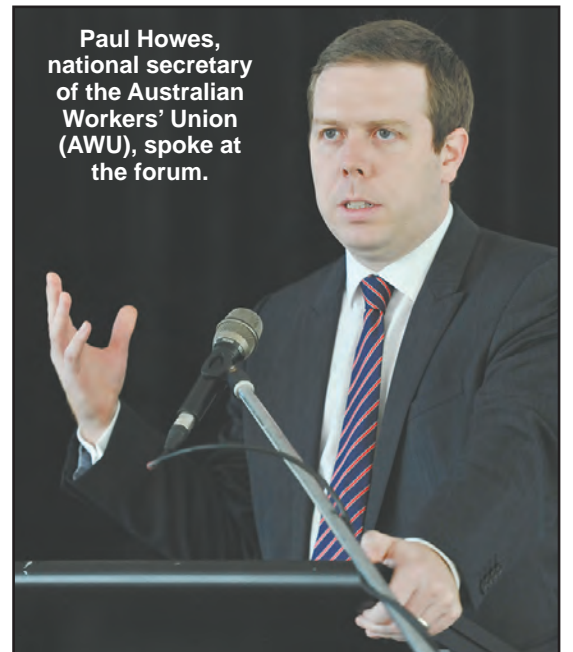
Latoya Brown-Ella, from Sydney.



Ahmi Bolton-Narkle and Connie Yarran, from Kellerberin in WA.



Hannah Donnelly, 22, from Inverell, NSW.



Paul Howes, national secretary of the Australian Workers' Union (AWU), spoke at the forum.

NCIE Youth Forum



Mark Munnich, 19, from Darwin.



Pat Turner speaks during a forum session held at Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training College in nearby Eveleigh.



Forum co-convenor Jodie Sizer.



Sam Paxton, 19, from Melbourne.



Lawyer George Williams talks with participants during a session on the Australian Constitution.



Nicole Bancroft, 25, from Darwin.



Darren Harris, 22, from Darwin.



Mandy Braddick, 22, from Canberra and Trevor Alley, 21, from Darwin.



Meriki Onus, 24, from Reservoir, Victoria.



Verity Flugge, 21, from Perth.



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NCIE deputy co-chair Sam Jeffries.



Emma Donovan and bandmates Yanya (on k'hon) and Kuki on guitar.



Model and NCIE advocate Samantha Harris.



NCIE CEO Jason Glanville urged dinner guests to dig deep to support the centre.



Arts aficionado Rhoda Roberts MCed the NCIE gala dinner last Thursday.



Aboriginal concert pianist and NCIE advocate Bradley Gilchrist moved guests with his playing.



Donna Ingram welcomed dinner guests to country. She's seen here with Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Paul Morris and chairman Ricky Lyons.



Casey Donovan wowed the dinner crowd, opening her performance with a version of the late Whitney Houston's *I will always love you*.

Fury at racist vandals



A RACIST vandal attack on an Aboriginal cemetery at Fingal Head in New South Wales has shocked the local community.

Vandals spray painted a swastika with the words 'white power' and 'KKK' on a memorial and also smashed photographs on headstones.

Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Leweeena Williams said the attack was 'out of character' for the Fingal community and had caused distress and confusion among families.

"The Phillips family, a prominent family in the Tweed whose headstone was desecrated, are very hurt and angry at what has taken place," she said.

"There has been years of good work between the Goori and wider community working together on various projects.

"This has strengthened our relationship and we don't want anything to undermine that.

"We are glad of the wider support of the community and the police. We want to send a clear message that this type of behaviour has absolutely no place in our area and should not be tolerated."



Residents at the Fingal Cemetery after vandals attacked, Kevin Slabb, Sharon Phillips, Aunty Joyce and Jackie McDonald. Photo: Blainey Woodham / APN

A Tweed Heads police spokesman told the *Koori Mail* that no suspects had been apprehended, and he encouraged

anyone with information about the attack to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Meanwhile, politicians and

community leaders condemned the attack. NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said any racist

attack on a site that was designated as a final resting place for people of any culture was disgusting and sickening.

"I stand with the families concerned and the local Aboriginal community in condemning those who may be responsible for this incident," he said.

"Aboriginal people across the State are no doubt profoundly dismayed by this event. We share their hurt and outrage."

Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Barbara Perry also condemned the acts of 'vandalism and intimidation'.

"Such acts of vandalism can turn communities into 'us' versus 'them' but on days like this we must always stay focused on our common humanity," she said.

A land council spokesperson said the Tweed Shire Council had moved quickly to clean up the vandalism.

Fingal Cemetery was a burial site for Aboriginal people from 1864 to 1964, with many relatives of those buried still living in the area.

Police were called to the cemetery on 6 March at 10.30am and believe the attack took place either the day before or in the early hours.

NSW Land Council in 'paradigm shift'

Concern at moves for exploration licences



ABORIGINAL Elders have expressed opposition to New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) plans to invest in petroleum and gas exploration.

NSWALC announced on 9 March that it had applied to the State Government for licenses to search for petroleum and gas in three locations – near Murwillumbah and Grafton on the NSW north coast and White Cliffs in north-western NSW.

CEO Geoff Scott said NSWALC was excited about the prospect of finally giving the Aboriginal people of NSW 'a real shot at self-determination through economic independence'.

But he said the applications were merely the first stage in a process, the land council would face the same scrutiny and processes as any other applicants, and there were no guarantees the applications would go any further.

"Effectively we're dipping our toes in the water," Mr Scott said, adding that the organisation operated independently of Government and neither received nor relied on government funding to support its activities.

"We have thrived and survived under our own steam since 1998. That is a source of immense pride for our organisation, and for Aboriginal people across the state.

"However, the needs of Aboriginal people in NSW are great. In order to move Aboriginal people to economic independence – one of the core objectives of NSWALC – we must find sources of revenue that can not only sustain our people, but also assist our people to improve their economic and social positions. Ending the cycle of



NSW Aboriginal Land Council CEO Geoff Scott ... "It is a paradigm shift. It's about us having a seat at the table, rather than waiting for the crumbs."

generational poverty is very expensive."

Mr Scott said that for decades Aboriginal people had gotten little more than scraps from mining activities.

"This strategy is about Aboriginal people breaking through into the real economy, and driving financial benefits back into the land rights network," he said.

"It is a paradigm shift. It's about us having a seat at the table, rather than waiting for the crumbs."

But the moves have upset the likes of Bundjalung Elder Reg King, who last week backed calls by his cousin and Ngaraakwal

Elder Harry Boyd for a public inquiry into the matter.

Other Bundjalung Elders such as Patsy Nagas have also spoken out against the NSWALC moves.

Mr King said he met with a Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) representative to verify Mr Scott's comments, and came away angry.

"I was disgusted by Ngulingah's official position as a representative body, which supports mining exploration, in the Northern Rivers," he said in a letter circulated to media outlets.

"Especially given that the role of the Ngulingah LALC is to represent and respond, to the concerns of LALC members and Bundjalung people."

Mr King said he and other Elders were fully aware of the significant dangers presented by coal and coal seam gas (CSG) mining. He was upset that no LALC representatives had attended various local meetings on CSG mining.

"The Bundjalung Nation and the whole of the Northern Rivers do not want coal or CSG mining," he said.

Mr King called on other local Aboriginal people to join him in pledging a non-negotiable stance against all forms of mining on Aboriginal land.

Mr Scott said NSWALC accepted that Aboriginal and other people right across this state would have differing views on the merits of mining. "NSWALC is not blind to that fact," he said.

In fact, NSWALC held its own concerns about the environmental impacts of mining, he said, "which is why we will approach these issues from an Aboriginal perspective and as an organisation that has an established track record of preserving the environmental and cultural sensitivities of our land".

"As this process gathers pace, we intend to negotiate closely with stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcomes," Mr Scott said.

"There are no guarantees that NSWALC will even be granted a licence to explore for petroleum and gas. And even if we are, there are no guarantees that our explorations will bear fruit.

"But NSWALC is excited about the prospect of finally giving the Aboriginal people of NSW a real shot at self-determination through economic independence."

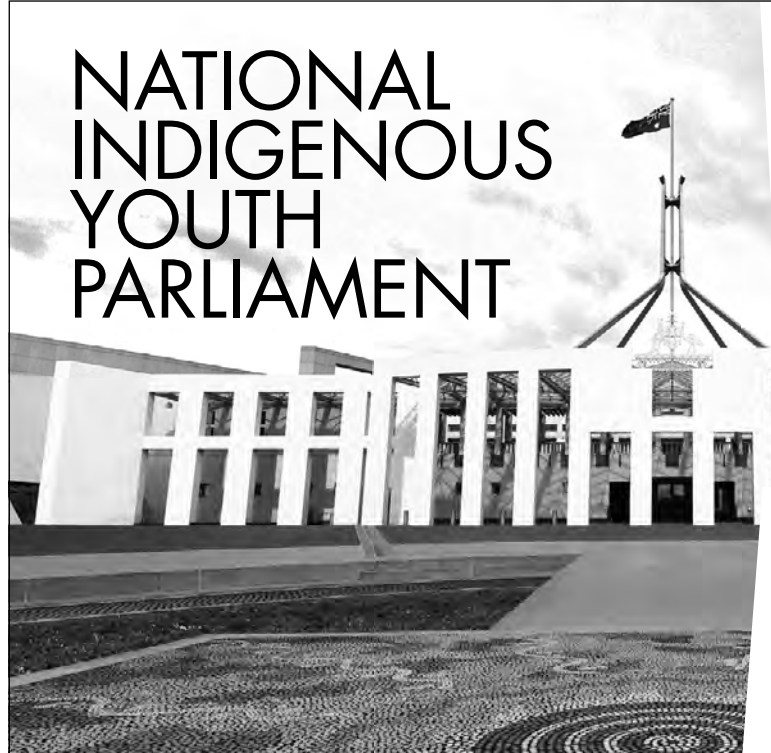
The NSWALC application details are as follows:

- 1330 sq km area about 6km south south-east of Murwillumbah. This falls within the Tweed-Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council boundary.

- 47,040 sq km area about 45km south south-west of Grafton. This falls within the Grafton-Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council boundary.

- 368,340 sq km area about 49km east south-east of White Cliffs. This falls within the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council boundary.

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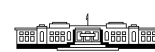
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JUSTICEwa patron
Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter.



Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton
addressing the conference.

Focus on injustice

By LIZ MURRAY



AN international conference has drawn attention to the causes and effects of wrongful convictions, conservatively estimated to account for one per cent of total guilty verdicts.

Speakers at the International Justice Conference in Perth early this month included several people who were exonerated of major crimes, as well as internationally esteemed investigators who pinpointed the causes of wrongful convictions and discussed their most famous cases.

The conference was hosted by JUSTICEwa, a charitable group established to support people who are wrongfully convicted and with no financial means to lodge an appeal.

The group was formed in 2011 by accountant Paul Montani, after his family incurred hefty legal bills defending his brother John, tried three times and acquitted of shooting a biker in 2004.

Former American champion boxer Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter, one of

Richard Walley welcomed conference delegates to Noongar country.

Photos by BOHDAN WARCHOMIJ



JUSTICEwa's patrons, said he became adept with his fists as a youngster with a speech impediment but met someone who referred him for treatment at 18.

He said such access to opportunity was vital in overcoming adversity and that people had to be able to 'go the distance' in order to translate opportunities into improved outcomes.

Dr Carter was wrongly convicted of a triple murder and imprisoned for nearly two decades before being exonerated in 1985, after a United States District Court judge declared his conviction to have been based on racial prejudice.

Despite being bedridden with terminal prostate cancer eight months ago, Mr Carter was determined to tell the story of

his 19-year wrongful conviction, to help others in similar situations to heal.

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton described the central role prejudice and ignorance played in her wrongful murder conviction over the disappearance of her baby Azaria.

Aboriginal trackers in Alice Springs told authorities about the path dingoes had taken with the infant in 1980, but that information was not heeded and an injustice resulted that took until an inquest last year to correct.

In the lead up to Ms Chamberlain-Creighton's trial, malicious lies about the couple's religion and the origins of Azaria's name circulated in the media and influenced public opinion.

She said that at the time some journalists were so determined to disprove the trackers' advice about the dingoes that they set a trap of faked tracks to try to undermine their evidence, but the trackers uncovered their actions.

She said she hoped the conference would become a vehicle for law and forensic reform and that the group aimed to protect people who had nowhere else to go for help.

New warning over Naden



MALCOLM NADEN



FUGITIVE Malcolm Naden is believed to have obtained a semi-automatic firearm and police were last week warning locals to avoid him at all costs.

The search for the accused murderer, on the run since 2005, was stepped up in early December when police were shot at near the village of Nowendoc in mid-northern NSW.

Police have been based at a Rural Fire Service station at Gloucester since January as part of a scaled-back operation.

Last Monday, they issued a warning after new information indicated Naden was armed with a .22-calibre semi-automatic firearm and ammunition, recently stolen from a property in the area along with food and clothing.

"This is most concerning as we are aware of Naden's violent nature and his willingness to use firearms to avoid apprehension," operation commander Assistant Commissioner Carlene York said in a statement.

Gloucester and Nowendoc residents

'This is most concerning as we are aware of Naden's violent nature and his willingness to use firearms to avoid apprehension'

were again being urged to ensure their personal safety and home security remained a priority.

Ms York said Naden was regarded as 'an extremely dangerous man' and urged all owners of firearms in the area

to secure their weapons in line with the law and report any suspicious activity.

A reward of \$250,000 is in place for information leading to the capture of the former abattoir worker.

Naden has been eluding authorities since 2005, when he fled his grandparents' home in west Dubbo days after his 24-year-old cousin Kristy Scholes, a mother of two, was found strangled in his bedroom.

Naden is also suspected of involvement in the disappearance a few months earlier of another cousin, Lateesha Nolan, and the rape of a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

Naden is described as being 177cm tall with a medium build, brown eyes, short/cropped dark hair and a moustache. — AAP

Conference Bugner pulls no punches

By LIZ MURRAY

HEAVYWEIGHT boxing champion 'Aussie' Joe Bugner pulled no punches levelling criticism at governments for 'disingenuous efforts' in combating Indigenous disadvantage.

The former world title holder told the *Koori Mail* that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth should be a primary focus for government and that funding needed to be better managed to reach those who most needed support.

The champion filled in at short notice for scheduled keynote speaker Cathy Freeman at the International Justice Conference last week in Perth, and was passionate about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth being made government's first priority.

"I think the Aboriginal people are number one in this country, we took over their homes, we took over their countries... we need to look after them, first," he said.

Mr Bugner was moved by his experience visiting WA mining town Wiluna five years ago and meeting the local community.

"All the lovely Elders came out and greeted me... they took the time and came out to say hello to me, so I gave them back a little bit, which was to represent their little town and the children," he said.

"So, I donated Mohammad Ali-Joe Bugner pictures and so on, and they put them up in their schools.

"They've got a beautiful little school in Wiluna; I said a few words there."

After fighting world legends like Mohammad Ali and Joe Frazier in the 1970s, in his later career Mr Bugner overcame battles with a persistent back injury to win a world title at age 49.

He said that making sure kids had enough support at home was central to keeping them focused and, where there was a shortfall of guidance for vulnerable youth, governments should boost community-level mentoring and support services.

He said regional communities deserved more help from the Federal Government.

He said he was angered by politicians' empty words and government need to be more accountable about where funds ended up.

A Department of Finance Strategic Review of Indigenous Expenditure also drew funding issues into question last year, when it showed efforts by successive governments had failed to alleviate Aboriginal disadvantage.

Regional and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities should have access to clean water and housing, he said, particularly in Australia's comfortable economic condition.

"These dear people can't have proper water and the things that they need really desperately, yet government talks about spending millions," he said.

Mr Bugner said regional communities could gain a lot from increased self-governance through more Aboriginal owned and run businesses.

As a young child, Mr Bugner's family had to crawl through a minefield to escape from Soviet occupation of Hungary, and he abandoned his promising

athletics career in discus in order to earn a living in professional boxing.

"I was in the Guinness Book of World records, I used to throw the discus, but I couldn't earn money out of athletics so I turned to the next best thing," he recalled.

"I was the youngest heavyweight boxer in history and the oldest heavyweight boxer to win the world title and retire undefeated.

"But, I tried very hard all my life not to believe the publicity... what you've got to do is excel yourself to the child who looks up to you and says 'I want to be like you'."

Mr Bugner said not everyone could be a world champion boxer but anyone could use adversity to drive them to overcome their challenges and disadvantage.

He credits much of his success as a world title holder to his hard-working mum, a single parent to five children, who always made sure there was a solid breakfast to start the day.



'AUSSIE' JOE BUGNER

Notice to Noongar people – Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar

As part of ongoing Native Title negotiations, the Western Australian Government and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council have requested the National Native Title Tribunal invite any Noongar person who is seeking more information about the registered native title claims in the South West to contact the NNTT and provide their contact details.

Therefore, any Noongar person who:

- Traces descent from one or other of these below named apical ancestors **and** wishes to receive more information about the **Wagyl Kaip** and **Southern Noongar** native title claims, or
- Who considers there are additional apical ancestors who are relevant to the claims,

is invited to contact **Karen Holmes** at the National Native Title Tribunal on (08) 9425 1119 or on Freecall: 1800 640 501 or by email at: karen.holmes@nntt.gov.au by 20 April 2012.



Application names: Alan Bolton, Hazel Brown, Glen Colbung & Ors -v- the State of Western Australia & Ors (**Wagyl Kaip**) and Allan Bolton, Glen Colbung, Dallas Coyne & Others on behalf of the Southern Noongar Families -v- the State of Western Australia & Others (**Southern Noongar**)

Federal Court File: WAD6286/1998 & WAD6134/1998

NNTT File No: WC98/70 & WC96/109

Location: The area subject to these applications is located in the south west of Western Australia and covers an area of about 52,246 sq kms as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of City of Albany, Shires of Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Broomehill, Cranbrook, Denmark, Dumbleyung, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Lake Grace, Manjimup, Plantagenet, Ravensthorpe, Tambellup, Wagin, and Woodanilling

The claimants comprise those Aboriginal people who are the biological and adopted descendants of the following ancestors:

- Billy Colbung + Clara Brockman + Nina Bayla Brockman
- Helen Williams + Bill Woods
- Sarah Yettung James + Jack Woods
- Sammy 'Jimmy' Miller + Polly, from Gnowangerup
- Alice Davidson + Alice Williams + Henry Woods
- Charles or Peter Eades + Lucy Coyne
- William Hayward + Minnie Knapp
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- Fred Coyne + Margaret Davidson
- Johnny Penny + Margaret 'Maggie' Piggott (Starlight)
- Charles Williams + Ellen Nelly Foot;
- Elijah Quartermaine + Mary 'Wartum'
- Ah-Lee + Mary Bateman
- Peerup Roberts + Monkey + Emily (Mudah) D'Abb
- Edward Smith + Sarah Punch
- Ernie or George Moir or Muir + Aboriginal woman named Karlbyirt
- Eddie 'Womber' Williams + Lily 'Tjorlian' Burchell
- George 'Bordriditch' Riley + Elizabeth Smith

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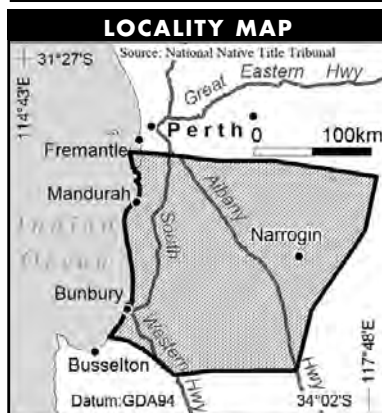
Notice to Noongar people – Gnaala Karla Booja

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Therefore, any Noongar person who:

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- Who considers there are additional apical ancestors who are relevant to the claim,

is invited to contact **Karen Holmes** at the National Native Title Tribunal on (08) 9425 1119 or on Freecall: 1800 640 501 or by email at: karen.holmes@nntt.gov.au by 20 April 2012.



Application name: Lorraine Belotti & Ors and State of Western Australia & Ors (**Gnaala Karla Booja**)

Federal Court File: WAD6274/1998

NNTT File No: WC98/58

Location: The area subject to this application is located in the south west of Western Australia and covers an area of about 30,420 sq km as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of Cities of Armadale, Bunbury, Cockburn, Mandurah and Rockingham, Towns of Kwinana and Narrogin, Shires of Beverley, Boddington, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Brookton, Capel, Collie, Corrigin, Cuballing, Dardanup, Donnybrook-Balingup, Harvey, Kojonup, Murray, Narrogin, Pingelly, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Wagin, Wandering, Waroona, West Arthur, Wickiepin, Williams and Woodanilling.

The claimants comprise those Aboriginal people who are the biological and adopted descendants of the following ancestors:

An Aboriginal man from Pinjarra named Walley + an Aboriginal woman from Pinjarra named Tundop

- Billy 'Culinbert' Colbung + Nina Bayla Brockman + Clara Bayla Brockman + Eva Wynn
- Calyan and Patrick Abraham and Sarah Corrup
- Edward 'Ted' Smith + Elizabeth 'Bessie' Punch (Quartermaine) + Sarah Punch
- George Riley + Elizabeth (Lizzie) Smith
- Jack 'Milberan' Cornwall + Minnie 'Wajeran' Humphries
- Jack Hart and Tottie Cockie and Annie Dickie
- James Joseph Collard + Jane Smith/Ayre/Hare/Winmar
- Jim Cockie and 'Wyan' Regan
- John Jack 'Mungar' Bennell + Cundeyn 'Candy'
- Kitty Nordy + Jimmy Wynn
- Maggie Penny/Pickett + Johnny Penny
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AFL says Jurrah can still play



THE Australian Football League (AFL) will not stop Liam Jurr

ah playing for Melbourne while he fights criminal charges.

The 23-year-old returned to the club for the first time on 13 March since being charged the week before in Alice Springs over an alleged machete attack.

Jurrah, who is also working his way back from a wrist injury, had an individual fitness session in the club's gym but did not train with team mates.

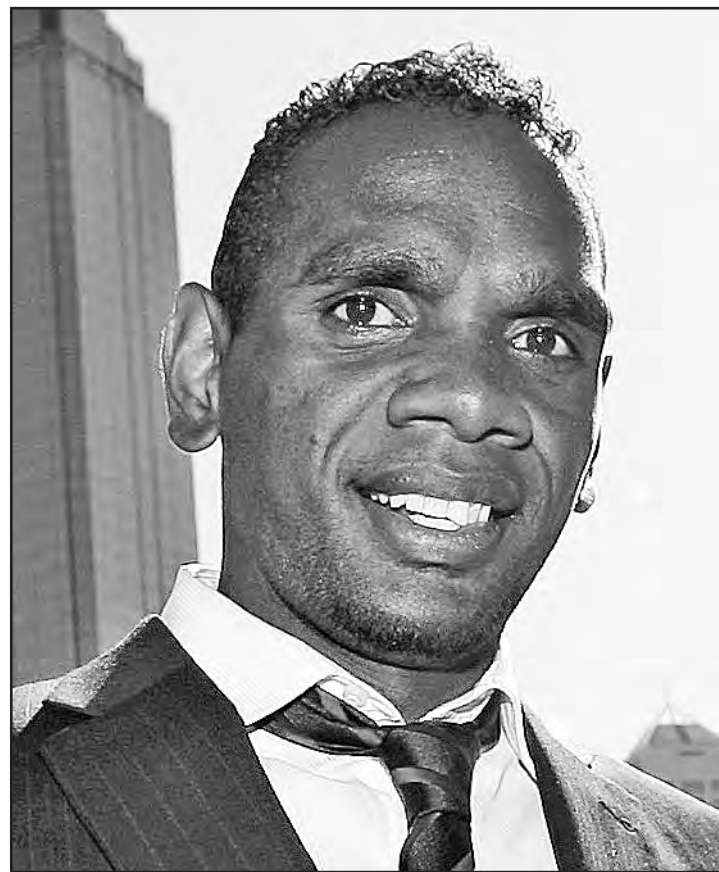
He was to meet the Demons administration and coaching staff to work out how best to continue his career as he deals with his fitness issues and the upcoming court case.

Jurrah is to reappear in court on 17 May on charges of unlawfully causing serious harm and being armed with an offensive weapon at night.

The Demons were still to determine whether he would also be sanctioned by the club.

AFL chief executive Andrew Demetriou said that when Melbourne decided the forward was ready to play again, the league would not have a problem.

"In the event that there's so much uncertainty, I see no reason why he wouldn't play, pending the outcome of the charge," Demetriou told reporters.



LIAM JURRAH (file photo, courtesy of the AFL).

Melbourne veteran Brad Green said Jurrah was in good spirits, but his quiet nature would make it hard for him to cope with the publicity surrounding his legal dramas.

"I know Liam as a guy and the type of person that he is,

he'd be doing it tough," Green said.

"He likes to do his talking with the football."

Green said the presence of fellow Indigenous players Aaron Davey, Jamie Bennell and Neville Jetta at the club would help Jurrah. — AAP

Grazier accused of damaging Qld site



A NORTH-WEST Queensland Aboriginal community says sacred grounds have been destroyed under

the watch of the state's Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM).

The Mitakoodi Aboriginal community says a water tank and a dam have been built on a traditional men's initiation site at a grazing property near Cloncurry.

An application on behalf of the Mitakoodi people was sent to the Queensland Supreme Court last Thursday, seeking access to the site and making a damages claim against the grazier allegedly responsible.

The application accuses the grazier of wilful damage to the site, and claims the Environment Department failed to protect the area as required under the Queensland Cultural Heritage Register.

Mitakoodi senior cultural heritage officer Gordon Connelly said damage done to the site was a 'tragedy'.

Excuse

"On this occasion it cannot be passed off as just an oversight, an unfortunate accident, as is so often the excuse used when such sites are damaged all over Australia," he said.

"That they are Aboriginal sacred sites seems to count for nothing."

DERM regional services

director Andrew Buckley said the department had not been contacted by the Mitakoodi people.

"In light of the allegation the department has commenced a formal investigation," he said in a statement.

"Anyone who has information regarding this allegation is encouraged to immediately come forward and provide the department with a formal statement."

DERM had a range of enforcement tools available under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, Mr Buckley said.

Breaches can attract penalties of up to \$100,000 for individuals, or two years' imprisonment, or \$1 million for a corporation. — AAP

High hopes for heritage

By JILLIAN MUNDY in Tasmania



A NEW Aboriginal heritage training program has been launched in Tasmania, ahead of anticipated new and improved legislation.

The 18-month program, run by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC), will cover topics such as what is heritage, assessment and planning, how to research and make oral recordings, the social and cultural importance of the past to Aboriginal identity, bringing Aboriginal heritage to life, legislation and ethics.

TAC legal director Michael Mansell expects up to 17 people to graduate from the program with a Diploma of Conservation and Land Management.

"Most of the graduates will be employed to assess conservation areas, development applications, become tourist advisers and guides for people interested in Aboriginal heritage," he said.

"Both the Tasmanian Government and the Aboriginal community agree that qualified Aboriginal heritage officers are essential for the much anticipated new Aboriginal heritage legislation to be introduced this year."

TAC community worker Adam Thompson said Aboriginal Tasmanians wanted a greater role in protection of their heritage, including through an Aboriginal body making decisions about Aboriginal places.

"There has to be an approach to Aboriginal heritage protection that doesn't allow developers to take advantage of Aboriginal heritage officers or the Aboriginal community," he said.

"We need people who are trained not just in identifying objects on the ground,



During the introductory Aboriginal Heritage training sessions this group visited a quarry site where rock was once removed by Aboriginal people to make stone tools. Inset: Adam Thompson

people need to be able to consult and be familiar with laws that can offer protection to Aboriginal heritage that go beyond specific heritage legislation.

"People need to be aware and familiar with local planning schemes too.

"The system is going to be upgraded, so people's skills need to be upgraded."

Mr Thompson said TAC had encouraged people with a background and experience in Aboriginal heritage to be involved.

The training sessions are open not only

to Aboriginal people seeking a formal qualification but also those wanting to further their knowledge in land and heritage management.

The program began earlier this month with a series of introductory workshops in Hobart and Launceston. Formal sessions start in April after the mutton-birding season.

In the past, Aboriginal heritage officers have been trained and accredited by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea

Council (TALSC).

A ban was placed on Aboriginal heritage work more than a year ago at a TAC community meeting 'in protest of the Government continuing to write permits to destroy our heritage and not protecting kutalayna' (Brighton).

"It was our way of removing ourself from the system, once a better system that provides adequate protection and that the community accepts is in place, the ban will be lifted," Mr Thompson said.

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Quote



‘For families who have been fighting for so long, it’s a kick in the guts’

WA Aboriginal Legal Service chief Dennis Eggington on the WA Government’s stolen wages offer

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Unquote

How hard is this to understand?

What part of the following statement did the Senate committee examining the Federal Government’s Stronger Futures legislation for the Northern Territory not understand?

“If we want to see Aboriginal people better in education, better in jobs and better in any other area, we need to work together to build better legislation, because this legislation is not on.

“The Australian people should be asked to reject this legislation because it is racist. It is not helping our people. That is why we come here before you today and you are listening to us because we represent not stakeholders, not a department, not the service providers. We come here to represent people who are struggling, people who feel pain, people who are confused ... what is going on?”

Dr Djinyini Gondarra, spokesman for the Dhurili Ringitj Clan Nation – a federation of Yolngu clans in Arnhem Land including the Golumala, Naymil, Datiwuy, Maranu and Marrakula – spoke those words to senators visiting Maningrida last month to get feedback on the Federal Government’s proposed legislation.

They obviously didn’t listen too closely. Instead of shooting back to Canberra and saying, ‘Hey, wait a minute, this legislation is actually quite offensive to these people’, all of the senators except the Greens’ Rachel Siewert, chose to toe their various party lines by endorsing another decade of measures that critics argue take away the human rights of Aboriginal people



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throughout the NT.

Of course, Dr Gondarra’s observation was only one amongst about 450 made to the Senate inquiry via submissions. The majority of those also questioned the Government’s approach to the point where it has become almost farcical every time the Minister, Jenny Macklin, speaks of the consultations that have taken place.

Many in the Parliament would do well to take note of the Yolngu way of learning.

Yolngu young people are taught to listen to their Elders. They receive their knowledge by being quiet, by waiting for the pearls of wisdom to come their way. Alternatively, there is the Government’s way ... decide on an approach (or indeed adopt one from a previous government), and then go through the motions of trying to convince people that particular way is the only way to go. It’s never going to work.

Unless the Federal Government gets serious and starts actually listening and learning from people such as Dr Gondarra, it cannot expect to fulfill its oft-repeated mantra of ‘Closing the Gap’. The only way to achieve that aim is to have Aboriginal people as equal partners in the process.

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Youth Sport and Recreation Officer at Gapuwiyak, NT

Favourite drink?
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Favourite music?
Hip-hop.

Favourite artist?
T.I. (a black rapper from America).

Favourite movie?
Transformers

What are you watching on TV?
Cartoons.

What are you reading at the moment?
Hip-hop magazines.

Favourite holiday destination?
Darwin. I like going shopping and walking around, seeing my friends.

If you could have three people around the campfire for a yarn, who would you choose?
My mates.

What do you like in life?
I love dogs. I have a couple of them.

What do you dislike in life?
When people fight.

If there was one thing you could do to improve the lives of our people, what would you do?
It is important to be healthy, so I would encourage everyone to be more active and to play sport.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Foster carer Sue raises 'em strong

By RUDI MAXWELL

SUE JAMES' philosophy on rearing other people's children is simple: Love them, raise them up strong and get them home. Sue, a Biripi woman who lives in Sydney, has been a foster carer since the early 1980s and has looked after more than 175 children.

Her story as a mother figure to dozens of children began when she was a single mother and ATSIC housing helped find her somewhere to live.

"I was very appreciative, and thought 'while we've got room we can do something, have a child for a little while'," she said.

"When the house was being built and was just a framework, my niece and I walked into what was to be the kitchen and she said 'Auntie Sue I can feel lots of children'.

"I said 'Yeah sure, I think the house was built for children'."

And so Sue's 'path of many happenings' began.

"At the time I didn't realise what was entailed. My only child was a very good little girl, so I found parenting a pleasure," she said. "It was an emotional journey – children can't tell you their problem, they act it out.

"Whenever there was a chance for training (with the Department of Community Services – DoCS) I'd do it, I was constantly learning.

"You may have a child that may swear at you or use a term you don't use – I don't want to say 'damaged' but that child has been exposed to a way of living that may be different to yours and you have to observe that, not be heavy-handed because it's not the way you think a child should behave.

"Children are a product of their environment, you have to try and understand what they've been exposed to in the past.

"Children don't come into care because they're naughty, they come into care because their parents have made some wrong decisions or because of hardship."

Empathy

Sue's empathy stems from growing up in a big, strong family, with 'a bright, strong matriarch and a gentle patriarch'.

"At the beginning, I didn't know what I was about but I began to realise, as a single parent, I could have been in the same position, so my goal is to get children back with their families, with their siblings, their parents," she said.

"The department pulls Aboriginal families apart and it's our goal to put them back together.

"There are many, many reasons children come into care. In the old days for stupid reasons, now it can be a bit more serious and we still don't have enough early intervention.

"You can't judge people. Many kids have never been abused,



'For me, my culture has everything to do with how I work with foster children and who I am. I don't want to be unkind to good white carers, but it's not always appropriate for Aboriginal children to be put with them' – Sue James

they've been loved but their parents' lives have gone off the tracks.

"There's substance abuse, more domestic violence than in the past. A lot of services have to come together and help families before children come into care, making sure children are safe back in their community."

Sue, who is currently fostering three children, aged seven, nine and 17, said that if Aboriginal children could not be with their parents or extended family, it was extremely important that they were placed with Aboriginal carers, but there were not enough Aboriginal foster carers.

"For me, my culture has everything to do with how I work with foster children and who I am," she said.

"I don't want to be unkind to good white carers, but it's not always appropriate for Aboriginal children to be put with them.

"When people have not identified as Aboriginal or not loved and lived their culture and children get fearful of identifying as Aboriginal, or a child is not

encouraged to identify, it makes a very big difference to how that child carries themselves through life.

"Children need to be cuddled in an environment with warm arms and safety."

Over the years, Sue has seen DoCS go from having one Aboriginal case worker to a 'good strong mob' of Koori and non-Aboriginal workers, from whom she has learnt much, including how to work with dissociative children, when a child's psychological development is disrupted, which affects consciousness, perception, memory and identity.

Effects

"It's the effects from environment that creates a dissociative child, when they've never been loved," she said.

"Or say you've got a child whose brain has been damaged in a mild way from substance abuse, who has learning difficulties. You can't be saying 'Why can't ya?'. They just can't, so you have to find ways to work around."

Sue's father and her uncle, actor

and director Brian Syron, were members of the Stolen Generations and grew up to be leaders in their fields – Brian in the arts and Sue's father in social work.

When Sue was a child her older siblings were having their first babies and she is close to her nieces and nephews. "I love them every bit as much as my brothers and sisters," she said.

"The journey Aboriginal people have sometimes is very different. We look after each other. My older siblings helped rear me, that's a Koori way too.

"Within my family, I don't remember one of my nieces or nephews ever answering the adults back – it's a great joy to talk about the past, when respect was more prevalent.

"I come from a very good family, my father was Koori and my mother was a strong white woman who just adored him."

Sue said, despite advances, the system was still failing Aboriginal families.

"Last year 12 children died who hadn't been removed. That's wrong, tragic and 12 too many," she said.

Sue has seen a lot of change in her life time, but believes today's young people need to take up the activist mantle.

"I'm 70 next year and I can't remember a time I felt truly respected in the broader community," she said.

"There are a lot of educated Kooris now but I remember when we weren't allowed to vote, I remember the Tent Embassy and the changes that have happened in society."

Sue said the statistics in NSW made for sobering thought.

"There are more of our children in care than during the time of Stolen Generations," she said.

"Thirty-three per cent of children being removed by DoCS are our children, Koori children, and we don't have enough carers to deal with that and that's before you even start talking about children with special needs.

"Thirty-eight per cent of the women in prison are our people."

Guiding

Sue believes it's important to understand that guiding foster children is transitory.

"Fostering is not the answer. It's always been a temporary thing in my mind," she said.

"Even our own children are only lent to us, it's not about coveting or ownership.

"I can love a child as much as I can, but when that baby puts its head on the pillow, she's going to want Mummy, and that's as it should be – nobody has the right to take that away.

"I attended a funeral last month of a mother who had seven children, only one of whom had lived for any significant time with her. They all cried. You cannot break that bond, no matter what.

"Fostering is not about owning children.

"Kids get lent to you, and you help them move through.

"When one goes back to their family it's a delight, a bouquet.

"I was looking after a child who was having her fourth birthday and her mum and dad brought her a cake and said 'make a wish'.

"She wished she could go back to her family.

"Her mum was crying, her dad was crying, me and the caseworker, but that's as it should be: That little girl knew where she belonged."

Discrimination of any kind gets Sue's blood boiling.

"We have made great changes, but we still need more carers, from all religious beliefs and social ways of life," she said.

Sue had a plea for more carers. "Please come forward, even if it's just for a little while, bring kids into your life and then get 'em home," she said.

"Sometimes I think the people who have fears, who think they can't foster, make the best carers. At least investigate, it's worthwhile, and very rewarding."

Mixed success on violence



A PROGRAM aimed at improving the response of the criminal justice system to cases involving domestic violence has had mixed success, according to a new report.

The program has been operating in the NSW centres of Wagga Wagga, Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields.

NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research director Don Weatherburn said the domestic violence intervention court model (DVICM) sought to improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic

violence by improving police evidence gathering, improving the efficiency of the court, providing greater support to victims and improving the management of domestic violence offenders.

"An earlier evaluation of the program at Campbelltown, Macquarie Fields, and Wagga Wagga Local Area Police Commands found positive support from the program from victims of domestic violence," Dr Weatherburn said.

"It also found some

improvements in the police and court response to cases of domestic violence.

"There was no change, however, in the number of suspected offenders who were

"Nor was there any increase in the proportion of offenders placed under some form of supervision.

"This first evaluation only had a short follow-up period (18

months) and this may have hampered efforts to examine the full effect of the program.

"The primary aim of the current study was to

examine whether domestic violence police and court outcomes have changed over a longer follow-up period (54 months).

"The results of the current evaluation show that the DVICM increased the proportion of persons of interest charged in Macquarie Fields but not in Campbelltown or Wagga Wagga Local Area Commands.

"They also show that the DVICM reduced the time taken to finalise domestic violence matters in Campbelltown and Wagga Wagga Local Courts.

"However, the program did not affect the proportion of matters finalised on a plea of guilty; the proportion of matters finalised on a dismissal; the proportion of offenders imprisoned or placed under supervision."

'This first evaluation only had a short follow-up period (18 months) and this may have hampered efforts to examine the full effect of the program'

Answers to our Edition 521 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

3. Beetson
4. Calma
5. Rose
6. Time
10. Preston
11. Jandamarra
12. Mansell
15. Quandong
17. Skilled
18. Ruby
20. Imparja
21. Montebello
23. Dialysis
24. Baggage
25. Kropinyeri

DOWN

1. Hollows
2. Bart
3. Booderee
4. Cummins
7. Hobart
8. Hoops
9. Yabun
11. June
13. Larrakia
14. Wilson
16. Nicholls
19. Senate
22. Talk

Our brain-teasers

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Koori Mail Wordsearch

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Love takes a break

Ms Koori Love is taking a little rest and she'll be back for our next edition.



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Regional Advisory Committee Vacancies In Northern Tablelands Region

Are you interested in conservation and caring
for the environment?

Members of local communities across the Northern Tablelands Region of New South Wales are invited to apply for membership to the Northern Tablelands Region National Parks and Wildlife Regional Advisory Committee. The committee, which is appointed by the Minister for the Environment, advises the National Parks and Wildlife Service on the care, control and management of national parks and other reserves within that area.

Appointment will be for the remaining term of the Committee until 31 December 2013. Successful applicants would be expected to attend approximately four meetings a year plus field inspections to parks and reserves. This is a voluntary position. Sitting fees are not paid, but travel expenses are reimbursed.

Applications are particularly sought from Aboriginal people; people with scientific qualifications in the area of conservation biology, wildlife management or related disciplines; or people with experience and expertise in the following areas: local government, community involvement in conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage, rural or regional issues, ecotourism or ecologically sustainable visitor use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves, environmental education and community involvement in environmental education, non-Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation and bushfire management.

The Government is committed to increasing representation of indigenous people and women on advisory committees. Young people aged between 18-25 are also strongly encouraged to apply and help chart the future of national parks.

Application form and information kit are available from Claire Francis on (02) 9585 6746 or email claire.francis@environment.nsw.gov.au For enquiries, contact David Dutailis, Regional Manager Northern Tablelands Region on (02) 6776 0006 or email rac@environment.nsw.gov.au

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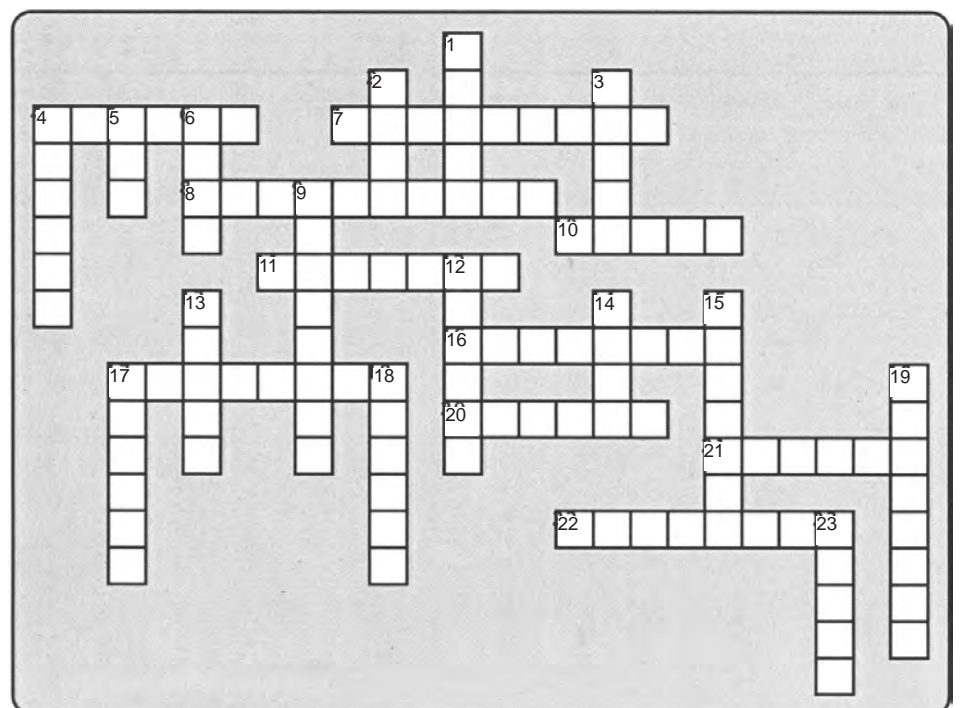
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- 7 Koori Mail columnist, former Sydney Swan Michael (9)
- 8 Language group of the five owning organisations of the Koori Mail (10)
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- 11 First Indigenous Judge, Bob... (7)
- 16 Truganini lived in this Australian state (8)
- 17 Birthplace of Evonne Cawley (8)
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- 21 Perth-based education campaigner, May (6)
- 22 Main service island in the Torres Strait (8)

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- 2 Aboriginal family, famous for rugby union... (4)
- 3 Program screened on NITV at 9.30 am (AEST) on weekdays, Go... (5)
- 4 Deputy leader of the ALP in NSW, Linda... (6)
- 5 What does singer Dan Sultan have tattooed on his chest? (3)
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- 12 Occupation of



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13 Late, great artist ... Kngwarreye (5)

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17 Large lizard, good bush

tucker (6)
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Letter writer Jessie Lloyd says it's far too easy for non-Indigenous to 'affix certain personal beliefs to traditional culture in an attempt to uphold a fanciful connection with Indigenous people'. This photo shows an overseas tourist supposedly performing 'didgeridoo healing' at a Victorian festival this year.

Incorrect protocol

"I WOULD like to pay my respects to the traditional owners, past and present..." is a popular phrase being used by Indigenous and non-Indigenous speakers at events, in particular music festivals. I feel nothing but pride to be at a gig that respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the area, and endeavours to recognise the significance of past atrocities experienced by Indigenous people as a whole.

But in saying that, I feel it is important to clarify the role these Indigenous ceremonies play at Australian festivals, and encourage a respectful and culturally appropriate engagement with the content.

Whether it is a Welcome to Country, a traditional Opening Ceremony, or a popular or local Aboriginal act, it is imperative that festival organisers work alongside a local Indigenous group or community organisation in the delivery of the performance.

On too many occasions, I have witnessed dignified formalities be nullified by incorrect protocol, or Indigenous culture being

portrayed as an enchanted path to enlightenment.

For those of you who may not be aware, a Welcome to Country is a formality given by a traditional owner which shows their support and consent to an event being held on their country – it can be compared with a local mayor or minister officially opening proceedings.

Whereas, a traditional Opening Ceremony is more of a cultural procedure and represents the customary dances, stories and songs that were carried out in the area pre-colonisation.

It is up to the local Indigenous people to determine what this would be and must not be confused as a performance for the sake of entertainment.

I admire the efforts of those working within the Australian festival scene and acknowledge the progress being made to incorporate Indigenous content into mainstream music and arts events.

That said, I feel we must monitor how this content is being presented and make sure

Indigenous culture is portrayed in its true form.

It's far too easy to affix certain personal beliefs to traditional culture in an attempt to uphold a fanciful connection with Indigenous people.

In the free-spirited land of the festival, let us not treat Indigenous culture as an exotic novelty, but as an entity that is as intrinsically Australian as the Sydney Opera House.

I believe that this is all part of our social evolutionary process.

Eventually, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture will form a part of the mainstream Australian story. We will slowly move away from the tokenistic ideas of red dirt, dots, lines and didgeridoo healings, and instead coalesce to create a new cultural identity.

JESSIE LLOYD
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POETRY

Love For Our Mum

As we think about you mum
we think about the good times
we've shared
and the love you gave to your
two sons
really showed how much you
cared.

You stuck with us through the
hard times
and you never let us down
you were a real strong woman,
mum
for you always stood your
ground.

You gave us both the best in life
and raised us to be men
you taught us everything we
know
and gave all the love you can.

A greenhill mission woman
from Kempsey, born and bred
the mother of three children
Bodge, Michelle and Fred.

Rest in peace now mother
for we are doing fine
you'll forever be always in our
hearts
and forever on our minds

Rest in Peace, Christine Anne
Byrne (Mutti)
Love from your two sons, Robert
Byrne (Bodge)
And Fred Byrne (Fubu)

ROBERT BYRNE
Dunghutti Man

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.

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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

Interview leads to questions

I WAS watching an interview between Jeff McMullen and members of Northern Territory Aboriginal communities on NITV the other night, where they were discussing the effects of the intervention and how the Government wants to bring in the Stronger Futures legislation.

I was confused about the BasicsCard and how many people are affected by this.

I wondered if you get any cash at all or whether you have to live totally from a card?

Does this mean you have to shop at designated shops like Coles or Woolworths if you have them where you are?

I also heard that some community services have been taken away and with the Stronger Futures that if you get caught with a beer in your hand, you get locked up.

Also, if the kids have more than five days off

school, the welfare gets cut.

I know heaps of kids who have more than five days off school here in Queensland.

I wonder what starving people are going to do. That's when crime starts, because hungry people need to eat.

I really don't know what this Government is thinking.

Living in another State, you don't get to know what really goes on, but I can't help likening some of these laws to apartheid.

My gut feeling is you are sitting on some very important land and they would like you moved.

As for the nuclear dump, they've lost the plot completely.

S KENRICK
Doonan, Qld

Don't expect the churches to fight the fight

AS a man of God, I challenge every single Christian church in Western Australia to fight the good fight against this unbelievable and monstrous display of blatant racism (shown by the WA Government's recent stolen wages offer) and write immediately of their outrage to the Barnett Government.

Me and God already know they won't. They're too gutless and selfish. White churches don't fight the good fight, they just want to be blessed by a Christ who's already died for them – and yet they want more, especially in the way of financial blessings.

Well, as you count your takings from your huge offerings each week, consider the Elderly Aboriginal slaves of WA, most of whom are Christians and who spawned Aboriginal Christian families, who broke their backs for the rich pastoralists and after decades of this slavery Colin Barnett offers them a token 'up to \$2000' payment.

Does this sit right in your heart as a Christian? If not, kiss Heaven goodbye along with the many false Christians who will by no means make it there.

I guarantee not one white

church will write to Colin Barnett and express outrage over his Government's position.

Christianity is very, very sick indeed and its only tonic is real Christians to stand and rise for Christ.

Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He fought the good fight to save people's souls from eternal damnation – and some modern-day Christians still want free handouts.

Christianity is not about what more God can do for me, but rather what me and God can do for others.

I don't hate my white brother; I just hate his version of Christianity. He's conveniently painted over the red blood of Jesus with his lovely little white paint brush of self-convenience in which he holds sway overall as some pathetic replica of the Apostles, but one where by he never ever gets his hands dirty and doesn't get too close to real people in real need.

May God bless them with everything they want from this world.

PHILL MONCRIEFF
Perth, WA



Single-issue portfolio

IF the Gillard Labor-Minority Government is for real about Constitutional Recognition and closing the gap – and I think it is – then surely it's time for Indigenous Affairs to be a separate cabinet ministry or portfolio, amen.

Even if the Minister (Kevin Rudd, MP, is certainly able and available) was initially not in the inner-cabinet, that wouldn't be a problem

because his/her role is immediately mediation and conciliation between historically two opposing groups – Government and our Indigenous peoples.

J MATTHEWS
B SAMPSON
D SIEMS,
Indigenous Homeland Group
(IHG) Secretariat
Quirindi, NSW

Keep our spirituality alive

WARAMI (hello, wherever you come from). I just want to do a shout-out from the Darug Nation of New South Wales. We are the Daruk People of Yarramundi.

It's good to see the *Koori Mail* keeping things strong, smart and deadly.

You're the best newspaper in Australia. There are always many

great articles in here for all you mob out there to learn about our people.

So keep your spirituality alive and keep your heads up. Yanu (goodbye).

ANDREW SMITH
(Brother Boy Smithy)
Blue Mountains, NSW

Strategic Regional Land Use Policy Delivery

Have your say

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The NSW Government has released a number of draft plans and policies that deliver on its Strategic Regional Land Use Policy to protect high-quality agricultural land and its water sources from inappropriate mining and coal seam gas projects.

The following documents have been placed on public exhibition until **Thursday, 3 May 2012** and are available online at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/regionallanduse:

- Draft Upper Hunter Strategic Regional Land Use Plan
- Draft New England North West Strategic Regional Land Use Plan
- Draft Aquifer Interference Policy
- Code of Practice for Coal Seam Gas Exploration

Interested members of the public are invited to review the documents and make a submission.

Full details on exhibition locations and how to make a submission can be found at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/regionallanduse which will also host an online discussion forum during the exhibition period.

Throughout the exhibition period, a number of community consultation events will be held to allow members of the public to learn more about the plans, ask questions and provide feedback including:

- Public forums at Gunnedah (Tuesday 20 March) and Singleton (Friday 13 April); and
- Information sessions where members of the public can meet with government representatives one-on-one.

Full details of event dates and venues will be published at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/regionallanduse

Govt must act now

THE recent announcement by NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello to form a working group to undertake a statutory review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALRA) is appalling.

At the same time, it gives Government the timely opportunity to ensure that local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) are protected from faux and de facto-type native title claimant groups and/or any other third-party claimants.

The Minister is reported as saying 'I am confident this working group is well-placed to effectively review the legislation and provide me with sound proposals to improve it where possible'.

If this is the case, then one area where urgent improvement is needed is in the area of Aboriginal 'culture and heritage'.

The current and inadequate Act says very little about the protection of 'culture and heritage' and in point of fact the words 'culture and heritage' only appear seven times in the Act with s.52 (4) (a) having any real and practical relevance for LALCs wishing to protect their culture and heritage.

Indeed, this section of the Act only makes cursory reference to Aboriginal culture and heritage by saying that a LALC has the following functions in relation to Aboriginal culture and heritage, viz: s.52 (4) (a) *to take action to protect the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons in the Council's area, subject to any other law...*

If LALCs are going to protect their culture and heritage, then the current ALRA 1983 must be strengthened to ensure the protection and conservation of our local culture and heritage.



GREG BONDAR

Current observation and experience shows that LALCs can be stymied or hijacked by de facto organisations claiming to be representatives or owners of a particular land council boundary.

In practice, non-registered land title claimants or similar bodies are impinging on the statutory right of LALCs when they express an interest and/or negotiate with project and infrastructure developers – private and government.

The content of Aboriginal title varies with the degree to which claimants are able to satisfy the standard of proof for recognition and if a claim is unregistered, then the native title claimant group has no at law rights to negotiate about the grant of some mining tenements, earthworks, development projects etc in relation to a particular area – LALCs do.

The current ALRA 1983 Review has two major terms of reference and both of these raise the issue of the protection and conservation of our local culture and heritage.

The preamble of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 recognises that 'Land is of spiritual, social, cultural, and economic importance' to Aboriginal peoples' and as such the Act needs to be drastically tightened to ensure the protection and conservation of our local culture and heritage.

One obvious and direct way to ensure the protection of and conservation of local culture and heritage would be to make it mandatory in the Act for LALCs to be the first and perhaps only point of call by such organisations as local government councils, developers, project construction and government departments involved in road, rail and other infrastructure works.

Despite the significance of Aboriginal culture and heritage, it is widely recognised within the Aboriginal communities of NSW that the current system for protecting Aboriginal culture and

heritage is inadequate.

The current system, governed principally by the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, is failing to prevent the widespread destruction of Aboriginal heritage, and is viewed as a system for the regulated destruction of Aboriginal culture and heritage, rather than for its protection.

Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (TLALC) represents the interests of its members and the broader Aboriginal community in its region.

Moreover, Tharawal LALC acts to ensure the protection and conservation of our local culture and heritage which is also our obligation in accordance with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

So if the Act is to be an effective, meaningful and workable piece of legislation, it needs to give us not just the 'tiger' but the 'teeth' to go with it.

GREG BONDAR
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Picton, NSW

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Boundless potential

By WAYNE DENNING

IN 2010, when Carbon Media won the coveted Indigenous Governance Award, I knew we had broken the mould in demonstrating that Indigenous governance exists across all sectors, not just in communities and not-for profit organisations.

It was this success that had led awards chair Professor Mick Dodson to invite me to the United States to participate in a unique multi-national conversation about Indigenous governance at the University of Arizona in Tucson in early March.

I was part of just a small delegation of 30 from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the US to attend *Common Roots, Common Futures: Different Paths to Self-Determination – An International Conversation*, co-hosted by Prof Dodson, Australia's Diane Smith and Harvard Project for American Indian Economic Development's Steven Cornell.

Sharing, learning

The international event explored three topics of self-determination, governance and economic development and promoted new, innovative, promising or productive progress in each area. It was interesting to share and learn how each of our countries understand Indigenous governance and economic development best supporting Indigenous



Australian delegates at the *Common Roots, Common Futures: Different Paths to Self-Determination – An International Conversation* gathering. Wayne Denning is standing, second from the right. Prof Mick Dodson is seated on the far right.

self-determination.

It was a powerful situation coming together as world Indigenous peoples to start this cross-country dialogue, and envisioning what can be accomplished in practical terms for our Indigenous nations and communities.

For Indigenous Australians, my main concern is ensuring we are not left out of the digital economy.

For example, it's vitally important

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to create positive perspectives on what we are able to achieve and share with others. This is what we are hopefully promoting through my company Carbon Media.

Seeing things on a local level in the US also gave me new insight and exciting possibilities for what could be the future of Australian Indigenous affairs.

A day trip to the Tohono O'odham Nation

reservation near the US-Mexican border showed how the local Indigenous peoples had established substantial jurisdiction within the boundaries of their own reservation, including designing their own system of government and having a police force that enforces both tribal and federal law.

We could learn a lot from the Tohono O'odham Nation's innovative approaches to regulating land use, environmental matters and business development.

This type of insight is what will drive future discussions between our four nations forward over the coming years.

Just imagine what we could achieve knowing what can and does work in other countries, and the potential of what we could build upon and achieve here in Australia.

● Wayne Denning is an Aboriginal Australian and managing director of Carbon Media, a multi-media production company based in Brisbane and a registered training organisation that, in conjunction with partners, provides training and traineeships for young Indigenous people.

● The Reconciliation Australia/BHP Billiton 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards are currently open for applications and nominations. Businesses as well as unincorporated projects and initiatives are encouraged to apply. For more information go to www.reconciliation.org.au/iga

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Sister remembered with love

I READ the 'Yarn with Robert Muir' in the *Koori Mail* on 8 February and wanted to say that this was wonderful for me because Robert is my nephew and he spoke about

his mother, who was my sister.

She was a wonderful woman who cared for her own children, plus looking after a great number of other Koori children. She also worked helping Koori people in health and housing.

My sister received a high honour from the Victorian Police Force some years ago

and we are all proud of her great achievements she gained throughout her life.

Sadly, my sister passed away four years ago in Ballarat, Victoria, where she lived.

I would like to say she found me after 45 years – some 15 years ago – and that

is when I learnt about my Koori ancestry, of which I am very proud.

Congratulations for your informative, wonderful paper.

Keep up the good work.

BARBARA KIDMAN
Portland, Vic

Kayla's story one of inspiration

THANK you for Harold J Hunt's letter 'How Kayla has changed a life' (*Koori Mail*, 22 February 2011).

It's such an inspiring story and has helped me to be more content when I can't get outside due to the weather or ill health.

I think of Kayla when I get discontented and say a prayer for her and her family, which changes my attitude for the better.

Mr Hunt could also send his story to *That's Life* magazine and earn some money (if printed) to help their family.

Thank you Kayla for the good you do by being you when you are. God bless you a special surprise that brings joy to your heart, like you bring to ours.

MARY PRICE
East Brunswick, Vic

Petition focus on heritage



A PETITION is circulating that calls on the NSW Government to introduce legislation that recognises Aboriginal people as the rightful owners of Aboriginal culture and heritage in the state.

The petition demands that human rights instruments such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) underpin the legislation.

As well, it wants a 'genuine process of reform' that would include consultations with all Aboriginal communities in NSW, with a minimum of one month's notice of consultation meetings.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council director of policy and research Clare McHugh said the council was hoping to collect 10,000 signatures by 31 March, although petitions would still be welcome after that date.

Presently, the main law for the protection and management of Aboriginal culture and heritage in NSW is the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act).

'Consents'

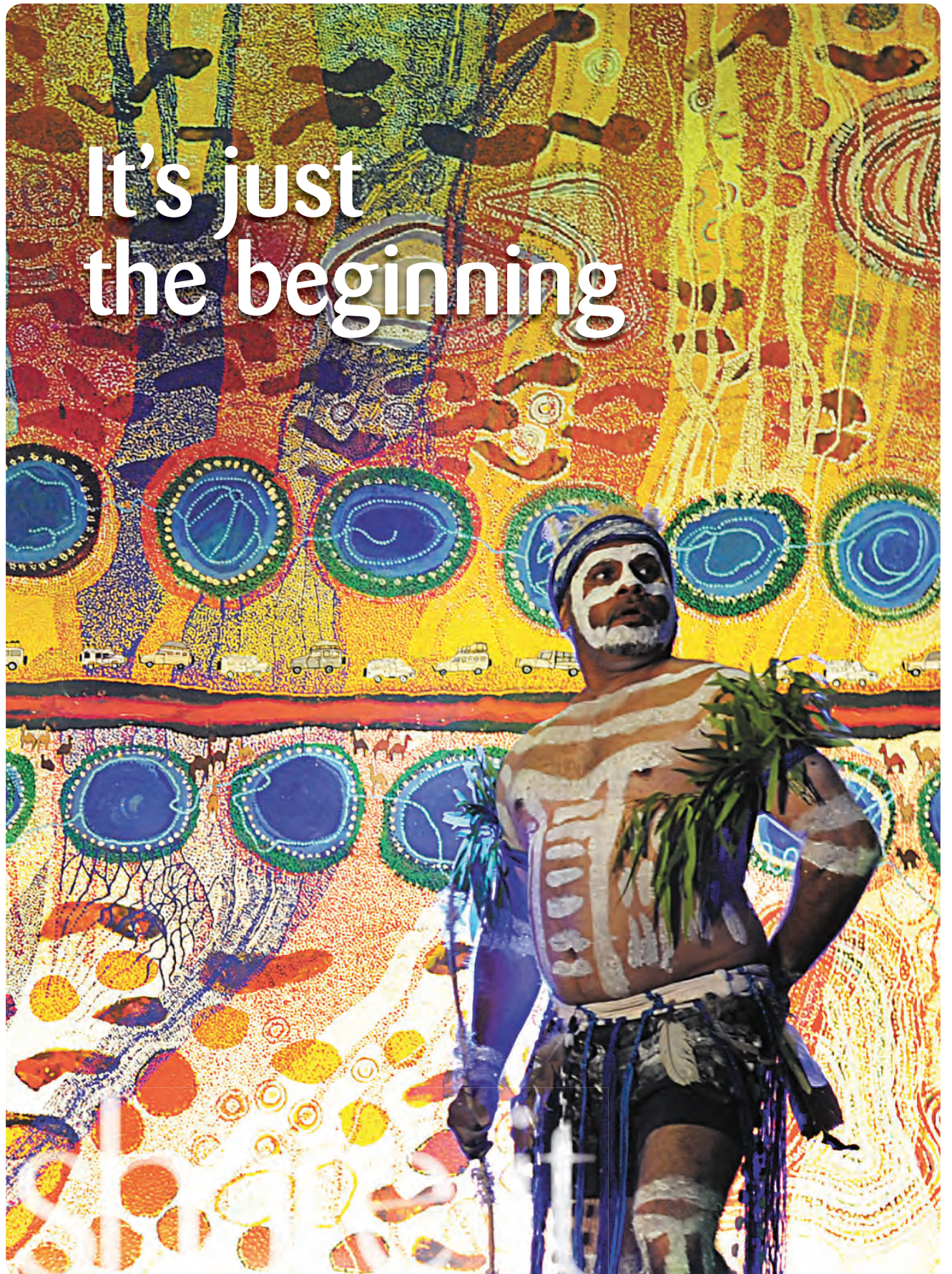
The Act stipulates that all Aboriginal objects are considered to be 'property of the Crown', and gives the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage the power to authorise the damage or destruction of Aboriginal objects and places, through the issuing of 'consents'.

In February 2010, as amendments to the *NPW Act* were introduced into the NSW Parliament, the then Labor Minister for the Environment announced that a 'working party' would be established for a two-year period to consider separate Aboriginal heritage legislation in NSW. The party would report jointly to the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Ms McHugh said that reform process was still under way so it was essential the Government hear from Aboriginal people on the issue.

For further information, contact the NSWALC Policy and Research Unit on (02) 9689 4444 or policy@alc.org.au

It's just the beginning



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2:00 Chocolate Martini 3 PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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10:00 Jumba Jimba G (Kids)
10:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
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9:30 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
10:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Boxing Day M (Drama)

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH

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2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Kids)
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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 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
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6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
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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 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
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10:00 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)

SATURDAY 24TH 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 Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
9:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 The Coolbaroo Club PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
1:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
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 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
7:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Walking Through a Minefield PG (Documentary)
8:30 Ailan Kores PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
11:00 My Home, the Block PG (Documentary)

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
8:30 Urban Clan PG (Documentary)
9:30 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)
10:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
11:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Queensland Murri Carnival 2011 NC (Sport)
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5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Living Black Series New Series NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
10:30 Boxing Day M (Drama)

MONDAY 26TH MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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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 More Than Legends G (Entertainment)
11:00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)
2:00 Mer Rikwer-akert 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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
8:30 Miss Navajo PG (Documentary)
9:30 Malcolm X PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black Series New Series NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Const NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
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10:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
11:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Const NC (Current Affairs)
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary)
8:30 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
9:30 Special Treatment M (Documentary)
10:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 4 Wheel Dreaming PG (Documentary)

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
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10:00 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary)
11:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
1:00 Island of Lies PG (Documentary)
2:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales 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 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 4 Wheel Dreaming PG (Documentary)

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
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6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Big Girls Dont Cry PG (Documentary)
8:30 Black Chicks Talking PG (Documentary)
9:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
10:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
11:00 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 4 Wheel Dreaming PG (Documentary)

SATURDAY 31ST 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 Bizou G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
9:00 Kulka PG (Documentary)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
2:00 Mabo: Life of an Island Man PG (Documentary)
2:30 Koori Knockout 2011 Documentary PG (Documentary)
3:30 Island Music PG (Documentary)
3:45 Turn Back PG (Documentary)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Special Treatment PG (Documentary)
7:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 Five Seasons G (Documentary)
10:30 Ngati PG (Drama)

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

12:00 Jane Elliot's Australian Eye PG (Documentary)
1:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
2:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)
3:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
9:00 Living in Two Worlds PG (Documentary)
9:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
10:00 Koori Knockout 2011 Documentary PG (Documentary)
11:00 Island of Lies PG (Documentary)
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5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Living Black Series New Series NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Malcolm X PG (Sport)
7:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 88.9 Radio Redfern PG (Documentary)
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
10:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
11:00 Boxing Day M (Drama)

MONDAY 2ND APRIL

12:30 Deadly Funny M (Entertainment)
1:00 Songlines In The City PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
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10:00 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
10:30 Living in Two Worlds PG (Documentary)
11:00 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
8:30 Turn Back PG (Documentary)
9:00 Unforgivable Blackness PG (Documentary)
10:30 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Last Volk in Saami Forest PG (Documentary)

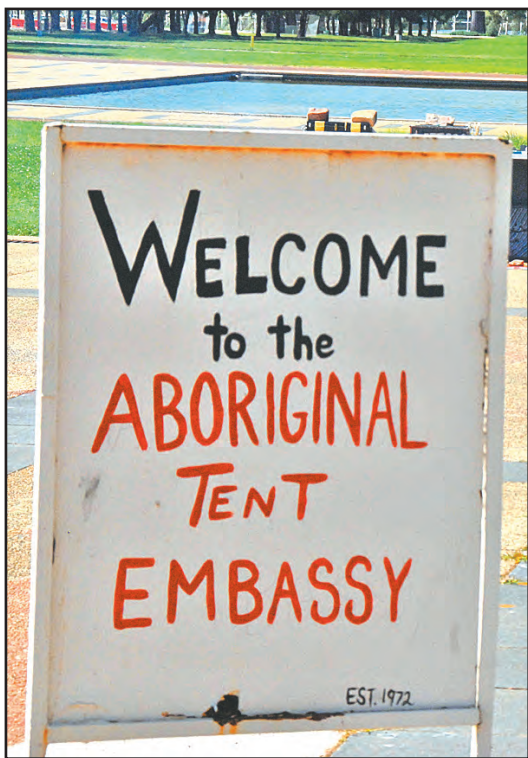
TUESDAY 3RD APRIL

12:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
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9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 More Than Legends G (Documentary)
11:00 Indigenous Languages in Vic PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Moose TV PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Turn Back PG (Documentary)
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 A Thousand Suns 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 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black Series New Series NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Home NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)



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Protest criminal charges ruled out



FEDERAL Police have found no evidence of criminal behaviour in the lead-up to the Australia Day protest that caused Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott to be rushed out of a Canberra restaurant.

The Coalition had asked the Australian Federal Police to investigate the circumstances that prompted a protest by Aboriginal Tent Embassy supporters.

The AFP referred the matter to its crimes operations special references portfolio for evaluation.

"The AFP has fully evaluated this matter and has assessed that the available evidence does not support the existence of any criminal offences," it said in a statement last Wednesday.

An investigation continues into possible public order offences.

Prime ministerial staffer Tony Hodges resigned in January after admitting he had spoken to Unions ACT official Kim Sattler on Australia Day and told her Mr Abbott was at the restaurant.

That information was passed on to Tent Embassy officials who incorrectly believed Mr Abbott had earlier that day called for the Tent Embassy to be closed down. — AAP

Patrick Dodson to give address



ABORIGINAL leader Patrick Dodson will deliver this year's Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory 2012 Tony Fitzgerald Memorial Lecture.

Professor Dodson, a Yawuru man from Broome in Western Australia, has held a range of nationally significant roles and is widely regarded as the 'father of reconciliation'. Most recently he co-chaired the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The lecture, given every two years in Darwin, honours Tony Fitzgerald, the former NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner and a champion of human rights. Prof Dodson's address will be from 6pm on 29 March at the NT Library in Darwin.

Family violence legal service placed under administration



REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has placed the North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service under special

administration, following a request for assistance from the corporation's directors.

The corporation is based in Darwin and funded by the Federal Attorney-General's Department to deliver support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and children who are the victims of family

violence or sexual abuse, or who are at risk.

"While I am aware of recent investigations and reviews of this corporation that indicate some serious anomalies I also applaud the directors for requesting external help," Mr Beven said.

"The special administration will address some structural issues and all allegations around improper payments and the misappropriation of public money."

Austin Taylor and Stuart Reid, from the Darwin-based firm of Meertens, have been appointed as the joint

special administrators.

Special administration is a measure under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act* that helps corporations to fix their problems.

The aim of the process is to restore a corporation to good health and return control to members as soon as possible.

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Concern for dingoes



FRASER Island's dingoes are suffering horrible deaths because a Queensland Government department is not capturing them properly, an Indigenous Elder says.

Butchulla Elder Marie Wilkinson, a traditional owner of the south east Queensland island, says a report acquired under right to information laws shows a young dingo died after being restrained during a Department of Environment and Resources Management study in May last year.

The death report says the dingo died from hyperthermia, after it was restrained around the neck and overheated.

The death was a 'preventable occurrence', the report says.

"The circumstances of this case indicate a need for a critical review of the capture and restraint procedures for dingoes," Ms Wilkinson said.

She said the report was distressing for the island's traditional owners, given the dingo is a sacred cultural animal.

"To see a dingo tortured to death in the manner described in an independent

necropsy report is intolerable," Ms Wilkinson said in a statement.

"As a representative of the Aboriginal people of Fraser Island, I demand the Government make those responsible for this atrocious act accountable and to actually do what they claim to be doing: Consult with integrity in a genuine manner with the traditional owners of Fraser Island about the way that dingoes are managed."

Ms Wilkinson rejected the department's claims that the island's traditional owners supported its Fraser Island

Dingo Management Strategy. "(I) am disappointed that we have not been included in discussions on how to manage the dingo, and am deeply angered by the recent revelations of gross cruelty," she said.

"To see our dingoes destroyed for the most ridiculous of reasons, such as 'loitering' and not showing enough wariness is unacceptable.

"As things stand, the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy does not protect our culturally significant totem animal, the dingo." — AAP

Rangers kept busy at annual CLC gathering

Awards a first for NT



RANGERS from across Central Australia have been in Yulara this month for the Central

Land Council's annual Ranger Camp.

The camp was a chance for the 80 Aboriginal rangers from the CLC desert regions and 70 guest rangers from throughout the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia to exchange land management information and practices from their relevant regions.

They also had the opportunity to develop skills through the training activities including quad bike training, aerial incendiary device training, snake handling, water monitoring and setting up sensor cameras, weeds and chemicals training, Cyber Tracker training, soil conservation, fire management training and more.

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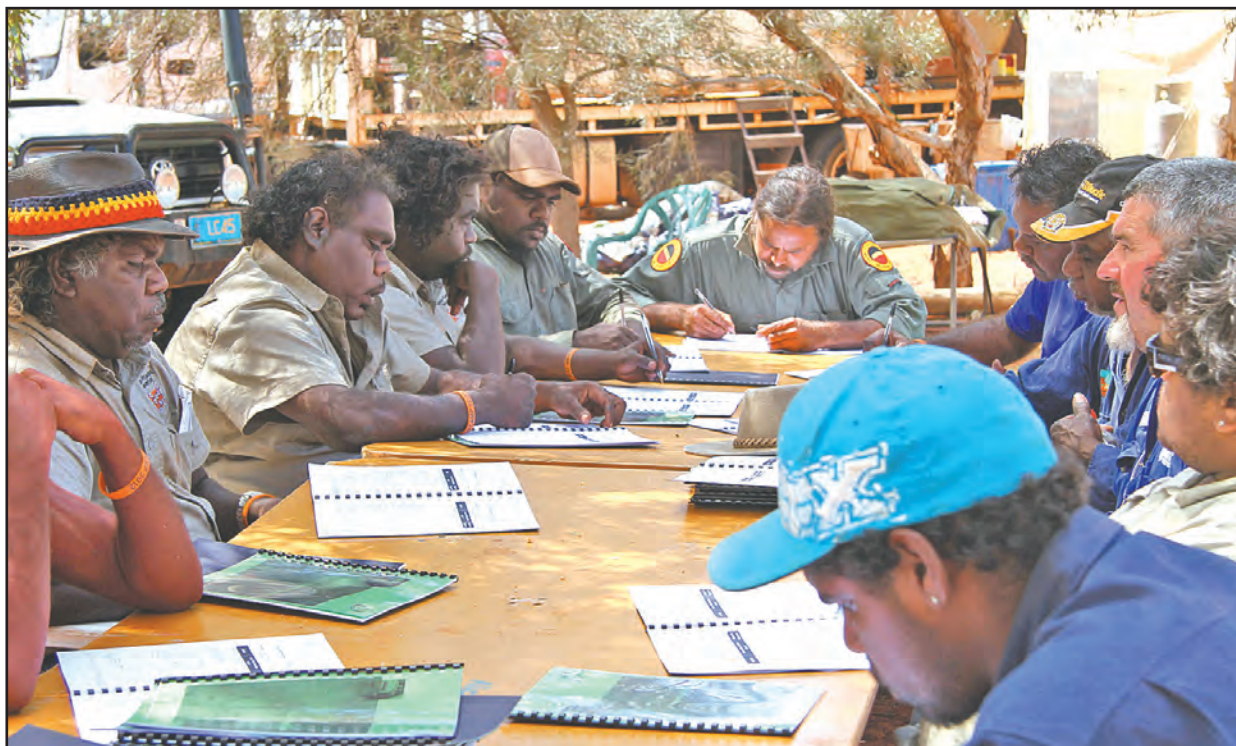
CLC director David Ross said the ranger program was funded by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities' Working on Country initiative and the Indigenous Land Corporation.

"The rangers are one of the great success stories in Central Australia and we are very proud of them," he said.

"Many of them are young people with no previous employment history who have made great improvements in their personal and professional lives.

"They also perform a critical function in land management and bridge traditional land management tasks with contemporary practice."

The gathering featured traditional dancing, film presentations and band performances as well as tours of the Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park.



Rangers doing theory work as part of their quad bike training. Photos courtesy of the Central Land Council



Warlpiri rangers check out the next workshop.



Reggie Uluru welcomes the rangers.



Wulaign ranger Dion Kelly, from Lajamanu.

NORTHERN Territory residents have been invited to nominate rangers for the first NT Ranger Awards.

The awards are designed to recognise the efforts of the more than 600 rangers across the Territory.

NT Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton said rangers played a significant role in key Government policies including 'Greening the Territory' as well as supporting the 'Great Territory Lifestyle'.

"These awards have been designed to recognise the significant contribution and commitment rangers make in managing the natural and cultural assets of the NT as well as enhancing the public's appreciation through education and interpretation," he said.

"Our rangers play an integral role in protecting natural areas through fire, weed and feral animal management; managing visitor facilities, services, safety and security; managing cultural heritage sites and providing environmental and heritage education.

The awards will be divided into the following categories:

- Minister's Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement
- Minister's Award for Outstanding Team Achievement
- Development and Training Award
- Ranger of the Year (Top End, Arnhem, Barkly-Katherine-VRD and Central Australia)
- Ranger of the Year 2012.

For more information about Ranger of the Year and how to nominate a ranger, visit www.nt.gov.au/parks or follow 'Ranger of the Year' on Facebook: www.facebook.com/nt_parksandwildlife



Tennant Creek teenager Kylie Sambo in a still from her rap video *Muckaty*.

'Muckaty' rapper terrified

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



TENNANT Creek teenager Kylie Sambo says news that the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill last week passed through the Senate and the House of Representatives is 'terrifying'.

The 17-year-old up-and-coming musician vented her disgust about the Federal Government plan to use Muckaty Station as a nuclear waste dump in a rap song posted on YouTube at the end of 2010. Since then, the video has had almost 15,000 hits. She was also featured on an episode of ABC's Q&A program broadcast from Darwin.

In the rap, called *Muckaty*, Kylie's recurring chorus is: 'Don't waste the Territory'. She also takes aim at the group of traditional owners who have signed off on allowing Muckaty to be used as a nuclear waste dump in return for \$12 million. She raps:

*Selling your land isn't tight
Let's get together and fight for our rights
Planting your poison in our land
Just to get some cash in your hand
Drilling a hole right through my soul, right through my soul.*

Her rap is inter-cut with footage of her cousin Dianne Stokes, a Muckaty traditional owner and spokesperson for Kylie's family, also making her sentiments clear in a speech.

'Start listening'

"We want to tell you how we feel about our land. Our land is our spirit, our land that keeps us strong... Start listening, we don't want nothing to come to our land. We want you people to support us," she says in the speech.

Kylie said Muckaty was a sacred place to her family. "That's why I was inspired (to create the rap)," she said. "We go there every holiday, school holidays, long weekends.

"We go hunting, we drive around, we go swimming at the creek, we go fishing and we ride horses."

Kylie said she had received a lot of positive feedback from people who had seen her video.

"People have been telling me that I'm doing a good job and should keep up writing my music," she said. "That I touched people's hearts and made them think."

Comments posted in response to Kylie's YouTube video include the following:

"This is very eye-opening. Strong message behind that music. Take back what was rightfully yours."

"This is what we need to see more of. This is beautiful and inspiring. The way you have expressed yourself through your music is so empowering and I hope other youth and adults will be able to stand up and further your rights and movement. I know I will!"

"I completely agree, I have a connection with my ancestors – not Aboriginal – we just need to listen, feel, let it come to us, in us."

"You're an inspiration to all young Australians. This country definitely needs more people like you."

To check out Kylie's video go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nadlwLapPg&feature=youtu.be>

Bellottis angry at 'brush off'



THE family of a West Australian Aboriginal youth who suffered horrific injuries when he was hit by a police car in

Albany two years ago have been told there's not enough evidence to lay charges in the case.

Rex Bellotti Jr was a promising footballer before the accident, which happened when police drove to investigate an allegedly rowdy party in the town on 6 March 2009.

The now 17-year-old faces a grim future and the possibility that his leg may have to be amputated.

His family are fuming at being given what they see as the 'proverbial brush-off' by WA Commissioner of Police Karl O'Callaghan.

They recently received a letter from the state's most senior police officer saying that he'd decided, after receiving advice from the State Solicitor's Office (SSO), that it'd be fruitless to pursue charges against any officer involved in the accident – because much of the evidence in the case was 'conflicting'.

'Collision'

"This includes important matters such as the speed of the vehicle, Rex Bellotti Junior's position on the roadway immediately prior to the accident and the circumstances of the collision," Mr O'Callaghan wrote.

"As a consequence of the conflicting accounts of



Elizabeth Bellotti speaking at a rally late last year, calling for a public inquiry into her son's case. With her is Rex Bellotti Snr.

witnesses, it would, in my view, be impossible to establish beyond reasonable doubt that the driver of the vehicle had committed any offence whether it be dangerous driving causing bodily harm or careless driving.

"While I appreciate that this is not the outcome you were hoping for, I am satisfied that a thorough investigation has been carried out and that it has been independently examined."

Mr O'Callaghan said he had referred the crash investigation file to the SSO 'so that it could be reviewed by persons who are independent of the WA Police and who do not know the officers involved'.

But that's far from good enough for Rex Jr's mum and dad Elizabeth and Rex Bellotti, who say the teenager is 'not out of the woods by a long shot'. They're worried about

both his physical and emotional state.

"...He has to undergo more operations in the very near future, which looks highly likely that he will have his leg amputated in the process," Mr and Mrs Bellotti said in an email last week.

'Disaster'

"This is the recipe for disaster for Rex Jr who we believe will spiral into such darkness for him, that we don't know if he is really strong enough to make it through."

Mr O'Callaghan's decision comes in spite of a Corruption and Crime Commission finding that an internal police investigation into the accident was 'fundamentally flawed' and 'below standard', and the investigating officer did not interview witnesses in a timely manner.

Some witnesses reported the police four-wheel-drive that



WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan.

struck Rex Jr had been travelling on the wrong side of the road at the time.

The Bellottis say they'll continue to fight for justice for their son but, at the weekend, criticised the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) for not providing enough support.

The couple say they were told that ALSWA would jeopardise future government funding if it took on their son's case, and have since been continually fobbed off by the legal service.

They were planning to hold a peaceful picket outside ALSWA's East Perth offices next Monday if they didn't hear from ALSWA by this Friday.

The Bellotti family has received no compensation over the accident.

For more information on the campaign for justice for Rex Bellotti Jr, go to www.bellottisupportgroup.org

Hoff resigns from Sydney council



INDEPENDENT Councillor Marcelle Hoff has resigned from the City of Sydney, citing

health reasons.

An outspoken advocate on Indigenous issues, Cr Hoff advised Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore of her decision last Tuesday.

Cr Hoff paid tribute to the committed people and organisations working in the Sydney area's 'rich and diverse

communities (which) span wide-ranging social, religious, economic and racial divides'.

She said she hoped the council would continue to champion a just and equal society for all.

Last year, Cr Hoff supported the City of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel in successfully championing the use of the words 'invasion or illegal colonisation' instead of 'European arrival' in the council's policy documents and statements.

Axleby new ALRM chief



CHERYL AXLEBY has been named as the new CEO of South Australia's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM).

Ms Axleby will take the helm of the Adelaide-based organisation aimed at advancing the legal interests of Aboriginal people in South Australia.

She replaces Neil Gillespie who left abruptly last year.

Ms Axleby, who has wide experience in Indigenous community organisations, said she was excited by her appointment.

ALRM chairperson Frank Lampard said he anticipated the organisation would continue to expand on its role as an advocate on Aboriginal people's human rights.

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Hunter Water Corporation (HWC) is undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the proposed replacement of the Chichester Trunk Gravity Main from Tarro Junction to Beresfield Water Pump Station.

The contact at HWC is John Simpson, phone: (02) 4979 9437 or email: john.simpson@hunterwater.com.au

Registrations are invited from Aboriginal individuals and/or organisations, who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area of the proposed project and who wish to be involved in the community consultation process.

The purpose of the Aboriginal community consultation may be to assist the applicant in the preparation of an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, should it be necessary, as well as to assist the Office of Environment and Heritage to consider and determine any such application.

Registrations of interest should be provided by no later than **Wednesday 4 April 2012** to:

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Email: fatkinson@ahms.com.au

Housing cost queries



ONE of the main construction groups building houses in remote areas for Indigenous people in the Northern Territory has almost

finished its package of works, amid calls from the Federal Opposition to reveal how much money has been spent along the way.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and NT Housing Minister Chris Burns announced recently that Territory Alliance was close to completing its six packages of work.

"Once these packages are complete, Territory Alliance will have built more than 500 new houses and delivered more than 700 rebuilds and refurbishments on the Tiwi Islands, Maningrida, Galiwin'ku, Alice Springs town camps, Groote Eylandt and Gunbalanya," the ministers said in a statement.

"While the Territory Alliance partners are now looking at refocusing their efforts after successfully winning major projects in the Darwin area, they

will continue to deliver some remaining work over the next 12 months under this program."

They congratulated and thanked Territory Alliance for 'their commitment and success in delivering remote Indigenous housing and infrastructure over the past three years'.

"The National Partnership, delivered by the Australian and NT governments, has built 486 new houses and delivered 1950 rebuilds and refurbishments at the end of January, improving the lives of more than 2400 remote Indigenous Northern Territorian families," they said.

"The program is also helping to drive increased Indigenous employment, exceeding its 20 per cent Indigenous employment target, with an average of around 30 per cent.

"Housing packages for Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, Numbulwar and Ntaria have been

allocated to New Future Alliance for development and delivery.

"The program is on track to deliver on its commitment of 934 new houses and to rebuild or refurbish more than 2900 houses across 73 remote Indigenous communities by 2013."

Indigenous Affairs shadow minister Nigel Scullion called on

money was spent and on what, remains a mystery," Senator Scullion said.

"For three years I have been asking for the scope of work assessed as required for each house to be renovated, what work was actually performed on each house, and how much money was ultimately paid by the taxpayer for that work.

"For three years I have been told that that information would not be available until a package of work was completed.

"Now it is time to, as in the words from the famous movie *Jerry Maguire*, 'show me the money'.

"Since work commenced on SIHIP there have been stories of mismanagement and waste, delays in construction and poor quality of work being delivered.

"Unfortunately those stories continue to this day with people being forced to live in tents during the wet season in Galiwin'ku and

new houses being defected after completion.

"During a trip to Maningrida in January, I personally saw dodgy refurbishments done under the Government's program.

"In the case of house renovations we have continually been told that an average of \$75,000 has been spent on each house despite evidence that minimal work per house has actually been delivered.

"Even the definition of a renovation had to be changed by this Government from a full makeover that delivered a house to public housing standards, to a 'fix and make safe' effort.

"For \$75,000 all that has happened is urgent maintenance, not the full renovation as was envisaged and promised to tenants.

"We were promised that by doing only urgent safety maintenance that the available money would go further and even more houses could be fixed however the original promise of 2500 renovations has not increased despite the cost savings per house."

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the governments to release details of how much had been spent, and on what level of work on refurbished houses.

"While the Government is patting themselves on the back for their Indigenous Housing Program (SIHIP) by trumpeting that six housing packages are almost done, details over just how much

Donovan stars at Sydney festival

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



SINGER Casey Donovan said she didn't know much

about Mama Cass (Cass Elliot), of the legendary 60s group the Mamas and the Papas, until she was asked to play her in last year's sell-out musical *Flowerchildren* in Melbourne.

"I was so honoured and so nervous that they thought of me to play the role," she said. "I had Mama Cass in my *Big, Beautiful & Sexy* show but I didn't know a hell of a lot about her. Everybody who was around in the 60s knows the Mamas and the Papas. They were pretty much number one for four years with hits like *California Dreaming* and *Monday, Monday*."

Donovan said playing such a well-known and much-loved icon had been a nerve-racking experience.

"I had to challenge myself and put on an accent and learn so much about her so I portray her as close as I could," she said.

"There's this one story I heard that made me giggle. They were doing a Mamas & Papas show and guys in the audience were throwing her their room keys. Mama Cass had done a naked photo shoot lying in daisies, and all the boys went a little bit mad



Casey Donovan's Mama Cass tribute show will be opening the 2012 Message Sticks festival.

for her, which I thought was amazing."

Next week, Donovan will be taking her Mama Cass tribute show to the Sydney Opera House as part of the 2012 Message Sticks festival, which she says is 'a bit more relaxing' as she gets to be on stage as herself, rather than being in character, talking about Mama Cass and her life and playing her music.

But she'll still be dressing 60s-style.

"Mama Cass was known for her loud dresses and her muumuus," Donovan said. "I

don't know what I'll be wearing this time, but it's good to get into a muumuu every now and then."

After the break-up of the Mamas and the Papas, Cass Elliot went on to forge a solo career and had just finished two weeks of sold-out concerts at the London Palladium when she had a heart attack and died in her sleep in July 1974.

"The media reported that she had choked on a ham sandwich. But there was no food at all found in her system," Donovan said.

"It just shows how nasty the media was about someone who was making a name for herself.

"She struggled with her size her whole adult life. There was a lot of stress around her weight, and she was constantly dieting.

"By the end of it, her body just said 'you can't do this any more'.

"They put it down to a massive heart attack in her sleep. She was a great singer and musician, but how she died was tragic."

The Mama Cass tribute show kicks off the Message Sticks festival next Tuesday night, 27 March, with a follow-up show on Wednesday, 28 March.

This year's new-look Message Sticks festival, under the helm of Bundjalung artistic director Rhoda Roberts, has widened the traditional focus on film, and also incorporates music, talks, an exhibition and free dance performances daily.

"I've known Rhoda all my teenage and adult life," Donovan said. "She always said to me 'You've got to do a Mama Cass show'. It's great to have her on board.

"She's such a living legend, always helping out people in the music industry that she has belief in. I take my hat off to her." See www.sydneyoperahouse.com/About/Program_MessageSticks2012.aspx for more info.

Message Sticks 2012 guide

Tuesday, 27 March

- Casey Donovan – Mama Cass: The Tribute, 7.30pm, \$25/\$20

Wednesday, 28 March

- Margaret & David – At the Black Screen (film + talk, 2.5 hours), 7pm, \$25/\$20
- Casey Donovan – Mama Cass: The Tribute, 8.15pm, \$25/\$20

Thursday, 29 March

- Living the Intervention – (*Our Generation* screening + panel discussion, 2 hours), 7pm, \$25/\$20
- Tri Nations Women's Business (Denise Bolduc, Emma Donovan, Moana and Trina Maniapoto, Gail Maurice, Ursula Yovich), 8.15pm, \$25/\$20

Friday, 30 March

- Tent Embassy and Identity (*Ningla A-Na* screening + panel discussion, 2 hours), 7pm, \$25/\$20
- Api Our with Ernie Dingo, 8.15pm, \$25/\$20

Saturday, 31 March

- What's the Fuss in the Kimberley (*Old Country, New Country* screening + panel discussion, 2 hours), 7pm, \$25/\$20
- Icons (Shane Howard, Neil Murray, Archie Roach), 8.15pm, \$25/\$20

Sunday, 1 April

- *No Fixed Address on Tour* (screening + panel discussion, 1.5hrs), 5.15pm, Free
- The Black Arm Band – *dirtsong*, 90 mins, 7pm, \$79-\$25

Free Films at the Playhouse

Saturday, 31 March

Session #1, 11am-12.45pm, (3 films + Q&A)
Nalingu (Yours and Mine), *Smudge*, *Babakiueria (Barbecue Area)*
Session #2, 2-5pm, (2 films + Q&A)
The Russians are Coming, *Jandamarra's War*

Sunday, 1 April

Session #1, 11am-1.20pm (1 film + Q&A)
Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance
Session #2, 2.20pm-4.20pm (1 film + Q&A)
Toomelah

Nitmiluk the site for \$8m luxury resort



CONSTRUCTION has started on an \$8 million luxury resort called Cicada Lodge in the Northern Territory's Nitmiluk National Park. The resort, on the banks of the Katherine River, is a joint venture between the NT-based Nitmiluk Tours and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).

Nitmiluk Tours, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation, already operates tours and cruising to Katherine Gorge, and also owns and operates the Nitmiluk Visitors Centre and Cafe, Nitmiluk Campground and Kiosk, Nitmiluk Chalets and Maud Creek Lodge.

Nitmiluk chief executive Clive Pollack told the *Koori Mail* that the resort development was the 'single most important thing occurring in the Katherine region'.

"It's a totally new project which will generate extra income for local people and it's a company that is self-sustaining," he said.

"Because it's an Indigenous company the way we've structured it is to encourage Indigenous employment.

"We should be sitting on about 30 per cent (Indigenous employment), which is about the same for the tours."

Profits

Mr Pollack said the Cicada Lodge joint venture would be a 50-50 partnership, with Nitmiluk intending to acquire IBA's equity using the profits generated by this business and other interests.

He said the resort would feature 18 bedrooms, catering to a maximum of 36 guests, willing to pay top dollar for a quality experience.

"With the top end of the market everything boils down to service and quality of product," Mr Pollack said.

He said IBA and Jawoyn had previously co-invested in the Nitmiluk cruises business (1993), with IBA's

IBA and tour group in new joint venture

share bought out within 18 months.

IBA Chair Dawn Casey said that she looked forward to another successful partnership with the Jawoyn Association.

"Their business enterprise, human services and forward planning with a vision for economic independence provides employment and training for Indigenous Australians, while maintaining a strong affinity for traditional heritage and cultural ideals," Dr Casey said. "IBA sees this investment as an opportunity to further enhance the Jawoyn Association's position as a respected community organisation succeeding in business for the benefit of Indigenous Australians in the Katherine region."

Dr Casey said IBA was committed to Indigenous economic development through the provision of home loans, small business development and specialised joint venture opportunities, such as Cicada Lodge, for Indigenous Australians.

"IBA sees our involvement in Cicada Lodge as an opportunity to work with traditional owners the Jawoyn people to achieve economic outcomes for Indigenous Australians in the future," she said.

"It is expected the Cicada Lodge will provide additional employment for 14 Indigenous Australians."

Construction of the lodge is expected to be completed in early 2013. It will be open all year round, whereas other eco-tourism facilities are required to close for about three months during the wet season.



Above, an artist's impression of the entrance to the Cicada Lodge and, below, the proposed function room.



The resort construction site by the Katherine River in the Northern Territory.

Youth support urged



THE Federal Government has been urged to provide more support for Indigenous youth in remote areas.

Speaking as Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan

prepares this year's Budget, Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service (CAYLUS) manager Blair McFarland says many kids will end up on the 'scrap heap' unless more services are supported.

"Funding for youth services in the communities around Alice Springs should not be just an add-on to the sports and recreation budget," he said.

"Here in the Central Desert, youth services are essential services. Failing to engage will leave too many kids destined for the scrap heap – at great human and financial cost both to their

families and to the wider community.

"It is critical that resources be invested 'upstream' in these communities so that young people can rise above the boredom – and the substance misuse which so often follows – to live healthy

community. A basketball game once a week or an occasional visit by a football or Olympic star may be fun, but it won't be enough to turn around the lives of these kids.

"Where youth services are funded in

"It can be tough work out in the bush, and experience is vital. Assisting organisations to hang on to experienced and capable workers makes good sense."

Mr McFarland said governments were 'getting it right' in the Top End, with funding through the Youth in Communities (YIC) Measure supporting program in communities such as Galiwinku and Gunbalunya.

"However, many sizeable Central Desert communities such as Lake Nash, Utopia, and Harts Range are missing out entirely," he said.

"We cannot 'close the gap' in Central Australia without adequate resources. It is imperative that the Australian Government makes adequate provision for Indigenous youth programs in the Central Desert region as it prepares the upcoming Federal Budget."

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happy lives and to become productive contributors to the economy and broader community.

"To be fully effective, these services have to be carefully planned in consultation with each individual

Central Australia, they currently have no funding certainty beyond June this year.

"A guarantee of continued multi-year funding to existing youth services will also help organisations to retain the staff they have invested in and developed.



AIMSC CEO Natalie Walker.

Business council set for conference, fair



THE Australian Indigenous Minority Suppliers Council (AIMSC) says it will continue building on its success, with its major annual networking event scheduled for early next month.

AIMSC Connect 2012 – Open for Business Conference and Business Opportunity Fair will be held on 2-3 April at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney.

The annual event brings together more than 100 Indigenous-owned businesses and showcases products and services across a wide range of industries including mining, construction, retail, technology and the arts.

This year's event will be hosted by ABC 24 News presenter Miriam Corowa. It will culminate on Tuesday, 3 April with AIMSC's Premier Indigenous Business Awards, which recognise companies and individuals who have contributed

significantly by playing an active role in the Indigenous business sector. A total of 43 businesses are nominated for the awards.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 96 per cent of Australian businesses are small businesses. Less than one per cent of the overall sector is Indigenous.

Transactions

Since its establishment three years ago, not-for-profit company AIMSC has assisted the Indigenous business sector to generate nearly \$23 million worth of transactions from large Australian businesses.

AIMSC CEO Natalie Walker said the Indigenous business sector was currently experiencing a progressive boom.

"AIMSC members have awarded \$22.9 million in contracts to certified Indigenous businesses," she said.

"This shows that Indigenous

businesses are competitive and can supply to the big end of town and that the big end of town wants to do business with Indigenous people. That is something to be celebrated."

AIMSC currently has 130 certified Indigenous business suppliers listed within its network, and is building on this number every quarter.

"Within two years of operations we have exceeded our targets. We currently have 130 certified Indigenous businesses and 140 corporate and government organisations, a number that is continually growing," Ms Walker said.

AIMSC chairperson and Citi Australia CEO Stephen Roberts said support for Indigenous business was paramount to closing the gap. "It is vital for the economic development of the Indigenous business sector to have active Indigenous business people in the wider business arena," he said.

Stolen Gens welcomes new report



MEMBERS of the National Stolen Generations Alliance (NSGA) have welcomed recommendations

in a report on forced adoptions.

The report, tabled in Federal Parliament late last month, recommended that the Federal Government formally apologise to the hundreds of women who gave birth from the 1950s to the 1970s, and whose children were adopted out against their parents' will.

The final report said state and territory governments and all non-government organisations that administered adoptions should also apologise.

Another key recommendation was that people could seek and have two documents of identification, detailing their birth parents and adoptive parents.

The Senate committee, chaired by Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, took hundreds of submissions over 18 months, with committee members later declaring that it had been a heart-breaking inquiry.

Senator Siewert said it was time for governments and institutions to accept that their actions were wrong, not only by today's standards, but by the values and law at the time.

"The inquiry concludes those in positions of authority stood in judgment of the women instead of respecting them and that



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governments and institutions need to take a more credible approach to former forced adoption practices," she said.

"Formal apologies must acknowledge this and not equivocate."

Members of the NSGA Adoption Sub-Committee attended the tabling on 29 February.

Aboriginal co-chair Jim Morrison said the inquiry provided another significant piece of the puzzle of child removals in Australia and was relevant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as well the non-Indigenous community.

He congratulated the NSGA Adoption Sub-Committee members, Heather Kumarra Shearer, Leonie Pope and Lily

Arthur, for their work co-ordinating submissions and testimonial evidence to highlight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experiences of forced adoption to the inquiry.

He also said the NSGA greatly appreciated the very positive collaboration and partnership with non-Indigenous forced adoption lobby and support organisation, Origins Australia.

He said he hoped that this would lead to opportunities for cross-cultural research, understanding and progress on these issues including compensation.

NSGA Adoption Sub-Committee convenor Heather Shearer said it had been an honour to attend the tabling of the final report.

She was disappointed, however, that some non-Indigenous groups present on the day continued to use the term 'white stolen generations' without permission or an understanding of the racist intentions of the policies Stolen Generations were removed under.

Ms Shearer said she was pleased to see that quite a few recommendations in the report echoed those of the Bringing Them Home report and hoped that this would mean additional resources would be made available for the important work of reuniting families and healing the wounds that the separations had created.



The NSW Environmental Trust invites applications to the Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program

This program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect land that is significant to Aboriginal people and run education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available.
(Total program \$500,000)

Applications open on 17 March 2012 and close at 5pm on 1 June 2012

Information Workshops will be held to help applicants prepare a quality grant application and provide information on managing projects.

The information workshops will be held in:

Taree (23 March) Wollongong (27 March) Narooma (29 March)
Coffs Harbour (3 April) Sydney - Redfern (26 April) Wellington (3 May)
Armidale (8 May) Moree (9 May) Cooma (15 May) Young (16 May)

To register for workshops phone Trust Administration on (02) 8837 6093.

For more information about the program and support with filling out your application contact the Aboriginal Programs Officer on (02) 8837 6399 or Tami Partridge on 8837 6093.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website:
www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au

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Bankstown City Council's Draft 2012-2015 Reconciliation Action Plan Exhibition

Bankstown City Council's Draft 2012-2015 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation Action Plan has been developed in consultation with the Bankstown City Council Reconciliation Working Party.

The Draft 2012-2015 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation Action Plan consolidates Bankstown City Council's long-standing commitment to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Bankstown City Council's reconciliation initiatives have been combined into a single plan using Reconciliation Australia's RAP template.

Your written comments and submissions on the Draft 2012-2015 Reconciliation Action Plan need to be in by 28 March 2012.

You can view the Draft 2012-2015 Reconciliation Action Plan document by visiting Council's customer service centre, Library or visit Council's website www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au

Post to the General Manager, Bankstown City Council, PO Box 8, Bankstown 1885, or email to council@bankstown.nsw.gov.au or fax (02) 9707 9553 or call (02) 9707 9863.

Barmaid to archdeacon

By DARREN COYNE



IT'S a long way from pulling beers as a 'cheeky barmaid' on the Nullarbor to becoming Australia's first female Indigenous archdeacon.

But Karen Kime has made that journey, having recently been ordained as an archdeacon with the Anglican Church of Australia.

Rev Kime is a Biripi woman whose family come from Dingo Creek near Kempsey, but she grew up in the western suburbs of Sydney.

Leaving school at age 14, Rev Kime did not return to education until she was in her 30s. By then, she had travelled extensively in remote parts of Australia, working as a jillaroo in Western Australia, along with pulling beers at a pub on the Nullarbor, before she felt the urge to re-enter education.

Her first degree was in social welfare, and she followed that with a masters in conservation. Along the way she married Lee Kime and they had three children.

"It was a normal progression to study theology and ministry because I love people and I love the land, which equals loving your creator," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Once ordained, she spent years working as a parish priest in different locations in rural NSW and is now working for Anglicare – the 'mission' side of the church.

Rev Kime has also worked as a lecturer at Charles Sturt University where she wrote the first Aboriginal studies subjects for those studying to be primary school teachers and social workers.

She is now based in Wagga Wagga and



Chief executive of Anglicare Canberra Rev Peter Sanderman, Bishop Stuart Robinson of Canberra-Goulburn, community member Gina Casey, Archdeacon Karen Kime and Muriel Slookee, an Elder from Batemans Bay.

her new role as Archdeacon means she will still get plenty of travel as her area covers two-thirds of New South Wales.

"I am responsible for taking Anglicare services to Indigenous communities and responsible for a leadership role which involves encouraging pathways for people

within the church," she said.

Rev Kime urged other Indigenous people to consider the church as a career option. "It's really exciting times for anyone who wants to think about this kind of work," she said.

"There's never a day the same ... it is

challenging, interesting, satisfying work.

"If you love people and love community it's a good career ... and that's why our people bring special gifts to this role because we are so connected to our communities.

"As is the case overseas, discrimination within the church has often kept Indigenous people at the very margins, with few Aboriginal people as leaders.

"My role is to help change that, to enable other Aboriginal people to enter ministry and to help Indigenous Australians to take their rightful place within the church.

"It is a rewarding and deeply satisfying vocation; one where every day is different. It is also financially rewarding and provides a very good income."

Rev Kime said people could study without leaving their communities, as courses were available by distance education.

Anyone wanting to know more about ministry opportunities should contact Rev Kime on (02) 6937 1555 and/or at: karen.kime@anglicare.com.

Meanwhile, Reconciliation Australia co-chair Dr Tom Calma welcomed the appointment, saying it showed that the Anglican Church was committed to building better relationships between the church and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

"Archdeacon Kime is a strong believer in reconciliation and has devoted her life to creating better opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians," Dr Calma said.

"She is passionate about the needs of Aboriginal people living on the land – and it's great to see the Anglican Church embracing its Indigenous leaders."

Are you kicking

goals?

\$60,000 in prize money

The 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards are seeking outstanding examples of Indigenous governance in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, projects or initiatives.

A new category has been added for recognising effective Indigenous governance in non-incorporated projects or initiatives.

The Awards recognise and promote effective, innovative, courageous and creative leadership and decision-making that show Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people determining and driving real change.

To find out more: www.reconciliation.org.au/iga or 02 6273 9200

Applications and nominations close 31 May 2012

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WOMADelaide proves



The Paitya Dance Group from the Four Directions.



Karpany family members Maurice, Danelle, Maurice Jnr and Sharni enjoyed the festival in Adelaide.



Tibetan monk Jampa Lama and Imiyari Adamson, from Better World Arts.



Yvette Rigney, Richard and Michael Yunupingu, and Yvonne Rigney



Shane Howard and William Barton.



Natalie Pa'apa'a, of Melbourne band Blue King Brown.



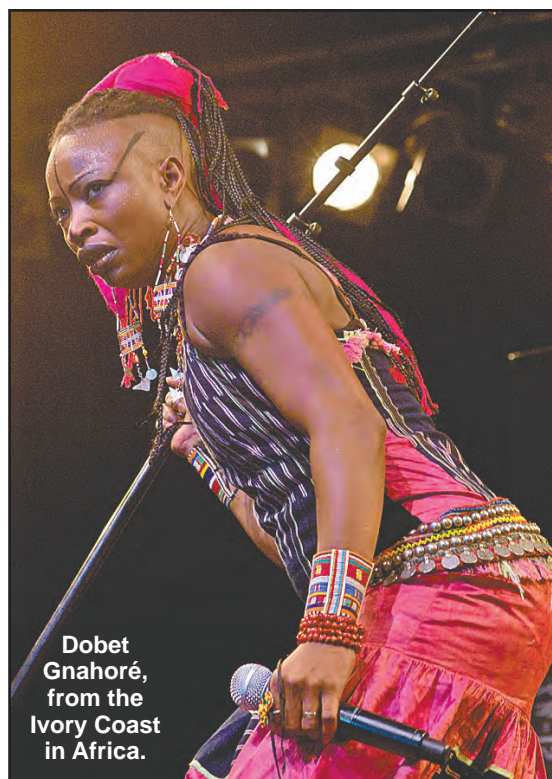
The Pigram Brothers from WA's Kimberley were on the program.



Master Drummers, of Burundi in Africa.



The sun breaks through at the WOMAD venue in Adelaide.



Dobet Gnahoré, from the Ivory Coast in Africa.

popular with crowds



Bunna Lawrie performing to a large crowd at this year's WOMADelaide.



Stevie Gadlabarti Goldsmith, Georgina Yambo Williams and Karl Winda Telfer during the Kurna Welcome to Country ceremony.



Dobet Gnahoré, from the Ivory Coast.



José Fernandez, from Spain.

Top acts on stage

Photos by **NATHAN PARKER**
and **JACK GRIEVE**

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WITH glorious weather and the kind of stellar and eclectic international line-up that audiences have come to expect, an estimated 85,000 people attended

WOMADelaide's 20th anniversary event earlier this month. Adelaide's Botanic Park once again proved a spectacular setting for the outdoor musical festival, from 9-12 March.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were represented by the likes of Yolngu star Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, South Australia's Bunna Lawrie, the Pigram Brothers from Broome in WA, didgeridoo Maestro William Barton,

and Better World Arts' visual arts project, 'Weaving the World', a collaborative project with Anangu artists and monks of Tibet.

There was a traditional Kurna Welcome to Country and things flowed from there, with festival goers soaking up performances and workshops on seven stages, alongside street theatre artists and visual artists and about 100 stalls.

"It truly was a perfect weekend to celebrate 20 years of WOMAD being in Australia," said WOMADelaide director Ian Scobie. "Crowd numbers were approaching capacity throughout the festival and with perfect weather all weekend, it was a memorable event for everyone."

WOMADelaide's 21st birthday, from 8-11 March 2013, will form part of next year's Adelaide Festival.



Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performs.



Rose Lester and Khatija Thomas (Yankunytjatjara Nation).



Brenda Henry and Partimah Fielding at WOMADelaide.



Linda Cooper and Sonya Rankine.



Claire Holmes and Jardine Kiwat.

Red Cross on the job



WHEN times get tough for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, it can be comforting if the hands that help them are black.

That's the belief held by Red Cross Australia, which is looking to its Indigenous staff and volunteers to help improve the way the agency helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people during disasters.

During emergencies, Red Cross provides practical and emotional advice to people to help them recover, including providing information and referrals to other agencies that offer support. Its workers check how people are coping at evacuation centres or by going door to door in communities affected by disaster.

Aboriginal liaison officers help the agency deliver this assistance to other Aboriginal people in a culturally appropriate way.

"The people we help appreciate it, seeing a face they feel familiar with, someone who understands where they're coming from," said Red Cross Disaster Management Team cultural adviser Walbira Murray.

During recent flooding in Queensland, Ms Murray oversaw 15 Red Cross Aboriginal liaison officers who were in flood-affected communities specifically to liaise with Aboriginal people.

"The Aboriginal Red Cross staff



Pictured at one of the evacuation centres managed by the Red Cross during the recent Queensland floods are four generations of the one family, Elder Mary Stanton (left) with her daughter Liza (right), and grand-daughter Becky holding great granddaughter Indiana. Inset: Tania Yow Yeh and Andrew Hicks provided support to Aboriginal people at the evacuation centres in Dalby during the recent floods.

enjoy it, doing that grassroots connection with the community and supporting people at their

most vulnerable," she said. "It's a great feeling to support your mob in that way.

"Aboriginal people have been dealing with disasters for 50,000-plus years so the

expertise in these communities is immense."

Tania Yow Yeh, a Goori Goori woman originally from Rockhampton, has worked at Red Cross for more than four years, and was in the Aboriginal liaison officer role during last month's floods. She was sent to Dalby to provide support to people who were evacuated from St George.

Ms Yow Yeh said she spent a lot of time providing personal support for people, answering their questions and finding out information.

"They feel more at ease when there's someone else there they can relate to, they feel more comfortable because of our experience plus we know our culture," she said.

Ms Yow Yeh said Aboriginal liaison officers delivered Red Cross's personal support duties differently from non-Aboriginal staff and volunteers.

"We don't have a time limit, we're yarning people, we'll probably sit there for an hour. If the person we're visiting says 'let's have a cuppa', that's what we'll do," she said.

Ms Yow Yeh said more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should become emergency services volunteers because there was a need for it.

"I'm passionate about it, it's hands on and helping our people. It's just a fantastic experience," she said.



Land matters ...and so do your ideas about sustainable land uses and employment!

Interested in applying for land management assistance from the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)?

Land Management applications close April 2, 2012.

The ILC is seeking Land Management applications for projects on Indigenous-held land that assist:

- Development of Indigenous businesses that relate to the use of land;
- Cultural and environmental heritage protection; and
- Sustainable management of the land.

Land Acquisition applications close July 2, 2012.

For more information phone **1800 818 490** or visit **www.ilc.gov.au**



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

Coroner calls for help on suicides



NORTHERN Territory Coroner Greg Cavanagh is calling for help including counsellors for at-risk children and the bereaved in view of the

alarmingly high rate of people taking their lives.

Mr Cavanagh says the NT suicide rate is likely to be higher than statistics indicate even though it has the country's highest youth suicide rate. The statistics show it has 18 deaths per 100,000 from hanging alone, compared to just one per 100,000 in NSW.

Speaking at an NT Government inquiry into youth suicides in the Territory last week, Mr Cavanagh said he had no doubt the overall number of people taking their own lives was higher than statistics indicated.

He said that of the 40 or 50 suicide deaths each year in NT, at least another six could be added on from single-vehicle car crashes where it was unable to be shown a person was seeking to die.

Probably two or three deaths were counted as suicides but were in fact cries for help from people who did not intend to die, he said.

"People who commit suicide are unhappy and there is a lot of unhappiness out there," Mr Cavanagh told the committee last Thursday.

Most young suicide deaths were in Aboriginal communities, he said.

He suggested at-risk children

should have access to youth counsellors to help them deal with their problems.

"Mum's getting bashed, dad's an alcoholic, I need someone to talk to," Mr Cavanagh said, explaining the needs of some young people.

Sometimes the funerals given to children who killed themselves proved an incentive to other young people to take their own lives, Mr Cavanagh said.

"Kids would see the funerals that went on for three or four or five days and saw that the most attention that the deceased ever got was in the funeral period," he said.

The coroner also reiterated calls he made last year for the Government to consider a dedicated grief counsellor to be included in his staff.

Every other coroner's office in Australia had grief counsellors, he said, but the NT Government had not funded one because it considered the workload would be too light.

"I see the grief, I see the tears. I share the grief and I share the tears," Mr Cavanagh told the committee.

The Select Committee on Youth Suicides in the NT is due to table its findings in the Territory Parliament on March 27.

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

'I see the grief, I see the tears. I share the grief and I share the tears'



AIATSIS Council member June Oscar looking at the exhibition of covers of the mission magazines on display in the AIATSIS Foyer.

Mission days remembered



A NEW website highlighting life and experiences on missions and reserves around Australia for

almost six decades is a priceless resource for Indigenous Australians searching their family histories, according to AIATSIS Chairperson Professor Mick Dodson.

The website – *Remembering Mission Days* – went 'live' on 14 March after being officially launched at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra (AIATSIS), and features an on-line collection of digitised copies of two magazines published by the Aborigines Inland Missions of Australia (AIM).

Prof Dodson said that the magazines, *Our Aim* and *Australian Evangel*, provided a priceless resource and storehouse of knowledge.

"We believe Indigenous Australians and many non-Indigenous Australians will welcome this on-line initiative," he said.

"Our aim was a monthly record of the Aborigines' Inland Mission between 1907 to 1961

and *Australian Evangel* was published from September 1929 to May 1961."

AIM was founded in Singleton, NSW, in August, 1905 by Retta Dixon (1877-1953), a Baptist missionary. Dixon became the first AIM head and under her direction, the organisation began engaging missionaries for St Clair, in NSW, and then other missions that were established at Redbournbury (near Singleton) and Karuah (Port Stephens).

Convention

By 1907, when the first AIM convention was held, the mission journal *Our Aim* began appearing. By then, AIM had missions at Redbournbury, Karuah, Yass, Brungle, Warangesda, Moonacullah, Cummeragunja and Walcha, in NSW.

AIM missions also began in Queensland – Herberton, 1911 – and one in Western Australia, at Bassendean.

Prof Dodson said that over the next three decades, AIM work extended to almost every Aboriginal settlement in NSW, as well as Gayndah, Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Palm Island, Normanton, Stradbroke

Island, Ravenshoe and Cooktown (Queensland), Port Augusta and Tarcoola (South Australia) and one mission at Parap in the Northern Territory.

"Subsequent expansion in the post-World War II period included the establishment of the Retta Dixon Children's Home in Darwin," he said.

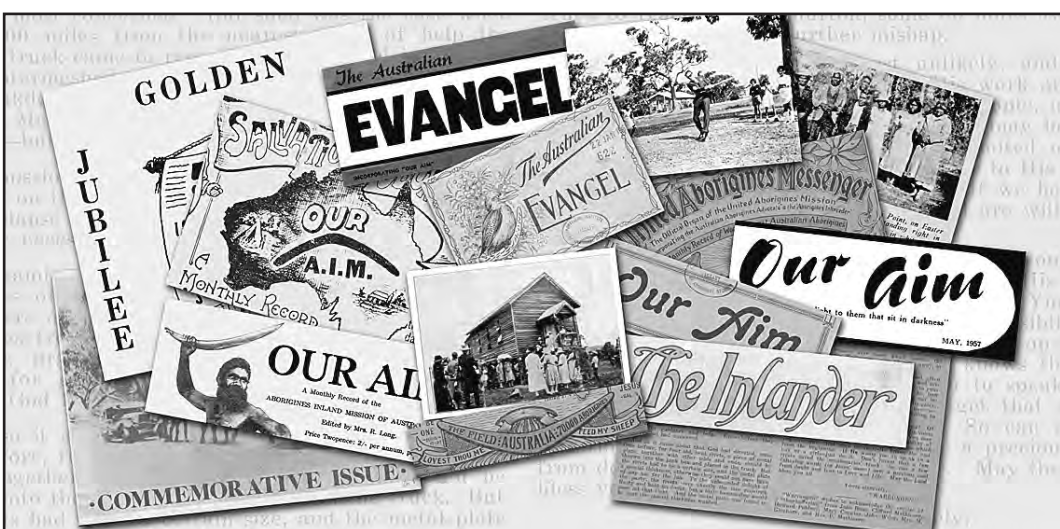
Prof Dodson said he believed stories and facts in both magazines revealed the hidden histories of the lives of thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

"I think the availability of information from this new Internet site will help many of our people," he said.

"However, sadly, our archives of these two newsletters are incomplete and I appeal to anyone who has copies of these newsletters to contact AIATSIS via the new website.

"We would also like to hear from residents of the many AIM missions so we can add their own stories in their own words to the content of the website. I encourage everyone to submit their own stories or comments."

● The Remembering Mission Days website can be viewed at www.aiatsis.gov.au



A composite collection of some of the magazines featured in the on-line collection.

Living Black back



INDIGENOUS news and current affairs show *Living Black* has returned to a 4.30pm Sunday timeslot on SBS One.

Indigenous journalist Karla Grant heads a team that includes Allan Clarke, Josh Ridgeway, Dan Conifer and Larteasha Smith.

"The team will journey to some of the most remote corners of Australia. They'll spend quality time with people getting to know them, delving deeper, and getting to the heart of their unique and important stories," Ms Grant said.

"In 2012 we'll continue to highlight issues that need attention

and celebrate Indigenous achievements.

We will also continue with the popular music segment that focuses on both rising talents from the Indigenous community and those already established talent making a name for themselves in the mainstream market."

Ms Grant has worked in current affairs at SBS for more than 15 years and is the executive producer of the Indigenous Media Unit.

In 2002 she developed the concept for *Living Black*, which she believes 'successfully fosters better understanding among all Australians about the plight of Indigenous people'.

Praise for NT seabed mining moratorium



ABORIGINAL organisations and environmental groups have welcomed the announcement of a three-year

moratorium on exploration and seabed mining in the coastal waters of the Northern Territory.

NT Resources Minister Kon Vatskalis announced the moratorium on 6 March to allow the Environment Protection Authority to assess the potential impacts of exploration and mining.

However, Northern Land Council (NLC) chief executive Kim Hill said that a new government

could overturn the decision, and he urged the Country Liberal Party to support the moratorium if elected.

"It should also be pointed out that mining companies with existing exploration licenses are still permitted to explore under this new arrangement – and that remains a concern for us," Mr Hill said.

"Our traditional owners (TOs) have told us they oppose seabed mining and we know if large deposits of minerals are located during the exploration phase, the pressure to allow mining increases."

Anindilyakwa Land Council

(ALC) chief executive Mark Hewitt said he was pleased the process had been slowed down.

"With so little known worldwide about seabed mining, it is imperative a cautious approach is taken when considering any process that could disturb the song streams, sacred sites or any other traditional values of our TOs," he said.

Protect

Last month, the two land councils joined forces to protect waters near Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The task force created by the two land councils will continue to

explore options for strengthening the protection of waters in the gulf, including heritage listing and a native title claim.

NT Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy has told the ALC she will support an application for immediate heritage listing of the waters between Groote and the East Arnhem coast.

Meanwhile, environment groups including the Australian Marine Conservation Society, the Environment Centre NT and The Wilderness Society, also welcomed announcement of a moratorium.

Jess Abrahams, from the

Australian Marine Conservation Society in Darwin, said it was an excellent first step towards safeguarding sealife.

"Open-cut strip mining of the Territory's seabed would devastate the feeding grounds of our fish, turtles, dolphins and dugongs," he said. "The moratorium is a win-win-win."

"It protects the environment, protects Aboriginal sea country and it protects important fish breeding habitat."

An increasing number of interstate companies have been gearing up to explore and mine the Territory seabed for heavy metals like manganese.

Tourism ventures shine

By RUDI MAXWELL



COFFS Coast Aboriginal Discovery in NSW picked up gold in

Indigenous tourism at the Australian Tourism Awards in Cairns, with silver going to Mungalla Aboriginal Tours in Queensland and bronze to Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre in the Northern Territory.

Gumbaynggirr Elder Mark Flanders, the senior Aboriginal discovery ranger at National Parks, Coffs Harbour in north-east NSW, said he was thrilled by the success of Coffs Coast Aboriginal Discovery.

"I'm totally over the moon, there's been a lot of hard work over the years and it's well-deserved by my work colleagues and the local Aboriginal community," he said.

Mr Flanders and his fellow rangers guide visitors on cultural tours that include bush tucker and medicinal plant identification, local Aboriginal traditions and culture, including Gumbaynggirr language and depending on the season, whale-watching or muttonbird-watching under the light of the full moon.

National Parks recently used Federal funding to develop a new interpretive shelter on Muttonbird Island in consultation with local Aboriginal people.

"Visitors can come out to Muttonbird Island, Gittain Mirera, and see that it's not just a rookery, it's also a sacred place for my people, for everyone to come out and enjoy," Mr Flanders said.

"We did a lot of project research and gathered

stories, there is a whole history behind my people here.

"It's an incredible sight, just special just going out there, especially when it's a full moon, when my people used to hold ceremonies, and the muttonbirds come flying in over the water.

"It's accessible to the public and we also show sacred sights around the Coffs Harbour area.

"Sharing Aboriginal culture is so important and I hope young, local Aboriginal people come and see what we've done here and see how they might be able to become involved. I'd really like to see my community advance in all areas, including employment."

History

Mungalla Aboriginal Tours in north Queensland introduces visitors to Nywaigi culture, taking them through a history of the cattle station, and educating about the history of the European settlers and local Aboriginal people.

Mungalla manager Jacob Cassidy said the award recognised the work of the entire Mungalla Aboriginal Corporation.

"We offer guests an authentic story, an authentic experience on a working cattle property where they can learn the story of our people, and the different cultures associated with this property," he said.

"I think the award also acknowledges that we've stuck it out, despite natural disasters last year, with a cyclone, five floods, then a bush fire on top when it got dry.

"That's a lot of natural disasters and we still came through; we're still here

doing tours and sharing our story."

Mungalla Aboriginal Tours include the Captive Lives, an exhibition about Aboriginal workers who were taken from the station to America to be paraded as an exhibit in Barnum and Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth. Most of the Aboriginal people died in the harsh conditions.

"People who come on our tours hear amazing stories about Aboriginal people and pioneers and they also use all senses," Mr Cassidy said.

"They get to touch, feel, sense, and taste all sorts of different things, including bush medicine, they get to see wetlands.

"They see first-hand the challenges of looking after country and then on top of it all, our kupmurri underground cooking has become very popular as part of the tour, because people experience and see all this wonderful slow-roasted veggies and meat come out from the ground."

Senior culture officer at Nyinkka Nyunyu Jerry Kelly said he was proud to accept the bronze award, along with Nyinkka Nyunyu general manager Kate Foran.

"We went from the Barkly desert country off to the big city of Cairns on the coast to join over 700 other people at the awards night," Mr Kelly said.

"I was very proud to be a Warumungu man attending that awards ceremony, to see Nyinkka Nyunyu get the bronze award, amongst eight entrants in our category.

"This made us third best Indigenous tourism operator in all of Australia, and made me feel very proud."



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service ranger Ann Walton and discovery ranger Mark Flanders with the Australian Tourism Award for Indigenous Tourism for the Coffs Coast Discovery Program, sharing the culture of the Gumbaynggirr people across eight local national parks.



Kate Foran and Jerry Kelly, from Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre in Tennant Creek. Photo by Tennant and District Times.

Taungurung alive in dictionary



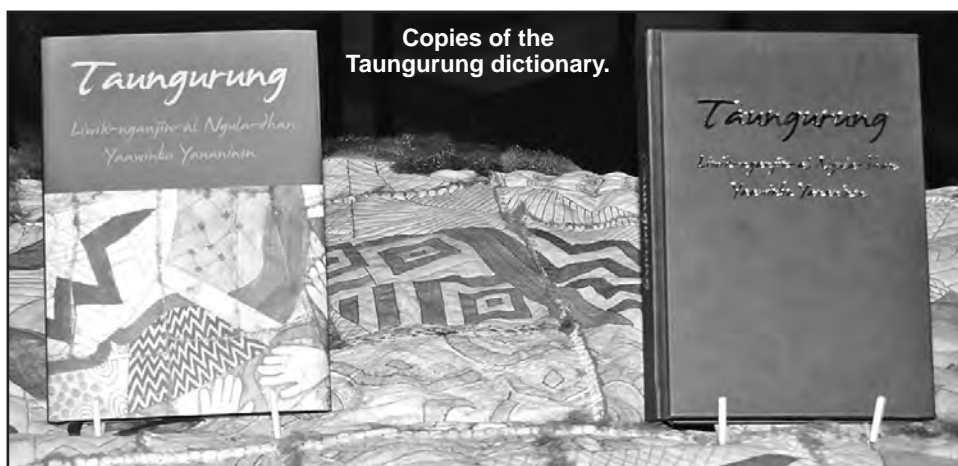
LEE HEALY spent four years researching, consulting and writing for the Taungurung dictionary, launched last month at the Koorie Heritage Trust by the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (TCAC) and the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL).

"For Taungurung people past, present and future, here is the document you have been waiting for: Liwik-nganjin-al ngula-dhan – Yaawinbu yananinon (our ancestors' language – enjoy the journey)," Ms Healy writes in the foreword to the dictionary.

Taungurung country lies to the north and east of Melbourne and the language is being revived by its traditional custodians.

The dictionary project began in 2001 with a group of people: the Daungwurrung Elders Committee, VACL and language worker Bill Nicholson Jr.

Over time, Garry Hansen, Aunty Judy Monk (now passed away) and eventually



Copies of the Taungurung dictionary.

Lee Healy took over the main language worker role.

Ms Healy decided that to properly recover Taungurung language, she needed to go back to 19th century records.

She had to learn how people with

'English-speaker ears' heard the sounds of the old language, how they spelt the sounds according to their own understanding, and how to work backwards from those spellings to rediscover what the sounds really were.

She also had to learn about the differences in meanings between Aboriginal languages and English and how Taungurung meanings were represented in English by the white collectors.

The Taungurung dictionary's main purpose is to return the language and cultural knowledge back to the community. It is produced in hardback with a photograph of the Taungurung Clan's possum-skin cloak and a description of the symbolic elements on the cloak.

It is in three sections: Introductory material and some grammar notes, Taungurung to English with related words grouped together, and an English to Taungurung lookup list at the back.

A copy is available free to Taungurung Clan members, and others can buy the book by contacting VACL.

The dictionary is dedicated to Elders Aunty Judy Monk-Slaterry-Patterson, Uncle Brian Patterson and Aunty Joyce Moate-Patterson.

Hope for languages



A NEWLY-established Centre for Australian Languages in Canberra is set to play a pivotal role in the maintenance and recording of Australia's Indigenous languages.

Established at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) late last year through a three-year agreement with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC), the centre has been working on developing a range of initiatives and activities to assist in maintaining the strength of languages that are widely spoken and preserve and revive endangered languages.

The centre's major initiatives will include working with Indigenous organisations and communities to conduct periodic community languages workshops and developing a website for the networking and exchange of information between key stakeholders in Australian Indigenous languages. It will also conduct Australia's second National Indigenous Languages Survey. The inaugural survey of Indigenous languages was carried out in 2004 and the National Indigenous Languages Survey (NILS) report was released in 2005.

AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor said that the centre's work would make a significant contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survival and well-being.

"Keeping languages alive is vital for our people's identity and spiritual well-being. It is the expression of our people's unique cultural knowledge and tradition," he said.

Mr Taylor noted there was an overwhelming need for such a centre given the very grave situation of Australia's Indigenous languages.

"Of an original estimated 250 known Australian Indigenous languages at the time of colonisation, only 18 languages are now considered 'strong' and have speakers in all age



Staff members from the AIATSIS Centre for Australian Languages Dr Doug Marmion, Rhonda Smith and Dr Kazuko Obata.

groups," he said.

"I congratulate PMC's Office for the Arts (OFTA) who have entered into a three-year funding agreement with AIATSIS to establish the Centre for Australian Languages as part of initiatives funded under its Indigenous Languages Support

he worked with speakers of a number of languages of the Murchison-Gascoyne region, including Wajarri, Badimaya, Nhanda, Malgana, Warriyangka, Ngarlawangka and Wanmala.

Dr Obata, who holds a visiting fellowship at the School of Language Studies, ANU, worked

is also researching her own language as well as establishing a new Australian languages e-mail list.

Dr Marmion said it had taken time to establish the centre's expert team, but they were now concentrating on making firm contact with Indigenous

"Having the centre within AIATSIS is also helpful as it supplements the innovative online resource AUSTLANG – an online Australian Indigenous language database – which AIATSIS established some years ago."

Mr Taylor said the Federal Government had made it clear it was committed to addressing the serious problem of the loss of Indigenous languages in allocating \$1 million over three years to establish the centre.

"So much has been lost," he said. "Over time

we are determined to play a major role in preventing further language loss as well as making a contribution to ensuring the revival of our languages.

"We can do this by delivering activities that raise the profile and status of Indigenous languages in the wider community."

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(ILS) program."

Mr Taylor said all five members of the centre's languages team were qualified linguists and would be co-managed by Doug Marmion and Kazuko Obata.

Dr Marmion is a former senior linguist at the Yamaji Language Centre in Geraldton, WA, where

as a community linguist for the Ngaanyatjarra language maintenance program in the Aboriginal community of Warburton, WA.

The centre's other staff are Melissa Crowther, Felicita Carr and Rhonda Smith, a Wiradjuri/Gamilaraay woman who

communities and language groups around the country.

"The team intends to play a significant role in the work already being done around Australia, not just to safeguard endangered languages, but also to supplement the extensive work being done to reclaim languages," he said.

Union raises foster fears



FOSTER children could fall through the gaps if the NSW Government transfers almost 12,000 youngsters out of state care and into the non-government sector, a union says.

Under changes unveiled by the NSW Government on Tuesday, 11,813 children and young people now in statutory, or court-ordered, care in NSW will no longer be looked after by social workers from the Department of Family and Community Services (DoCS). Instead they will have their care overseen by non-government organisations (NGOs).

All non-Aboriginal children and young people in statutory care will be transferred over five years, while the transition will take up to 10 years for Aboriginal children and young people.

Public Service Association (PSA) NSW assistant secretary Steve Turner said the move would put children at risk because NGOs did not have the capacity to look after children.

"Children will fall through the gaps if this occurs," Mr Turner said.

"The non-government sector already hands back a large number of children because agencies do not have the capacity or the experience to handle children and young people with complex needs."

Wards of the state became homeless and some even resorted to prostitution the last time the government tried to outsource foster care in the early 1990s, he said.

Mr Turner said money should instead be redirected to supporting DoCS and recruiting staff.

Recommendations

Family and Community Services Minister Pru Goward said the changes followed recommendations by the special commission of inquiry into child protection in 2008.

Headed by retired judge James Wood, the inquiry recommended that abused and forgotten children should be looked after by the private sector, except in the most extreme cases.

Allowing NGOs to provide the lion's share of home care would free DoCS to focus on its key task of child protection, Ms Goward said.

"We are the agency charged with the very onerous responsibility of deciding when a child must be removed and when the state has to intervene," the Minister said. "This will enable us to get on the job that we must do."

Thirty-five out of 37 non-government organisations have agreed to a set of standards covering 96.4 per cent of contracted placements.

They will be paid \$37,000 to look after each child, depending on individual needs.

Chief executive of the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Andrew McCallum said the funding was a 'reasonable start'.

"We would like more money in the kitty. We would like the unit price to be higher," he said.

"We think this is a reasonable start, not a perfect start, a reasonable start where we can actually start looking towards a reform process."

Ms Goward said the changes would not lead to cuts to front-line jobs.

Incentive payments would also be written into the contracts to encourage adoption.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell welcomed the changes. "There is no doubt that this will be a lengthy reform process," he said.

The PSA said DoCS case workers would hold a candlelight vigil in Sydney on Wednesday evening (tonight) to protest against the changes. — AAP



Palm Council CEO Ross Norman and caretaker Assan Clay at the former camp being upgraded to motel rooms.

Palm set to get more housing

By ALF WILSON



RESIDENTS of Palm Island are expecting some relief from overcrowding in the north

Queensland Aboriginal community by the end of the year when 60 new homes are set to become available across two subdivisions.

While this will be good news for the 3000 residents, visitors to Palm Island will also have more accommodation, after the island's council acquired the former Laurie Lindner camp and has set about converting the dongas into 24 motel-style rooms.

A lack of housing has been a major problem on Palm Island for many years, with residences accommodating up to 20 people in cramped conditions.

Mayor Alf Lacey said many families on Palm Island could find themselves enjoying dramatically changed lifestyles within the next 12 months when the 60 homes become available.

"Work on the Upper Lama Lama subdivision has already gone out to tender, with a provision that homes are built as each block becomes available, rather than waiting for all the blocks to be done and then building homes," Cr Lacey said.

"We actually have two new subdivisions which will see a yield of 60 homes. There will be 20 on the Upper Lama Lama and 40



The former Laurie Lindner camp is being upgraded to provide 24 motel-style rooms.



Palm Island from the air. The community is in line to get more much-needed accommodation.

straight up on the Kitchener Bligh subdivision."

Mr Lacey said it was good news for the community.

"When someone gets a home, their lifestyle and their family lifestyle changes dramatically

because they're not living in overcrowded situations," he said.

"These homes will go a long way in terms of progressing the overcrowding situation. We strongly recommend that young families be given

priority in terms of allocation of these homes in the town.

"Queensland Housing has made it clear to council they won't put families in two-bedroom or one-bedroom flats any more, that they will allocate proper standard homes to families with more than three children.

"I think that's good; it's a win for the community, particularly for young people and young families."

Meanwhile, the 24 rooms at the Laurie Lindner camp which used to accommodate mainland construction workers are being upgraded and will be rented out to visitors on a nightly, weekly or monthly basis.

The complex features a kitchen with what could be regarded as the coolest split system air-conditioning unit on Palm, an outdoor area and a toilet and shower block.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Ross Norman said the rooms would be comfortable and an asset to the island.

Caretaker at the complex is former champion boxer Assan Clay, who takes pride in maintaining the rooms in top condition.

"Everybody who has stayed here has praised the rooms and the location is just great," he said.

A contingent of visiting boxers and their supporters stayed in the rooms when they took part in the recent Palm tournament and were glowing in their praise of the accommodation.

Palm Island already has a six-room motel.

Swimwear range honours Paul



BUNDJALUNG woman Maria Bolt was making her teenage son Paul Morris's bed one

morning when she found a sketchbook with designs for board shorts, track pants and T-shirts.

Tragically, Paul's young life was lost soon after in a car crash near Byron Bay in 2006.

As part of her grieving process Ms Bolt, from Lismore in northern New South Wales, decided to take Paul's designs, find other Bundjalung artists and start her own surfwear label, PM Surf, named after her son.

"I'd come through a horrible time losing my son, but I had to be a mum, pick myself up and keep moving with the other kids," Ms Bolt said.

"Once I started this business I just found a second wind.

"That's what helped me get through the hard time. Now when I think about Paul, I don't think about the crash, I think about my son and his life; the times we sat on the lounge doodling and talked about doing this.

"He always wanted to be a mechanic, this was his sideline."

Renowned Bundjalung artist Albert Digby Moran has exhibited

multiple times in Europe and all around Australia, picking up many awards, but this was the first time his work had been used in clothing, including his pippi spawning, and raining fish work.

"They look a bit different, it looks strange to me seeing my art on swimwear. It's a good feeling, but just a bit strange," Mr Moran said.

"I love the idea of it, and love

teary, I'm just very, very proud of them.

"There's a lot of Koori pride there too, our culture is just unbelievable. I instil stuff into my kids, they've got non-Indigenous heritage too but they're very proud little Bundjalung men."

At the time of speaking with the *Koori Mail*, Ms Bolt had just filled in an application to show her new collection at Sydney Fashion Week and was hoping to hear back quickly.

"I've always loved the fashion world, always been interested in clothes and doodling and doing little designs, and since I've launched I've got better at it," she said. "It's a breeze now, I've really found I enjoy the artistic side of what

comes out of my mind and to actually see the girls with them on, blew my mind.

"I'd never been one to stick to something, but this just stuck with me and I just ran with it.

"A big part is about taking back our art; to stop people buying art off our old people, going overseas, running off prints and making it into something."

'I've always loved the fashion world, always been interested in clothes and doodling and doing little designs, and since I've launched I've got better at it'

the way they came out: the colours came up really well on the swimwear and board shorts. It's a good way of getting my art out there too."

Ms Bolt used young local Aboriginal girls to model the swimwear.

"When I looked for the girls, I was looking for girls who didn't need make-up to touch them up," she said.

"The girls look so gorgeous, when I saw the photos I got a bit



Sharnie Roberts, Tyeisha Roberts and, in front, Hope Jacky model PM Surf swimwear.



Hope Jacky, Tyeisha Roberts and Sharnie Roberts model PM Surf swimsuits at Byron Bay.

Grants for NT history



CHARLIE WARD has received a \$5000 Northern Territory History Grant to explore the Gurindji struggle for land rights.

Minister for Arts and Museums Gerry McCarthy said the annual grants initiative helped individuals, societies and community organisations document the Territory's 'colourful and fascinating history that's full of culture, hardships and quirky tales'.

Preference was given to NT-based applicants and to applications that proposed to explore topics that have not been researched before or that proposed a new approach.

"This is an important component of the Territory 2030 target to support research and innovation,

and encourage participation in arts and cultural activities," Mr McCarthy said.

This year's successful applicants included:

- Graeme Dobson: \$3000 to research Northern Territory Trepang, Australia's oldest export industry

- Alec O'Halloran: \$3400 to research and record oral histories of the Kintore (Walungurru) Community, Northern Territory

- Laura Rademaker: \$2300 to research engagement with languages at Arnhem Land missions 1945-1975

- Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory: \$3000 to research Borroloola and Gulf District deaths (revised)

- Charlie Ward: \$5000 to research and record oral histories documenting the Gurindji struggle for land rights 1975-1986.

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International Women's



Director of AIATSIS Research Indigenous Social and Cultural Wellbeing Jaky Troy MCed the event.



AIATSIS Family History Unit manager Rebecca Stubbs (middle) with Rita Metzenrath and Didi Somner from the AIATSIS Library.

Contribution is celebrated



Nicole Moore and Koorinya Moreton, from Indigenous Business Australia.



Nicole Wighton, from the AIATSIS Family History Unit, with TTM Security's Latu Khan.

Photos courtesy of AIATSIS



THE contribution made by women in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and to the fabric of broader Australian society was celebrated in Canberra earlier this month.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) hosted an International Women's Day (IWD) function on 8 March, attended by its staff and women from other government agencies and the local community.

AIATSIS chairman Mick Dodson said women had changed the world and so many of the country's strong leaders were women.

"Nowhere is this more true than the role they play in Indigenous communities. So often they are the glue that helps hold our societies together," he said.

Women had played and continued to play an important part within the AIATSIS, established 48 years ago, Prof Dodson said. Currently, 60 per cent of the institute's staff are women.

"With those numbers, our female staff are a vital part of AIATSIS as a keeping place not only of a vast record of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, but also of expertise, of ideas, of capacity, and of vision," Prof Dodson said.

The event also included an announcement of this year's Shirley Ann Williams Award, which is presented annually to a female member of AIATSIS staff in recognition of her outstanding contribution and work in the institute.

It is named after Shirley Ann Williams, a prominent member of the local Aboriginal community who worked in the AIATSIS Library Digitisation Team and



● Above: Winner of the 2012 Shirley Ann Williams Award Alana Harris (centre), with PJ Williams and Prof Mick Dodson.



● Left: Donna Murray, from Indigenous Allied Health Australia, and Mandy Doherty, branch manager of the Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Secretariat at FaHCSIA.

was working towards the online access of the institute's mission journals when she passed away in 2010.

One of Shirley's sons, PJ Williams, works at AIATSIS and presented the

2012 award to renowned Aboriginal photographer Alana Harris, who has worked at the institute for much of the past 27 years and established its Audiovisual Access Unit.

Day celebrations 2012

Women, kids in gathering at Injinoo centre



YOUNG women and children at Injinoo in far northern Queensland made paper flowers for Elders during celebrations to mark the 101st International Women's Day on 8 March.

About 60 women attended a gathering at the Northern Peninsula Area Family & Community Services (NPAFACS) Healing Centre.

Activities including cultural traditions of dance, ghost-net making, weaving and mural painting drew on this year's theme 'Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures'.

"The flowers represent womanhood and also a traditional way of showing respect," said healing centre domestic violence community educator Joelle Peters. "This year's International

Women's Day not only focused on celebrating women's rights but celebrating women's relationships with each other.

"This way young women can give flowers to their Elders or parents to show their respect and, more importantly, unity."

Unity

And organisers said unity was seen throughout the day as women danced and children played even as torrential rain fell around the celebrating group.

Team leader of the Healing Centre Tess Lafontaine said one of the highlights was a yarning circle which gave women the space to discuss and showcase their personal success stories and provide support and encouragement to one another.

NPAFACS hopes to build the event in future years.



At the Mindaribba International Women's Day luncheon, from left, Elizabeth Griffiths, Shaylee Matthews, Tamika Matthews and Ricki-Jo Griffiths.

Mindaribba event a first



ABOUT 50 women from across the Hunter region of NSW attended the first Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

(MLALC) luncheon to celebrate International Women's Day.

Community Elders, high school students and

professionals were among the audience which enjoyed stories from a range of inspirational guest speakers.



May Elu at the Injinoo gathering. Photo by Mark Colletti



From left, Bryanna Scott, Natalie Conroy and Courtney Addison.

Mt Isa rehab centre under administration



AN Aboriginal drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Mt Isa has been placed under special administration following a request

for help from its directors. Registrar of Indigenous

Corporations Anthony Beven said he took the action after the north-west Queensland city's KASH Aboriginal Corporation reported it was experiencing difficulties.

KASH, established in 1978, operates a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, with most of

its funding coming from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, Aboriginal Hostels and the Department of Children's Services.

"The corporation has experienced difficulties in recent times," Mr Beven said.

"The directors have taken the

right steps in seeking help from my office."

Glen Walker, from Maleny-based firm Walker Reid, has been appointed special administrator for six months.

"Mr Walker, who brings with him a great deal of experience as a special administrator, will initially

focus on ensuring that there is no interruption to the corporation's much-needed services," Mr Beven said.

"The special administrator will also review the corporation's services, its governance practices and its financial performance."

They're Palm Island's clean team

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



FOUR Palm Island women have become known as the 'Deadly Cleaners' on the north Queensland Aboriginal community.

Jenny Boyd, Delphine Robertson, Molly Haines and Mona Palmer are employed as cleaners by the Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP on the north Queensland Aboriginal Community.

The *Koori Mail* saw them hard at work during the Palm Island Community Challenge football carnival which attracted visitors from Hope Vale, Cairns and Townsville.

More than 2000 men, women and children were there for the two days, and constant rain made cleaning very challenging.

It was hard work as hundreds of hungry spectators patronised the food stalls inside the clubhouse.

There was a lot of rubbish and the women ensured floors were as dry as possible considering that torrential rain fell often.

"We really love the job and get

a lot of variety and this has been a very big community event," Ms Haines said.

CDEP chief executive officer Roy Prior was glowing in his praise for the women.

"They do a tremendous job cleaning the office as well as working on contracts with Qbuild and other organisations in the community," he said.

Mr Prior said the women had completed their qualifications in housing maintenance.

"The ladies completed their Certificate II in Asset Maintenance along with additional soft-skill training, which requires them to complete a whole range of work readiness training which will give them the necessary tools to apply or gain full-time employment," he said.

Mr Prior said a Coolgaree CDEP vision was to set up its own local cleaning company.

"The workers would do a variety of jobs from cleaning offices to full house cleaning preparing for tenants to be placed back into houses," he said.

Many of the visitors to Palm remarked that the cleaners look very stylish in their pink tops as they went about their work.



Palm Island's 'Deadly Cleaners', from left, Jenny Boyd, Delphine Robertson, Molly Haines and Mona Palmer, ready to get on with the job.

TAFE centre students show they've got plenty of drive



EIGHT Aboriginal students are on the way to obtaining their heavy vehicle driver's licence after undertaking a

Certificate I in Logistics course at Condobolin's Wiradjuri Study Centre in western NSW.

The students gained valuable hands-on experience through TAFE Western's state-of-the-art mobile simulator, which was in Condobolin.

In addition to the driving simulation, students received training and practice in managing load restraints, occupational health and safety,

workplace documentation and navigation skills.

Course participant Richard Coe, a Wiradjuri man from Condobolin, welcomed the opportunity.

"I work for Lachlan Shire Council as a weeds officer and took a week holiday to undertake this course," he said.

'Opportunity'

"I see this training as a fantastic opportunity to gain my heavy vehicle driver's licence which will provide me with more job opportunities.

"There are currently plenty of

jobs around in this industry, especially out this way. Through this course I am building my confidence in driving and gaining real hands on experience that wouldn't normally be available to me."

Wiradjuri Study Centre CEO Percy Knight said the training that TAFE Western offered played an important role for Aboriginal people throughout western NSW.

"Students gain practical real-world experience. It's not just training for training's sake. TAFE Western actually provides pathways to employment and further education," he said.



Wiradjuri man Richard Coe, from Condobolin, is completing the course. He is seen here gaining new skills on TAFE Western's heavy vehicle driving simulator. Photo by Jamie Jones, TAFE NSW Western Institute

Miners hit out at park



MINERS are on the attack over a proposed national park in the Northern Territory, saying the Government is sending a bad message by issuing exploration permits in places the park may cover.

It is widely expected that the NT Government will this week formally declare a new national park at Limmen, below Arnhem Land on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Plans for a 12,300 square kilometre park at Limmen have been on the drawing board for more than 20 years.

But executive director of the NT division of the Minerals Council of Australia Peter Stewart said the Government had not consulted his organisation about the proposed park boundaries.

'Poor message'

He said the Government had sent a poor message to mining companies by issuing exploration permits and then moving towards declaring the park.

Small explorers would find it nearly impossible to attract investors to back projects inside the boundary of a national park, he said.

"There are people who have been spending a lot of time and effort and money exploring the region and putting a park over that would be counter-productive to that effort," Mr Stewart said.

He said much of the proposed park was an old pastoral station and he could not see why the park would be declared over those areas.

But NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said he was confident the plan for Limmen would be a win for the environment, traditional owners and regional economies.

"Those companies applied for those mining permits eyes wide open, knowing that there was a proposed national park in that area," he said. — AAP

Joseph, Taryn and Yaleela had their faces painted at the Family Fun Day.



Families gather for Mt Druitt fun day



THERE was face painting, kite making and other fun activities as Aboriginal families gathered at the Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre's Family Fun Day in western Sydney.

Families came from across Blacktown and Mt Druitt to take part in the fun day, which also included badge making, games, tug-of-war and a barbecue.

Performing arts teacher Jie Pittman and his colleague Tod Counsellor, from Liven Truth Productions, led the children in a variety of team games.

The family day was an opportunity for the team at Yenu Allowah to meet local people.

Centre manager Christine Foresheew said one of the staff's first priorities was to strengthen connections between the centre and Aboriginal families in and around Mt Druitt.

"It's been an amazing journey from the concept of the centre to its actual operation," she said.

'Welcoming'

"The staff from Yenu Allowah aim to provide the Aboriginal community with a centre that will be a welcoming place for Aboriginal peoples."

Mrs Foresheew said the centre co-ordinated culturally relevant and safe early childhood education, parent and family support, and early childhood health services.

"Our community has high aspirations for our kids and together with their parents and extended family, Yenu Allowah can support these aspirations... together we will succeed," she said.

Yenu Allowah is at the corner of Belmore Avenue and North Parade, Mt Druitt.

Northcott Disability Services, Children First, Mt Druitt Family Referral Service, Roving Childcare and volunteers from Nurrungingy Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) supported the day.

All centre activities are free. For session times and information on programs free-call 1800 089 385 or the office (02) 9625 6357.



Jeremiah about to try his hand at flying a kite during the family day.

Tackling violence



WHEN it comes to tackling domestic violence, the Walgett Dragons are on the ball.

Members of the western NSW based rugby league club have welcomed a committee of local community members to manage their code of conduct that penalises players who commit domestic violence offences.

Tackling Violence ambassador Nathan Blacklock took up an invitation to visit Walgett and talk with locals and the Dragons about their proposed model for running the program.

"In most communities where the program is running we rely on the club to monitor the code of conduct and stand down players who offend," he said.

"We've got 21 clubs from 17 NSW communities participating in 2012 and 99 per cent of the time this works well and we don't have any problems.

"But what Walgett have proposed is really innovative, and it gives the community much more input into the program, and they feel much more connected



At the Tackling Violence talks in Walgett, from left, Edward Sharpley, Nathan Blacklock, Kevin Kennedy, Charlie Kennedy, Mark Rutterman, Richard Simpson and Erika Lampe.

to the program by having a say on how the code of conduct is administered."

The Walgett committee is

made up of representatives from the club, women's groups, legal services, the school and the local police. The committee will report

weekly on any issues raised by members and will consider what steps should be taken under the code of conduct. Action will be

agreed by a vote, with a majority determining what is done.

Dragons president and committee chair Richard Simpson is very happy with the model the community have agreed on.

"The Dragons want to make sure the program is run properly for the players, our supporters and for the community," he said.

"The players have said they want to be part of this anti-domestic violence campaign, they've put their hand up, and now the community are going to back them and support us to run the program through the season.

"We've got some ideas about how to grow the program, to help promote the anti-domestic violence message and the committee can help us make sure that everyone in Walgett knows that domestic violence is not acceptable."

Tackling Violence is a NSW and Federal government initiative that uses regional rugby league teams to lead an anti-domestic violence campaign in regional NSW communities.

Galambila helping to close the gap



GALAMBILA Aboriginal Health Service at Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, will host a community lunch and DVD viewing tomorrow (22 March) as part of National Close the Gap Day.

"Our service is a leading model in health partnerships and our health programs are aimed at improving the life expectancy for Aboriginal people in and around the Coffs Harbour community," Galambila chairperson Alex Webb said. "We aim to build on our

success through participating each year in the Close the Gap campaign. This event will help spread community awareness in and around Coffs Harbour about the need for increased and improved Aboriginal health services."

Information

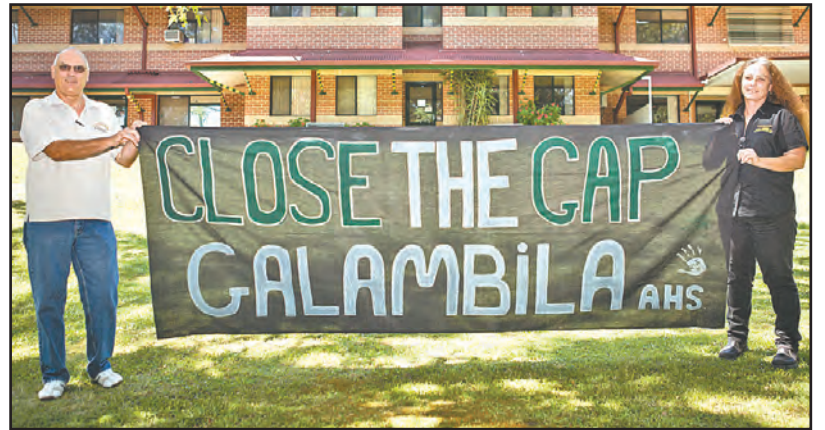
Galambila says it will provide information about the Close the Gap Pledge, which urges Federal, state and territory governments to continue to commit to building on the success of Aboriginal health services in closing the 10- to 17-year life-expectancy gap

between Indigenous and other Australians.

The Coffs Harbour day will be one of hundreds planned across the country.

The Galambila event, at its premises on the corner of Harbour Drive and Boambee Street from noon, will include an address by guest speaker Warren Grimshaw, who chairs the Mid North Coast Local Health Network, a viewing of the 2012 National Close the Gap Day promotional DVD, a healthy lunch and an opportunity to sign the Close the Gap pledge.

For more details, call Galambila on (02) 6652 0800.



Galambila senior Aboriginal health worker Jim Hurley and executive assistant Michelle Collins ready to help close the gap.

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To apply for the course you need to be a current and experienced manager in community services who supervises a team or other staff. The course is suitable for Aboriginal managers including frontline supervisors, team leaders, program managers and coordinators. This is a nationally recognised qualification, however you do not need other educational qualifications to apply.

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The course begins on **June 20-21 2012**.

For more information about this course, and to enrol, please log onto www.mhcc.org.au and click onto the Management qualification link.

These courses are filling up quickly so if you wish to enrol please do so as soon as you can to ensure you get a subsidised place!

If you have any questions about the course, or require further information, please contact Zoe Bloom on 02 9555 8388 ext 112 or zoe@mhcc.org.au.

New hope for a cure



A CURE for Machado-Joseph Disease (MJD), which is prevalent among Northern Territory

Indigenous communities, may now be a step closer thanks to new research.

The world's highest incidence of MJD – a neuro-degenerative disorder which causes a progressive deterioration of muscle control and co-ordination – is amongst Indigenous people of Groote Eylandt and Yirrkala in the Northern Territory.

Until now, the prevailing theory has been that the disease was passed to Indigenous populations in Australia by Macassan traders who were in contact with Portuguese colonies and

travelled to Australia in the 16th century and 17th centuries.

But new research on blood samples from sufferers worldwide, including work by the University of Sydney's Garth Nicholson, indicates this is not the case.

"Elsewhere the disease has

with versions of the disease originating from Portugal, the Australian version of the disease is related to those from Japan, India and Taiwan.

"We believe the Australian variant of the disease has a common ancestor, dating back 7000 years, with those seen in the Asian region," said Prof Nicholson, who conducted research on the Groote Eylandt community.

"This advance in our understanding of the origins of MJD in Australia will hopefully contribute to the development of a cure of this debilitating condition which affects people from as young as 10."

MJD currently affects an estimated 50 people in the Northern Territory, with another 500 family members at risk.

'This advance in our understanding of the origins of MJD in Australia will hopefully contribute to the development of a cure of this debilitating condition which affects people from as young as 10'

only been seen rarely and nearly always in populations from East Asia or the Azores, a Portuguese autonomous zone in the North Atlantic," Associate Professor Nicholson said.

Instead of being associated

Wyndham woman takes out worker of the year honour



WYNDHAM woman Julie Woods is this year's West Australian 'Strong Spirit Strong Mind' Aboriginal

alcohol and other drug worker of the year.

Ms Woods, from Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation, was recognised for her decade-long efforts in assisting Wyndham's Aboriginal community with drug and alcohol and mental health-related issues.

WA Aboriginal alcohol and other drug workers were

recognised with awards at an annual two-day forum in Perth.

Mental Health Minister Helen Morton said the winners were great examples of what could be achieved in what is a challenging area of work.

"I really admire their commitment and dedication to making a difference in the lives of people affected by alcohol and drug use," she said.

The award for Innovative and Culturally Secure Aboriginal AOD Program went to joint winners the Midwest Community Drug Service Team for its ICARE program (Improving Client-Agency

Regular Engagement) and Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation for its Improved Services Initiative Program.

"Supporting Aboriginal people and communities to address issues associated with alcohol and other drugs is one of the most important priorities for the Drug and Alcohol Office," Ms Morton said.

The forum was organised by the WA Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies in partnership with the Drug and Alcohol Office, which also provided funding in conjunction with the Federal Department of Health and Ageing.

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Auntie Merle Williams, Olivia Williams and Auntie Viola Brown at the toolkit launch.



Steve Meredith and Ron Timbery from the Aboriginal Community Health Advisory Committee. All photos by Joseph Mayers

Toolkit to help set priorities

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL communities will soon have access to a new 'toolkit' to help assess just how healthy and functioning they are.

Launched by the NSW Environment Minister Robyn Parker last week, the Strengthening Aboriginal Community Wellbeing Toolkit will soon be available to Aboriginal communities across the state.

The toolkit was developed in consultation with residents from La Perouse and Wellington.

La Perouse community spokesman Gary Ella said the toolkit was put together by the NSW Office of Environment and Health and would be used by communities to help prioritise their needs and goals.

"It's a CD which puts up different headings such as community health and safety, access to country, learning and education, economic strength and development, good leadership and empowerment, sense of cultural identity, infrastructure and services and health and social environment," Mr Ella said.

He said the community members



GARY ELLA

would respond to the headings, highlighting the positives, and identifying areas that needed improvement. By doing so, communities would be in a much stronger position when setting government priorities.

"The NSW Government Ministerial Taskforce has been talking about new ways of doing business with Aboriginal communities and this is an example of a

new way to do it," he said.

"On 22 March (tomorrow) La Perouse will be having a community planning day and we'll use the toolkit at that meeting. It will be the first time it has gone out to a community."

Norman Laing, the executive director of the Country, Culture and Heritage section of the Office of Environment and Heritage, said the kit was a terrific tool for communities.

"...We're hoping to roll it out to 40 partnership communities, and it will also be available to other communities and peak bodies," he said.

"Measuring the wellbeing of a community is an essential step in determining the priorities of that community."

"And by measuring the wellbeing of the community, it empowers the communities by giving them an evidence base to negotiate with government."

"It's a win-win situation because the communities are stronger and it provides government some direction when it comes to funding programs in particular."

Mr Laing said the toolkit was the only one of its kind, and already there had been interest from other states wanting to adapt it to their needs.



NSW Environment Minister Robyn Parker with Auntie Joyce Williams.



Sue Williams, from Wellington.



The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's Norman Laing being interviewed for NITV.



Adrian Hanson, Jason Goninan and Carlo Svagelli from Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

More training options for WA health workers



ABORIGINAL health workers are set to have access to more training options with the launch of three new primary health care traineeships in Western Australia. WA Training and Workforce Development Minister Peter Collier said the

Certificates II, III and IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care would contribute to a better skilled health workforce for Aboriginal communities.

"The traineeships were developed in response to health sector demand and will provide culturally appropriate training and

up skilling to new and existing Aboriginal health workers," he said.

"Importantly they will give young West Australians on-the-job training, professional and national recognition and opportunities for collaboration, innovation and learning."

Mr Collier said the Certificate II

in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care would be available for Vocational Education and Training in Schools delivery or as an Aboriginal school-based traineeship.

In addition to helping recruit Aboriginal health workers, the traineeship would provide students with essential knowledge about

maintaining their own health.

The traineeships will be delivered by four registered training organisations: Marr Mooditj Training; Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council; Bega Garabirringu Health Service in Kalgoorlie-Boulder; and Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia.

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Upgrade work for remote WA clinics



AT least six health clinics in remote West Australian Aboriginal communities are set to be upgraded,

following a \$22.2 million funding injection announced by WA Health Minister Kim Hames under the Royalties for Regions program.

Dr Hames said the Remote Indigenous Health Clinics initiative would result in improvements to the delivery of health services in Aboriginal communities including Bayulu, Mulan, Mindibungu (Billiluna), Wakathuni and Noonkanbah (Yungngora).

"This initiative will see the replacement of sub-standard



KIM HAMES

clinic infrastructure and eliminate the forced closure of clinics due to health and safety concerns," he said.

"Access to quality primary health care services is crucial to the improvement of Indigenous health and is essential in order to successfully and sustainably close the gap in life expectancy."

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the project would adopt culturally appropriate clinic designs to encourage local people to utilise the upgraded facilities.

"The agencies involved are working with the communities to ensure each clinic best addresses each community's health priorities," he said.

The project will be managed by the WA Country Health Service, with works starting immediately and continuing through 2012 and 2013.

Fresh fears on diabetes



ONE in three people from Generation Y will become part of Generation Diabetes or

'Generation D', according to a new national diabetes assessment report.

The alarming report, 'Diabetes: the silent pandemic and its impact on Australia', has prompted some of Australia's leading research and consumer advocacy groups to demand a renewed focus from the Federal Government on the health issue.

Diabetes Australia CEO Lewis Kaplan said it should be an immediate priority to recommit to the United Nations resolution to develop a formal national action plan to tackle diabetes.

"Time is of the essence because, unlike other developed nations (and) despite agreeing to these global recommendations, Australia has failed to take comprehensive action and implement change," he said.

It is estimated that, by 2025, Type 2 diabetes will triple in prevalence and affect three million Australians.

However, Type 2 diabetes is potentially preventable in many people.

The report says there is a continuing rise in the occurrence of Type 1 diabetes, especially among children aged up to four years, although it is unpreventable.

It said prevalence of Type 1 diabetes in Australia was one of the highest in the world and was increasing at about three per cent a year.

Not looking positive

The report's lead author, Jonathan Shaw, from the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, said the future was not looking positive.

"What is critical now is for us to take urgent responsibility and act firmly and fast to contain the significant burden our younger generations and children are set to endure," Associate Professor Shaw said.

"The battle against diabetes requires concerted efforts on a number of fronts – strategies to slow down the rapidly rising number of those developing the disease and ensuring those living

with diabetes are able to manage this insidious condition effectively.

"We must also do everything we can to fully understand diabetes via research."

The report says 275 Australians are diagnosed with diabetes every day, which can result in visual impairment, kidney disease or limb amputation.

It says while the current estimated annual health bill for diabetes was more than \$6 billion, it would increase dramatically as more people were diagnosed.

"Considering diabetes entirely a matter of personal responsibility will certainly fail to address this public health challenge," Prof Shaw said.

"A well-planned and co-ordinated way to reach all levels of society is now critical for the future of this country."

Representatives from Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Diabetes Australia, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Novo Nordisk launched the report in Canberra last Wednesday. – AAP



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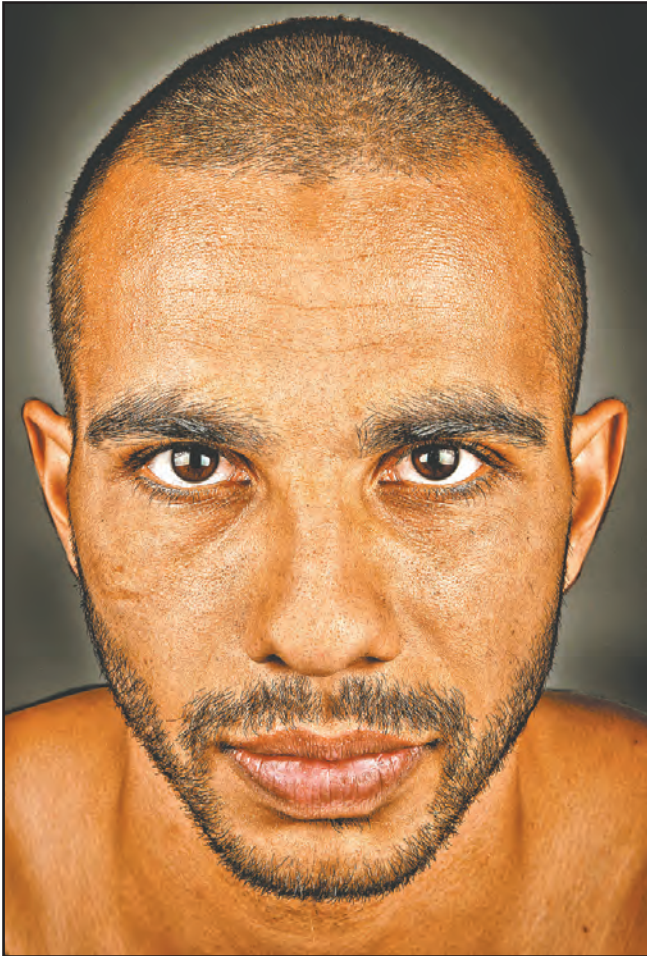
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Portraits feature in exhibition



AFL player Danyle Pearce. Image supplied



A NEW exhibition at the South Australian Museum originated as an Aboriginal quit smoking campaign. Twelve portraits of respected Aboriginal people in the 'Our culture burns brightly' photography exhibition were first taken for the 'Give up smokes for good' campaign.

The images have been used in marketing materials including venue advertising, bus stop and onboard bus ads, material to use in cars, posters and even skateboards.

But what grabbed the South Australian Museum's attention was the 2012 'Give up smokes for good' calendar, featuring the 12 portraits taken by photographer Richard Lyons.

The museum said that bringing the photographs together, it became clear they were works of art in their own right.

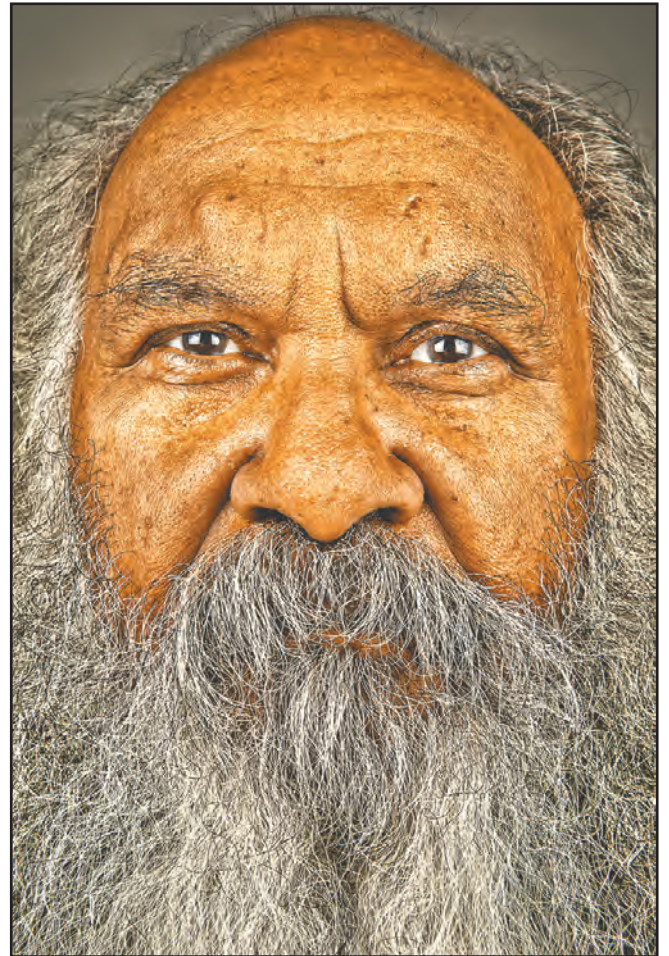
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Minister John Hill said the campaign focused on smoke-free homes and cars, the benefits of giving up and of supporting others to quit.

"Early on, community members said they wanted local people in the campaign and the 12 ambassadors were chosen because they are well-respected current or future leaders," he said.

"The 'Give up smokes for good' campaign used striking photography to create awareness of a major health issue, and change attitudes and behaviours for everyone's benefit."

The 'Give up smokes for good' ambassadors include actor Aaron Pederson, AFL player Danyle Pearce, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, performing artist Nancy Bates, and basketballer Rohanee Cox.

For more information about the ambassadors, visit www.giveupsmokesforgood.org.au



Ngarrindjeri cultural adviser Major Sumner. Image supplied

'Hep Hop' used to raise awareness



HIP HOP is being used to help raise awareness of the infectious disease hepatitis C.

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC) and multi-award-winning hip hop trio The Last Kinection have teamed up for the arts-based hepatitis C (hep C) awareness campaign.

Called 'Where's the Shame, Love Your Liver', the promotional campaign is part of a statewide effort, funded by the NSW Ministry of Health, to raise Aboriginal people's awareness through the use of creative arts of the hep C virus and its impact on Aboriginal communities.

The Last Kinection, winners of Band of the Year and Single of the Year at the 2011 Deadly Awards, will be taking part in three-day 'Hep Hop' workshops in several communities to educate and inform participants about how to prevent transmission of the hep C virus and help reduce the rate of infection for Aboriginal people across NSW.

Workshop activities will include writing and recording a song with The Last Kinection, as well as producing video clips, creating animations and designing hep C-related health promotion posters, which will be displayed at other workshops. There will also be a free community showcase that will feature the creative work of participants and will conclude with a special performance by The Last Kinection.

"The use of creative arts, such as song writing and filmmaking, is a powerful way

to engage people around health issues," AH&MRC of NSW CEO Sandra Bailey said.

"The AH&MRC believes these workshops are an ideal way to open a dialogue with Aboriginal communities about the dangers of hep C and to challenge the widely held stigmas associated with the disease by enabling people to learn about prevention, access to services, treatment options and support pathways."

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus that attacks the liver and affects hundreds of thousands of Australians every year.

According to the most recent research

conducted by The Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society, which monitors hepatitis C rates in Australia, in 2010 an estimated 217,000 Australians had a hepatitis C infection, including 48,000 with moderate or severe liver disease.

"Stigma remains a major issue for people affected by hepatitis C. It is common for people who disclose a positive hepatitis C status to receive a bad reaction, even from doctors and health-care workers," Ms Bailey said.

The campaign has already been to Nowra, Tamworth, Nambucca Heads, Griffith and Western Sydney and earned the 2011 Excellence in Viral Hepatitis Health Promotion Award from Hepatitis Australia.

Workshops are in Walgett this week, Sydney Metro from 2-4 April and Campbelltown from 11-13 April.

For more information go to <http://www.loveyourliver.net.au>



Hip hop crew The Last Kinection.

Study call to action on cancer



RESEARCHERS in a recent study on Indigenous cancer patients have said their findings are both a 'call to action' and a case for optimism.

The Cancer Council Queensland and Menzies School of Health Research study found that, despite poorer survival outcomes initially, Indigenous cancer patients who survive at least two years after diagnosis have similar prognosis to non-Indigenous cancer patients.

Associate Professor Peter Baade said it was the first study to identify that the disparity in Indigenous cancer patient survival changes with time since diagnosis.

Menzies researcher Associate Professor Gail Garvey said the study provided hope that with more research the 'gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous cancer survival in the first two years post diagnosis can be closed'.

"This research provides a strong call to action to address the very wide disparity in cancer survival for Indigenous people in the first and second years after diagnosis," she said.

Previous studies found Indigenous patients in the Northern Territory were nearly twice as likely to die from cancer than non-Indigenous patients; in South Australia Indigenous patients were 40 per cent more likely to die from their cancer.

A study in Queensland found Indigenous patients treated in the public health system were 30 per cent more likely to die from their cancer than other patients after adjusting for stage, cancer treatment and co-morbidities.

Disadvantage

Assoc Prof Baade said Indigenous people were also more likely to be diagnosed at advanced stages for certain cancers, or receive less treatment, yet this did not completely explain the survival disadvantage.

"Clearly a differential of up to 50 per cent in cancer survival within the first 12 months of diagnosis is not acceptable, and our findings increase the motivation for further efforts in this area," he said.

"Greater emphasis and research focus should therefore be placed on identifying the factors for the initial survival disparity."

Bullying targeted



MURGON State High School in southern Queensland joined others throughout the country to observe a National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday.

Families, school staff and other community members took part in a breakfast where they enjoyed burgers, chatted and commented on the colourful, interesting hairstyles some chose to wear or create on the day – driving home the point that it's okay to be different.

The event was organised by the Murgon State School Wellness team of Tanya Dingle, Vera Sullivan and Jennifer Shelton with the help of CTC youth and diversionary services.

Ms Dingle said it brought people from different cultures, backgrounds and socio-demographics together in a relaxed atmosphere of friendship and laughter.

"School should be the safest place a child can be," she said.

Happier life

"It gives them the knowledge they need to learn and grow from, but most importantly, provides them with self-discipline and the social skills to lead a happier life.

"It really is deadly cool to be at school and we hope our big breakfasts this year continue to draw more and more people."

Race Discrimination Commissioner Helen Szoke said bullying caused enormous distress and misery, and that cyberbullying in particular affected one in ten students.

"Too many times we read of



Kaylene Blair and Shamus Cobbo with their children Selwyn, Shamus Jnr, Samantha and Madeline at the Murgon breakfast organised to draw attention to bullying. Photo supplied

young people driven to absolute despair by bullying. Too many times, parents, friends and teachers are left wondering what they could have done to stop the taunts, the bullying and the damage," Dr Szoke said.

"It is important for school communities including students, parents and teachers to foster teaching and learning environments where everyone is safe from harassment, aggression, violence and bullying.

"The National Day of Action is an important opportunity to reaffirm the right of all members of the school community to feel safe and be safe at school."

The Federal Government has launched a refreshed website to

provide teachers, parents and students with information, professional expertise, advice and support that they need to deal with bullying.

To beat bullying, go to www.bullyingnoway.com.au

Great vibe at Coffs Harbour



HUNDREDS of young people turned out for this month's Vibe 3on3 at the northern NSW centre of Coffs Harbour.

The event featured a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

Event producer Mayrah Sonter said the event was well received by the community.

"The 3on3 was so popular that we had to close the registrations off a week early as we had reached full capacity," she said.

"The kids loved getting down with dancers Medika Thorpe and Darren Crompton, who hosted the Move it Mob Style dance workshops. Singer Emma Donovan and hip hop sensations The Street Warriors kept them entertained."

Uncle Trevor Wilson welcomed people to country, and Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser and Coffs Harbour deputy mayor Denise Knight opened the event.

The Yawarr Ngujaway dance group also performed at the opening.



Actor Luke Carroll with Garang Garang from Coffs Harbour Public School at the recent Vibe 3on3. Image supplied

Alice workshop on language a national first



THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) has

hosted the first Master-Apprentice Language Learning Program workshop in Australia.

The workshop was held at the Desert People's Centre in Alice Springs from 13-15 March.

The program has been running in the United States for more than 20 years. It works by pairing people – a master and the apprentice who belong to the same language group. Through training, the master and apprentice develop skills in teaching and learning language and are then able to pass these skills on to others.

The program was developed after Indigenous people in California decided they needed a way to revive their languages.

BIITE lecturer Margaret Carew said: "The method pairs elderly speakers with younger learners, and the teams are taught how to transmit the language from elder to younger through immersion while living their daily lives together."

'Effective'

"The program has been highly effective in rebuilding communities of speakers of Indigenous languages."

Thirty Indigenous Australians from across the country were at the workshop that included speakers of Pertame, a dialect of the Arrernte language family.

"The participants represented 15 Indigenous Australian languages," Ms Carew said.

The workshop was run by international presenters Leanne Hinton, Nancy Steele and Stan Rodriguez, from the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS).

They worked with Australian partners from the Resource Network for Linguistic Diversity (RNLD), Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Cultural Centre (MDWg), BIITE and the Koori Centre, University of Sydney.

The workshop was funded by the Federal Government's Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records fund.



Greg Pascoe (Lockhart River, Qld, Kuuku Ya'u language) with native American trainer Stan Rodriguez (California, Kuumeyaay language) and the finger puppet 'Greg' made as a Master-Apprentice tool.



US trainer and master-apprentice method founder Leanne Hinton (California) watches Jangu Nundhirribala and Leonie Murrungun (Tennant Creek NT, Warumungu language) begin making finger puppets as a Master-Apprentice tool.

Justice in spotlight

By LIZ MURRAY



THREE dedicated Indigenous students took out scholarships to the International Justice Conference in Perth last weekend.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples director Tammy Solonec stressed to conference delegates the dire need for more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to become criminal lawyers.

Aboriginal people are 26 times more likely to be imprisoned in Western Australia than others, and this prompted conference organisers to create an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship, to help support students and workers in criminal law and human rights.

Ms Solonec said the importance of Aboriginal criminal lawyers became apparent in the context of the disproportionate number of Indigenous people caught up in the WA criminal justice system.

"It is one of the highest rates in Australia, and growing, and significantly higher than the disproportion with which other minority groups are incarcerated in America," she said.

"This scholarship is just one



Tammy Solonec (second from left) with Indigenous scholarship winners, from left, Verity Sebire, Vicky Bandry and Laura Vincent. Photo by Bohdan Warchomij

way to encourage the next generation to see the benefits of working in this very important area."

The scholarship entitled recipients to attend the conference as well as the Friday

night dinner, to see presentations by boxer Joe Bugner, who filled in for scheduled keynote speaker Cathy Freeman, and Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter.

Ms Solonec said tickets to the conference, priced at over \$2000,

would otherwise have been inaccessible for many Indigenous people.

The scholarships were awarded to University of WA law students Laura Vincent and Verity Sebire and Deaths in Custody

Watch Committee of WA board member Vicky Bandry.

Ms Vincent, a Torres Strait Islander woman in her second year of studies, said she was inspired to take up a career in law after reading Cathy Freeman's biography.

She said that after moving to Perth several years ago from Canberra, she had also forged a strong connection with the Noongar community.

"The experience I will gain from this scholarship will significantly help me achieve my dream of becoming a criminal lawyer and representing my mob in the future," Ms Vincent said.

She said the experience would help her in her goal to become a High Court judge's associate, 'once I finish my degree'.

Ms Sebire's family originally came from Tennant Creek, but she was brought up in Pemberton in south-west WA.

Now in her final year of law, Ms Sebire said she was particularly interested in criminal law and forensics.

Noongar woman and Perth resident Vicky Bandry said she was happy to have won a scholarship and grateful to JUSTICEwa for supporting Aboriginal people, and organising the scholarships.

Govt wants input on youth program



THE Federal Government is seeking public input into setting the direction of a \$50 million initiative aimed at helping Indigenous students move from school into the workplace.

Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins has released a discussion paper seeking views on the Indigenous Youth Careers

Pathways Program for the 2013 academic year and beyond.

The Government started the IYCP program this year, with transitional arrangements in place.

"This program is a new approach to supporting Indigenous students on the pathway from school to work or further study," Ms Collins said.

"It gives students personal mentoring and case management to help them

handle issues they might face when moving from school to work or further education.

"It is important we target this support as best we can, so I encourage all stakeholders to have their say on the discussion paper."

The Government has allocated \$50.7 million over four years for the IYCP to support 6400 school-based traineeships for Indigenous secondary

students in Years 11 and 12.

This year, the program is funding 610 school-based traineeship places and supporting more than 1000 places previously funded through the Indigenous Employment Program.

Submissions on the discussion paper close on 10 April.

The paper and information on making a submission can be found at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/IYCP>



St Saviour's College Year 11 students Whitley Jacobs, left, and Wazana Comollatti are all smiles at the University of Southern Queensland's Indigenous Connections event.

Connections made at university event



ALMOST 300 young Indigenous students were at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) for this year's Indigenous Connections day.

The high school students, who came from as far as Cunnamulla and Charleville and across the Darling Downs for the third annual event, heard stories from Indigenous role models including actor Luke Carroll, barrister Josh Creamer and senior public servant Carol Vale.

They toured the USQ Toowoomba campus and learned how a university education could change their lives.

Mr Creamer, who is president of the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland, said he was overwhelmed at the opportunities presented to the students at Indigenous Connections.

"We never had anything like this when I was a young fella," he said.

Mr Creamer told his story of hard work and determination and said it was possible for any one of the Indigenous students to 'stand in his shoes in years to come'.

It was a sentiment echoed by



LUKE CARROLL



JOSH CREAMER

Luke Carroll, who has appeared in shows including *Home and Away*, *The Flying Doctors*, *Water Rats*, *Play School* and *Remote Area Nurse*.

"Without an education behind me I probably wouldn't be where I

am today or where I need to be in the future," he said.

Indigenous Connections organiser Donna Smith said about 290 students attended the event this year.

She said it was a key opportunity to engage with Indigenous high school students and staff from their schools to encourage and motivate the students to view university study as desirable, achievable and a pathway to supporting their long-term goals.

"Speakers are keen to talk to students with regard to their education and employment history and their future goals to encourage Indigenous high school students to make a difference in their own and other people's lives," Ms Smith said.

"USQ has been very fortunate over the last three years to have Indigenous people willing to give their time to support this event and inspire Indigenous high school students with their stories."

USQ says it is expecting an increase of about 25 per cent in the number of Indigenous students studying at the university in 2012, with the number expected to jump from 309 last year to about 400 this year.



THE University of South Australia (UniSA) has named Peter Buckskin as its inaugural Dean of Indigenous

Scholarship, Engagement and Research.

The university says the new university-wide role has been designed to build on and extend the work Prof Buckskin has been doing to enhance Indigenous cultural knowledge and research as dean of its David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research.

In his new role, Prof Buckskin will also work with UniSA College and its early engagement strategies in order to help more Indigenous students gain access to a wide range of professions.

Vice-Chancellor Peter Høj says the position has been developed to focus on strategy development across the university in relation to a range of Indigenous scholarship, engagement and research issues.

"This new strategic role is a concrete reflection of how the University of South Australia remains committed to its founding principles to enhance educational outcomes for Indigenous people," Prof Høj says.

"It acknowledges the continuing importance of Indigenous issues, and I am confident that it will enable us to deliver better outcomes for Indigenous people."

Prof Buckskin says the new position provides better opportunities to help Indigenous students and to support the value of Indigenous knowledge in the university.

"It has been an honour to advocate on behalf of my people in the area of education, scholarship and research across the 30 years of my career in education," he said.

"To continue that work at UniSA in this new and exciting capacity is a privilege."

"UniSA is very fortunate to have a strong legacy of involvement in Indigenous education because it gives the institution a depth of understanding and experience."

Prof Buckskin says a key priority will be to provide opportunities for university staff to learn more about Indigenous culture through an appreciation of Indigenous knowledge

systems and experiences.

"This is an area that is still not well understood and there are great opportunities to develop scholarship and research and build expertise in these areas," he said.

"I also want to make tangible inroads into our institutional aspirations for Indigenous students."

"That translates to ensuring more Indigenous students realise their capacity to share in the same opportunities afforded any other graduate of the university and, at the same time, supporting their cultural strength."



PETER BUCKSKIN

Anangu going online



TAFE SA Regional is using broadband technology as a new way of supporting job seekers in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia. The project, funded through the National VET E-learning Strategy, has been hailed as offering an opportunity to pilot a new way of delivering and supporting employment services in the APY Lands, which have almost no mobile phone coverage or home communication, and where many Anangu people have poor English skills.

"This targeted training to develop foundation skills and the development of a portfolio summarising current skills will facilitate a smooth transition from job searching, through training to successful employment and training outcomes," project manager Janet Skewes, of TAFE SA Regional, said.

"Speaking up about personal strengths also goes against Anangu culture, but they need this skill to succeed in job interviews."

TAFE says that partnering with Job Services Australia provider Complete Personnel and key employers in the APY Lands, language facilitators will assist career advisors, lecturers and e-tutors to support Anangu to identify and develop their personal strengths, build resumes, develop interview skills and participate in work placements with local employers.

Online small group sessions, self-paced training resources and an e-tutor for



The broadband project is enabling online developments such as a jobs board, and checking out the www.apytafe.com.au website are, from left, Maria Edimintja, Lesley Harvey, Winita Campbell and Kathy Maringka.

learning support will be offered.

TAFE says written and spoken communication skills will be developed throughout the project, with links to online interactive learning websites embedded on

a Moodle site, with access to a real time e-tutor service by community lecturers through an online platform. Through its Partnerships for Participation program, funding from the National VET E-learning

Strategy offers opportunities to develop e-learning approaches to improve the e-literacy, foundation skills and pre-vocational skills of individuals experiencing disadvantage.



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Focus is on his people

ABORIGINAL photographer Ricky Maynard has spent 20 years taking photographs in order to present a true representation of his people.

Maynard said his form of documentary photography was a way of rebelling against the 'colonial camera'.

"We have to be the story-tellers and represent ourselves for who we really are," he told the *Koori Mail* from his home on Flinders Island in Bass Strait.

As part of that quest, Mr Maynard is holding an exhibition of his photographic journey at the Brisbane Powerhouse from 2 April to 7 May.

Maynard said the exhibition, *Ricky Maynard: Portrait of a Distant Land*, is made up of about 60 photographs.

The exhibition features images of Aboriginal Elders on the day of the High Court's Wik decision, traditional mutton-bird hunting, Aboriginal people incarcerated in Adelaide and sacred sites and spaces. "For me, photographs have always been personal and I hope to convey the intimacy of a diary," Maynard said.

"Photography has the ability to tell stories about the world and how the photograph has power



Some of the prints from the exhibition, *Ricky Maynard: Portrait of a Distant Land* include Grace (above), *Urban Diary* (top right) and Jason Babel (top left).

to frame a culture."

Maynard, a self-taught photographer, does not use digital cameras and creates

all of his prints in the dark room.

"There is a magic and power to it that has kept

me interested," he said.

"Documentary photography is a highly ethical field which deals with

issues such as approach and representation, and seeking the truth.

"That appeals to me."

Maynard has won many awards for his work and has exhibited internationally and within Australia. Much of his work has focused on documenting the lives and culture of Indigenous Australia, in particular his own people, the Ben Lomond and Cape Portland peoples of Tasmania.

Born in Launceston, Tasmania, in 1953, Maynard is now based on Flinders Island in the Bass Strait. His wife was born on nearby Cape Barren Island.

His career highlights including winning the 1994 Mother Jones International Prize, the 1996 Human Rights Commission Photography Award and the 2003 Kate Challis RAKA Award for Indigenous Contemporary Creative Arts.

The six photographic series featured in the exhibition are *The Moonbird People* (1985-88), *No More Than What You See* (1993), *Urban Diary* (1997), *In The Footsteps of Others* (2003), *Returning To Places That Name Us* (2000) and *Portrait of a Distant Land* (2005).

Ricky Maynard: Portrait of a Distant Land is a Museum of Contemporary Art touring exhibition curated by Keith Munro, curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs.

Art fair funds boost



THIS year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) will receive an additional \$300,000 in funding from Events Queensland, bringing its total allocation to \$350,000 – up from \$50,000 in 2011. Barron River MP Steve Wettenhall said the funding boost would cement CIAF's status and help attract interstate and international visitors to the Cairns region.

He said that over the past three years the art fair had generated more than \$1.7 million in sales of Queensland Indigenous art and contributed more than \$2.4 million in tourism expenditure to the local economy.

Last year more than 13,000 people attended the event.

"Not only is CIAF great for art and culture in Queensland, but it provides a shot in the arm for the Queensland tourism

industry and economy by supporting local communities, businesses and jobs," Mr Wettenhall said.

"Attracting major events like this is part of our plan to continue building a bright future in far north Queensland."

CIAF is also supported by Arts Queensland's Backing Indigenous Arts program, which will provide \$13.2 million over the next four years.

Events Queensland CEO John

O'Sullivan said the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair had seen a steady growth in popularity since the inaugural event in 2009.

"Since the event began, CIAF has attracted more than 35,000 people – supporting the region's reputation as an ideal event destination," Mr O'Sullivan said.

The 2012 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair will run from 17-19 August at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.

Program offers studio space



APPLICATIONS are open for Marrickville Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Arts Studio Program, which provides support to Aboriginal artists and crafts people living or contributing to Marrickville's art and cultural life.

The council is offering an emerging or mid-career artist a studio space for a year's residency.

Contemporary Indigenous designer Lucy Simpson recently completed a year-long residency at the ATSI studio, where she developed her Gaawaa Miyay Designs textile range, which draws inspiration from her Yuwaalaraay heritage and will be showcased in the Addison Road Gallery tomorrow, Thursday 22 March, from 6-8pm. The event will include performances from local Indigenous group Stiff Gins.

Applications for Marrickville Council's ATSI Arts Studio Program close on Wednesday, 4 April.

Visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au to apply. The council Aboriginal liaison officer may be able to assist applicants complete the online form.

For more information call the arts and cultural development officer on (02) 9335 2249 or email acdo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au



Ella Havelka and Jake Mangakahia in *Warumuk - in the Dark Night*.
Photo by Jeff Busby

Talented Page is a busy man

By MARGARET SMITH



DAVID Page is a busy man. And multi-talented too.

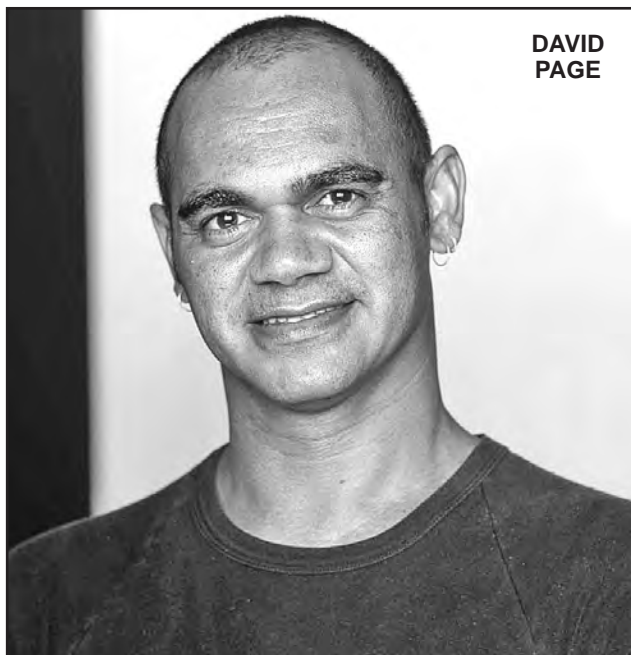
Late last year, the composer with Sydney's Bangarra dance company trod the boards in the Sydney Theatre Company production of *Bloodland*.

More recently, he's been working on the orchestral score for Bangarra's new production *Warumuk - in the Dark Night*, which is part of the Australian Ballet's 50-year anniversary show *Infinity*.

"Being able to do both - acting and composing - helps to keep me sane," he confided to the *Koori Mail*.

Warumuk is inspired by Aboriginal stories about the stars in the universe, drawing from Indigenous astronomy, the lunar eclipse, and the myths around the constellation of the Seven Sisters.

Page's composition



DAVID PAGE

combines orchestra with traditional Aboriginal songs and he says he was inspired by the knowledge that the night sky is a natural part of life.

"It's been there forever and it's good to appreciate that... How we protect and

embrace the land. That's our religion and our life," he said.

Often working with his brother Stephen, who is Bangarra's artistic director, Page has created many memorable works. The two have collaborated on a host of productions including

Praying Mantis Dreaming, Ochres, Fish, and Mathinna. Four of his compositions have won Deadly Sound Awards.

Page learned his craft at Adelaide's Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM), where he studied saxophone, voice, composition and song.

"It was a step up for this very young Aboriginal man," he recalls.

Page says he doesn't try to analyse the act of composing because it's an 'organic' process.

He also believes the current black music scene in Australia is very strong.

"Anyone can put themselves on YouTube and become known and, if you've got an amazing culture behind you and you have a story to tell, you've got a bonus," he said. "If you recognise your destiny that's even better. It's up to the artist and if you believe in yourself." *Warumuk* is part of *Infinity*, which runs at the Sydney Opera House from 5-25 April.



Indigenous artist Darren Bloomfield's artwork is featured on the packet of the limited edition set of playing card, which includes artworks from 58 artists. Proceeds will go to Muckaty traditional owners.

Muckaty cards a big deal



FIFTY-EIGHT artists, including big names like Reg Mombassa, are donating artworks to feature on a limited edition set of playing cards, as part of a fundraiser for traditional owners fighting against a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station.

Co-organiser Tessa Dowdell said in addition to selling 2000 packs of cards, the original artworks would also be auctioned off, and could be viewed at Mori Gallery in Sydney's Darling Harbour from 12 April in an exhibition called *The Cardshow*.

Dowdell said she was inspired to act after attending the Defending Indigenous Rights Conference in Alice Springs in 2010 and hearing Muckaty traditional owners share their stories.

"I had heard about (the Muckaty nuclear waste dump) before that, and thought it was terrible, but I didn't quite understand what it meant for people," she said. "Then I had that moment when I really understood, and had to do something about it."

The Cardshow opens at Mori Gallery, Darling Harbour, on 12 April, 6-8pm and runs for a month. To buy a pack of the limited edition cards go to www.thecardshow.org

Auditions in Perth



INDIGENOUS theatre company Yirra Yaakin will hold open auditions for Aboriginal actors in its theatre space at 65 Murray Street in Perth on 3-4 April, between 10am and 4pm.

Auditions are open to anyone, from novices who have never acted before through to seasoned veterans. To register interest, email artistic director Kyle Morrison on kyle@yirrayaakin.com.au by this Friday 23 March.

People attending the auditions will need to recite a monologue of their choice - either classic or contemporary - and tell their story in their own way.

Yirra Yaakin has commissioned and premiered more than 50 new theatre works, including *Waltzing the Wilara, One Day in 67, Aliwah, Windmill Baby* and *Cruel Wild Woman*.

Portrait Gallery post for artist



TORRES Strait Islander artist and curator Brian Robinson has been appointed to the National Portrait Gallery Board.

Mr Robinson's work includes painting, print-making, sculpture and design and has been featured in exhibitions from his home island of Waiben (Thursday Island) to the National Gallery of Australia, Queensland Art Gallery, National Gallery of Victoria, and his sculpture *Woven Fish* features as a piece of public art in the Cairns Lagoon. He has previously been on the board of the Queensland Art Gallery.

Announcing the appointment, Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean said Mr Robinson had played a pivotal role developing the

Indigenous arts industry, particularly in Queensland. "As a skilled sculptor, painter and print-maker as well as an experienced exhibition curator, Mr Robinson will bring the artist's perspective and extensive knowledge of the Indigenous arts industry to the National Portrait Gallery Board," Mr Crean said.

Founding managing director of the award-winning Carbon Media Indigenous production company Wayne Denning has joined the board of the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia.

"As a proud Birri Gubba man, Mr Denning will also help the Archive see through its commitment to building a collection which recognises Indigenous culture and the diversity of Australian communities," Mr Crean said.

Applications on 'pathway' to protect country



INTERACTIVE media applications focusing on a project to protect country have been launched in Sydney's south. The DVD and an interactive i-Pad application are part of the Indigenous-led design project and exhibition *The Pathway: Building the Track*, which documents Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council as it considers biobanking – where genetic material is collected and stored – on a Mill Creek site in Menai.

Mill Creek runs through bush alongside one of the busiest roads in Sydney and despite the efforts of Gandangara LALC and trainees from Aboriginal land management group Land Alive, the area is affected by illegal dumping and damaging vehicle and motorbike riding.

The Pathway: Building the Track is a collaboration between UTS

Jumbunna, Communicating Shared Traditional Knowledge – a partnership between UTS Design and Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP), Gandangara council and Land Alive.

It offers expert opinions and insights into some of the challenges of looking after traditional lands in a city.

Jason De Santolo, Jacqueline Gothe, Clément Girault and Oliver Costello from UTS worked with Victor Steffensen (TKRP) and Teresa Leung, from web designer Universal Favourite, to develop the interactive media applications.

The *Collaboration Design and Country* exhibition, by Jacqueline Gothe, focusing on the project is on show until 30 March at DAB LAB Research Gallery, University of Technology, Sydney – Building 6, Level 4 Courtyard, 702-730 Harris Street, Ultimo.

Country music scholarships

THE Academy of Country Music is offering two Indigenous scholarships to help develop pathways for Aboriginal musicians into the country music industry thanks to funding from Arts NSW and New England Institute of TAFE.

The application deadline for the Troy Cassar-Daley scholarships has been extended until this Monday, 26 March, with NSW-based Indigenous singers, songwriters and instrumentalists invited to apply.

The successful recipients will attend the academy's two-week senior course in Tamworth, from 23 June until 8 July, with the scholarships worth \$3000 covering accommodation, all meals, tuition and master classes. A graduation concert will be held on Saturday 7 July.

For more information or to apply, go to academycountrymusic.com.au

Byron Blues

MUSIC fans are gearing up for the 22nd Byron Bay Bluesfest in far northern NSW.

The iconic event will be held at Tyagarah Tee Tree farm near Byron Bay over the Easter long weekend (5-9 April) and will feature a range of Australian, international and Indigenous acts including John Fogarty, Cold Chisel, Crosby Stills & Nash, Earth Wind and Fire, the Pogues and John Butler Trio. As in previous years, the festival will include a welcome to Arakwal country. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers this year will include Busby Marou and Dubmarine.

Tickets and details at www.bluesfest.com.au



Indigenous Art Centres Alliance manager Pam Bigelow on her first official visit to a north Queensland art centre – the Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre at Cardwell. She is seen here discussing art with Leonard Andy.

North Qld art centres in alliance



NORTH Queensland's 12 community-based Indigenous art centres have partnered with

the Cairns Institute to further professional and commercial development.

Artist Pam Bigelow has been named as the inaugural manager of the Indigenous Art Centres Alliance, based at James Cook University in Cairns.

Ms Bigelow said Indigenous art centres were critical to nurturing Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander art production in Indigenous communities, and the alliance would help provide skills development and training opportunities.

"Indigenous owned and governed, the art centres work to maintain traditional culture, create employment and raise the national and international profile of Indigenous art and culture," she said.

Cairns Institute director Professor Hurriyet Babacan said the partnership would 'play a significant role in the development of creative

industries for Indigenous people'.

"Contributing to Indigenous communities in regional and remote areas is an important part of our role and in time there will be research opportunities to support the work of the Alliance in areas such as marketing," she said.

The Indigenous Art Centres Alliance was established in 2011.

Arts Queensland provided \$100,000, matching Federal Office for the Arts funding, which enabled a manager to be appointed.

Trevor 'Turbo' Brown with his winning artwork *Owl Dreaming*.



'Turbo' takes out Vic prize

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell with Works on Paper winner Simon Penrose.



Photos by STEVEN RHALL



MELBOURNE artist Trevor 'Turbo' Brown is \$25,000 richer after taking out Victoria's top Indigenous art award. The Latji Latji man, from Mildura in the state's north-west, won the Deadly Art Award, Victoria's highest honour for an Indigenous artist, at the 2012 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

His winning entry was a painting *Owl Dreaming*, a portrait of a 'spirit owl' he rescued while living in Mildura.

Seddon artist Brian Martin was highly commended in the Deadly Art Award category for his charcoal landscape drawing *Methexical Countryside: Wurundjeri #2*.

California Gully artist Simon Penrose, a first-time entrant, received the \$5000 CAL Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Works on Paper.

Two awards

And Northcote artist Glenda Nicholls received two awards – the \$5000 CAL Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Three Dimensional Works and the \$5000 Koorie Heritage Trust Acquisition Award for her intricately woven *Ochre Net*.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell said Turbo Brown's *Owl Dreaming* was a striking work that stood out among the 27 short-listed in this year's awards program.

"The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards aim to showcase and promote the talent and diversity of Victoria's Indigenous arts sector," she said.

"And this year is a shining example, with stunning works that range from traditional painting and weaving to photography, drawing, sculpture, video and street art."

An exhibition of all the winning and short-listed works is open until 31 March at the awards partner gallery, fortyfivedownstairs – 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Entry is free.

Mildura artist Katrina Doolan, whose work *Babies Are Our Future* was highly commended.



UnitingCare
Children, Young People
and Families



Call for Expressions of Interests from Aboriginal sculpture artists

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families (UnitingCare CYPF) is a Service Group of UnitingCare NSW.ACT, and is one of the largest providers of services to support children and families in NSW.

As part of UnitingCare CYPF's commitment to Aboriginal People and Aboriginal Business, we are launching our Aboriginal Services and Development Unit - Jaanimili.

We wish to commission an Aboriginal artist to create a sandstone sculpture representing Jaanimili and "Aboriginal People, Aboriginal Business".

Only Aboriginal sculpture artists who may be interested in the project, and who have experience in sculpture art can apply.

All submissions of expression of interest must be submitted by 6 April, 2012. The statue must be completed by 10 August, 2012.

For more information and the design brief, please contact Jody South on:

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 9am, Monday 18 June
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National

Until 31 March: Calling for applications for Member Skills Training Program for Congress Youth Leading Change. Aimed at developing personal skills and getting involved with Congress action through a four-day live-in program that helps shape Congress policies, share information with communities and gather local support for campaigns, including constitutional change. Travel, accommodation and child-care provided if required. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (02) 8070 3100 or email info@nationalcongress.com.au or visit www.nationalcongress.com.au

Until 6 April: Seeing applications for the annual Youth Off The Streets national scholarship program. The program aims to help promising young Australians who lack the support and resources to fulfil their potential, providing financial and personal support to pursue dreams in any field. Free and all youth are welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9330 3500 or email info@youthoffthestreets.com.au or visit www.youthoffthestreets.com.au

Until 4 May: Applications open for Community Heritage grants 2012. They are available to assist not-for-profit community organisations, including migrant and Indigenous groups that aim to preserve cultural heritage collections of national significance. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (02) 6262 1147 or email chg@nia.gov.au

30 May-1 June: National Conference: 'Nawi Exploring Australia's Indigenous Watercraft'. This two-day conference will demonstrate the various techniques of construction by storytelling sessions, displays, performances, lively seminars, discussions and film screenings. All welcome, must register before 31 March, and cost involved. Held at the Australian National Maritime Museum theatre, 2 Murray St, Darling Harbour. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit www.anmm.gov.au/nawi

11-15 June: 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference. This first international forum aims to bring Indigenous housing leaders, senior government officials, researchers and corporate heads from around the world together to learn from best practices, build a global network, showcase Indigenous cultures, share expertise and connection with leaders from around the globe. Featuring speakers, workshops and presentations. Cost involved. Details: email reception @ahma-bc.org or visit www.indigenous2012.com

From 29 June: *Terrain – the wonder of Lake Eyre* tour. Showcasing the fusion of contemporary dance and storytelling by Bangarra Dance Theatre that is described as a 'hymn to country', *Terrain* features Lake Eyre, the place of Australia's 'inland sea' and exploring the connection of Indigenous people to



With the finished products after a two-day canoe-building project by the Bundamarra Aboriginal Corporation and Forests NSW at Ulladulla on the NSW south coast are, front, from left Jonathan and Gordon and, back, from left, Paul, David, Uncle Tom, James and Cameron.

Focus on watercraft



INDIGENOUS canoes and culture will be the focus of a national conference in Sydney from 30 May-1 June.

Nawi – Exploring Australia's Indigenous watercraft will be hosted by the Australian National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour.

Nawi is an Aboriginal word recorded by early white colonists to describe the bark canoes that plied Sydney Harbour.

From the bound bark canoes of Tasmania to the double outriggers of Torres Strait, the museum says there is a rich history of Indigenous vessels across Australia spanning thousands of years.

The conference is set to bring together

Elders, community members and researchers from across Australia to share stories and information on Indigenous craft and canoe culture, with the aim of building a national picture.

"The conference seeks to encourage Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to share their knowledge and to pass on traditional building methods and stories," the National Maritime Museum said.

"It will also highlight how watercraft have been and remain integral in Indigenous culture, in particular through art and storytelling. From travel and fishing, to their role in guiding, international trade and their use in ceremonies.

"The three days will include practical demonstrations on the various techniques of construction, storytelling sessions, performances, lively seminars, discussions and film screenings."

A special display in the museum's Tasman Light Gallery will feature a dugout canoe and raft from the museum's collection, bark paintings from the Saltwater collection from north east Arnhem Land, and contemporary technical drawings of watercraft that highlight their complexity and detailed construction.

The conference will feature a range of guest speakers.

For further details on the program and speakers or to register (costs apply), visit www.anmm.gov.au/nawi

country and how their landscape is a second skin. All welcome, cost involved. Held 29 June-7 July: The Arts Centre, Melbourne. 18 July-18 August: Sydney Opera House. 29 August-1 September: Her Majesty's Theatre, Perth. 3-7 October: QPAC, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9251 5333 or email bangarra@bangarra.com.au or visit www.bangarra.com.au

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Until 25 March: Beyond the Dots. Celebrating 12 years of Indigenous programming in partnership with the Lake Macquarie Art Gallery's Aboriginal Reference Group. The exhibition will showcase past exhibitions such as 'Yapang marruma: making our

way', 'Stories: country, knowledge, spirit and politics and passage' and more. Featured artists include Johnathan Jones, Doug Archibald and Mervyn Bishop.

Free and all welcome. Held at the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, First St Booragul. Details: (02) 4921 0333 or email council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au or visit www.lakemac.com.au

Until 25 March: 'From the Edge of the Outback' Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing Indigenous artworks by artist Lewis Burns. Free and all welcome. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Cooperative, 55-59 Flood St Leichhardt. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliart@gmail.com or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until 30 March: Western NSW Local Health District is calling for submissions for an Aboriginal design to raise the profile and recognition of Aboriginal health initiatives. All artworks must acknowledge the theme 'Healthy Living, Healthy Choices' and all finalists will have an opportunity to showcase their design at an exhibition. Free and all welcome to submit. Details: (02) 6363 8063 or email wendy.moore@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Until 31 March: Lismore Youth Week young songwriters' competition 2012. Calling for entries from people aged 12-25 to submit MP3 format with lyrics, from categories pop/rock, country, hip-hop and R&B to electronica.

Free and all welcome. Details on (1300) 87 83 87 or send an email tolismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com

Until 3 April: Circle of Security Goori Parenting Group. This eight-week program looks at how to make relationships stronger with children. It teaches new ways to understand kids' needs and behaviour and how to respond. Free and all welcome. Held at Jumbunna Community Pre-school, 60 High St, Casino. Details: (02) 6662 2866 or email jumbunna@jumbunna.com.au

Until 14 April: 'The Bright, The Bold and The Beautiful' art exhibition, created as a bright and

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colourful celebration of female Indigenous artists from across the country. The exhibition coincides with International Women's Day and Art Month Sydney. Featuring artist workshops, guest speakers and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Co-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi Beach, Sydney. Details: (0416) 209 391 or email cassiefrench@gmail.com or visit www.coeeart.com.au

Until 15 April: 'Island to Island', an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks of many kinds. Free and all welcome. Held at the Cowra Art Gallery, 77 Darling St, Cowra. Details: (02) 6340 2190 or visit www.cowraartgallery.com.au

Until 10 June: Off the Walls, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing a collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art gathered over almost 40 years by Australian Government agencies responsible for Aboriginal affairs. It includes bark paintings, 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 or visit http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/

22 March: 2012 NSW Aboriginal Health Awards. The awards will celebrate and promote the success and achievements of individuals, teams and communities dedicated to delivering high-quality care and improving health outcomes of Aboriginal people in urban, rural, regional and remote Aboriginal communities throughout NSW. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Australian Technology Park Bay 4, Locomotive Workshop, Garden St, Eveleigh, Sydney. Details: (02) 8644 2302 or email Dearne.waters@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or visit www.hssevents.health.nsw.gov.au/aha

23 March: Gamarada film night, screening the award-winning *Mad Bastards*, aimed at healing and life skills for men and youth. Free and all welcome. Held at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, 166-180 George St, Redfern. Details: (0433) 346 645 or visit www.gamarada.org.au

25 March: Barefoot bowls fundraiser day 'Purple Day – Epilepsy Awareness'. Featuring barbecue, children's activities, raffles and many prizes to help raise funds for Epilepsy Queensland. All welcome, cost involved, must RSVP before the date. Held at South Lismore Bowling Club, Wilson St. Details: 0408 865 665 or email thedohertys2@bigpond.com

26 March: Community screening of *Here I Am* – the story of a young woman who is just out of jail and struggling to stay off drugs and re-connect with her daughter and her mother. Free and all welcome, RSVP before the date. Held at Greater Union Cinema, Burwood. Details: (02) 9719 8773 or email brennan@pip.com.au

26 March: AIATSIS Seminar Series 2012, 'Language Revitalisation from Documentation: Heroes and Programs'. This seminar will include a discussion led by a panel of experts and followed by the screening of the film *Jessie Little Doe Baird*, followed by light refreshments. Free and all welcome. Held at The Mabo Room, AIATSIS, Lawson Crescent, Canberra. Details: (02) 6246 1144 or email publicprograms@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

27-29 March: Helping learner drivers become safe drivers workshop, providing advice to parents and supervising drivers about the new laws for L and P licence holders, learner driver's logbook, supervising learner drivers and the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience. Free and all welcome, afternoon tea provided. Held at Taree, Belmont. Details: (02) 4925 4200 or visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au

27 March-1 April: Message Sticks Indigenous Festival. A festival of music, talks,



Keep the Dragonflies Dancing's Jo Clancy and Katie Leslie

Dragonflies will be kept dancing



KEEP the Dragonflies Dancing is a new contemporary Aboriginal dance work by Jo Clancy and Jacinta Tobin that aims to educate and inspire people to care for waterways and country in order to preserve the beautiful and magical dragonfly.

Dragonflies lay their eggs in Blue Mountains swamps and creeks, which are being threatened by pollution, sedimentation and the expanding urban footprint.

Dragonfly nymphs need clean and clear water as they may live underwater for up to four years before they shed their skin and look for a mate.

The show combines traditional and contemporary Aboriginal dance and

song with puppets by Ella McInnes and set design by Chris Tobin.

Dancers Tim Bishop, Amy Minchin, Katie Leslie and Anthony Mayor are graduates of NAISDA Dance College.

The work has been made possible through funding from the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Water in the Landscape Program and has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

Performances will take place at the Kindiehill Performance Space on Lake Street in Wentworth Falls from 24-27 March.

Tickets are available at the door, \$10 adults and \$7 children and concession card holders, or phone Jo Clancy on 0409 651 290 to book.

dance, story-telling, exhibitions and film screenings showcasing the best of Indigenous film, music and performing arts in Australia. Featuring music, comedy, dance and inspiring speakers, drawing together an ensemble of Indigenous artists and fusing contemporary and traditional art forms. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Sydney Opera House, Macquarie St. Details: (02) 9250 7825 or email abarlow@sydneyoperahouse.com

29 March: Sydney Elders Aboriginal Art Exhibition, showcasing portraits of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders by Mervyn Bishop. Featuring guest speakers, welcome to country and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Australian Museum, 6 College St, Sydney. Details: (02) 9320 6417 or email rsvp@austmus.gov.au or www.australianmuseum.net.au

31 March: Aboriginal performing artist Kerriane Cox will perform at the Eltham Hall, near Lismore, celebrating the spiritual depth of her culture and the struggles of the First People's road to empowerment. Supported by Queensland heritage/folk singer/songwriter and bassist Julia Rose. Doors open 7pm. Tickets: \$20 adults; concession \$15; children under 14 free. Tickets available at the Eltham Village Gallery (02) 6629 1649, Threeworlds Byron Bay and online at <http://elthamarts.iwannaticket.com.au>

25 April: 2012 Redfern Anzac Day march and commemorative service. The service will honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. Including a commemorative service and march from Redfern Park War Memorial to Redfern Community Centre and a featuring wreath-

laying ceremony, commemorative ceremony, entertainment and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Redfern Park War Memorial to Redfern Community Centre. Details: (0417) 929 701 or email raymin@me.com

26-27 April: Beats 'n Roots Hip-Hop Summit and Youth Arts Leadership Conference, a three-day event exploring youth arts and leadership which aims to create pathways for young people and to empower them to be active in their communities. Including industry workshops, panel discussions, performances and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty St, Lismore. Details: (0434) 529 337 or email connect@thecpc.org.au or visit www.beatsnroots.com

Western Australia

Until 25 March: 'Solo' – Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing paintings of ancestral stories by Indigenous artist Maureen Hudson Nampitjinpa. Free and all welcome. Held at Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle. Details: (08) 9336 7787 or email info@artitja.com.au or visit www.artitja.com.au

Victoria

Until 24 June: 'River Woman' Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing life, culture and connection to the Murray River of north-west Victoria and Lake Mungo through line work, lino prints, acrylic painting and sketching by Muthi Muthi Elder and artist Barb Egan. Free and all welcome. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne, Museum, 11

Nicholson St, Carlton. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

23-24 March: The eighth Lake Bolac Eel Festival. Two days of art exhibitions, dinner, live entertainment, environmental forum, Woolley Creatures workshop, competitions and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held Lake Bolac Foreshore, Lake Bolac. Details: (03) 5350 2204 or email festival@eelfestival.org.au or visit www.eelfestival.org.au

Queensland

Until 31 March: Solwata. Torres Strait Islander art exhibition showcasing works by Indigenous artist James Billy. Free and all welcome. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email email@wag.com.au or visit www.wag.com.au

18 May: Family day, 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 or visit www.mookairosie.org.au

6-9 April: Wantok 2012 Australian South Sea Islanders National Conference. This two-day conference will address the need to establish a steering committee to form a national body to liaise with government in relation to recognition, rights and reconciliation for Australian South Sea Islanders. Featuring cultural workshops, a cultural history tour on family day and a South Sea Islander community church service, arts and craft exhibitions, entertainment, contemporary and cultural performances and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Bundaberg Civic Centre, Bundaberg. Details: (0416) 300 946 or email assi.pj@gmail.com

4-6 June: National Native Title Conference – Echoes of Mabo: Honour and Determination. Aimed at reviewing current native title practice, policy and also address sub-themes of recognition, reform, revolution, leadership legacies, families, youth, culture and country. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held at Townsville Entertainment Convention Centre, Entertainment Rd, Townsville. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email ntconference@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

Northern Territory

Until 15 July: 'Yalangbara: Art of the Djang-kawu', an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land. Including the first paintings produced at Yirrkala in the 1930s, 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 or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

Until 2 April: Calling for applications for regional art funds NT. Available for artists, groups and art and community organisations to support new arts projects and ideas, artist mentoring and remote arts partnership. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1800) 678 237 or visit www.arts.nt.gov.au

21-23 March: Indigenous Forces at Work Employment and Training Conference. The three-day conference features field trip visits to innovative local Indigenous enterprises conducted by Anangu Tours. It includes stories and storytelling by Indigenous people and more. Free and all welcome to register. Held at the Crowne Plaza, 82 Barrett Dr, Alice Springs. Details: (1800) 331 915 or email dbatty@ja.com.au or visit www.jaitn.com.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Participants in the AEP's Koori Job Ready construction program at Alexandria Park Community School. Photo supplied

Getting job-ready



STUDENTS from Redfern's Aboriginal Employment Program (AEP)

are on course to learn construction skills while giving back to their community.

They are taking part in an initiative being run by AEP's Koori Job Ready construction program.

The program is being supported by Australian Technology Park Sydney Ltd (ATPSL), which is 'giving back' to

local groups and businesses that have helped it over the years by doing free construction work.

Students taking part in the eight-week course are working at Alexandria Park Community School laying concrete foundations for garden tables and chairs and building a brick retaining wall in one of the gardens.

The students are learning the fundamentals of concreting, bricklaying, tool and equipment use and safety procedures.

Koori Job Ready head

teacher Clint Cooke said the project was a great way for the program to give back to the community and give students hands-on experience in construction.

Helping

"Koori Job Ready wants to start helping local Aboriginal communities around the area and outside of Sydney just as these schools, businesses and communities have supported our program," he said. "The work we are doing at Alexandria

Park Community School is our first step in this initiative.

"The school is a great supporter of Koori Job Ready. As it is situated in the Redfern area and has a high percentage of Aboriginal students, the teachers promote our courses and encourage their graduates to take part.

"A number of students from the school have completed the construction course or taken part in the Yaama Dhiyaan hospitality program.

"Hopefully this project at

Alexandria Park will be the first of many we do around the Redfern area and within Sydney's Aboriginal communities."

Koori Job Ready is an eight-week construction course to teach Aboriginal students the basics in a variety of different trades, with the focus on gaining employment on construction sites for graduates. The AEP also runs the Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training and Function Centre which provides training for Aboriginal students to receive their Certificate II in Hospitality.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com


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Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Workers (Hearing)

Deadly Ears Program, The Statewide Ear Health Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children, Community Child, Youth and Family Health Services, Spring Hill, Children's Health Services. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 - \$61 187 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Three temporary positions until 30 June 2013. Applications will remain current for 12 months.)

Duties/Abilities: The position operates within the context of chronic otitis media and associated hearing loss with children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background in rural and remote settings. The role assists in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of a range of activities focussing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health. These include: The development, implementation, and evaluation of culturally appropriate health promotion activities utilising health promotion frameworks to achieve the key performance indicators Deadly Ears Deadly Kids Deadly Communities: 2009-2013. Direct clinical service delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Kirsti Trevor (07) 3250 8509.

Job Ad Reference: H12RCH02828.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4255 or (07) 3170 4256 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Friday, 30 March 2012.

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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Enterprise Development Officer

Agriculture Food and Regional Services

(One temporary full-time position until 31 March 2013)

Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

Salary: \$81 962 - \$87 691 p.a.

Location: Cairns/Cooktown/Laura

REF: QLD/EEDI32955/12

Key Duties: Drive opportunities outlined in Key Opportunities for Laura report: build community capacity, attract investment, identify assistance/funding sources, create successful business environment.

Skills/Abilities: Communication; Customer focus; Knowledge of factors impacting on Indigenous business expansion, investment and economic development; Presenting, Reporting.

Enquiries: Michael Ross (07) 3405 6593

Closing Date: Friday, 30 March 2012

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$50 305 - \$55 215 p.a.

Location: Woerabinda

REF: QLD/PO5374/12

Key Duties: Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations. The capacity to be accepted by the local community.

Skills/Abilities: Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies. Problem solve and organise. Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Senior Sergeant Stephen Crouch (07) 4935 0155

Closing Date: Monday, 2 April 2012

www.jobs.qld.gov.au

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Attorney General & Justice

Court Services, Local Courts

Assistant Client Service Officer (Targeted Aboriginal)

AG12/199
Clerk General Scale
Moree, Permanent Full Time
Salary range: \$25,860 - \$50,619
Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$55,858

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

Job notes:
This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2006 - 2011.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) means a person who:

- (a) is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

An eligibility list may be created to fill any future permanent, temporary, full time and part time vacancies as they arise at Moree Local Court. Currently there is one permanent full time position.

Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Applications must be lodged electronically online via <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>

Enquiries: Narelle Carter (02) 6752 1052 narelle_carter@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 30 March 2012

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Department of Immigration and Citizenship



The Department of Immigration and Citizenship helps build Australia's future through the well-managed entry and settlement of people.

People Strategy and Services

Indigenous Employment Program Support Officer

Classification: APS Level 6

Position Number: 60028857

Location: Negotiable

Salary: \$71,435 - \$81,988

The Workforce Design and Strategy Section is responsible for the development and implementation of HR strategies and programs including the DIAC Reconciliation Action Plan 2010-12, Workplace Diversity Strategy 2011-13, and the DIAC People Strategy 2011-14.

The Indigenous Employment Program Support Officer will have primary responsibility for developing and delivering the Indigenous employment programs such as traineeships and cadetships, and developing an Indigenous mentoring program.

The role will provide a high level of client service with particular focus on the provision of guidance and programs to support the department's initiatives aimed at providing sustainable employment opportunities for Indigenous employees.

This position is open only to Indigenous Australians. The filling of this position is intended to constitute a Special Measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

The location of the position can be negotiated.

Additional Information:

Contact person: Natalee Withers, (02) 6198 7129

Applications close: Tuesday 3 April 2012 at 12:00 midday - AEDST

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ACCOUNTING OPPORTUNITIES - DUBBO

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ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Reporting into the Finance Manager, you will be responsible for the provision of accounting and administration support. Major duties will include but not limited to:

- Administration of lease and other accounting databases
- Payment Co-ordination and Analysis
- GL Account Analysis
- Monthly journals and reporting
- Reconciliations
- Budgeting and forecasting

This is an excellent opportunity for an Administrator with accounting experience. Qualifications in Accounting (or progressing towards) will be highly regarded. You will have a good understanding of accounting principles coupled with strong Microsoft Excel skills. Previous experience using SAP is would be well regarded. With high levels of accuracy, you will be able to manage your own workload and be able to communicate effectively across the business with key stakeholders.

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

Reporting into the Finance Manager, you will be supporting the provision of accounting and administration support for the Ports division. As the Assistant Accountant you will be responsible for:

- Forecasting & budgeting
- Producing monthly reports
- Administration tasks relating to billing and purchasing
- Month end activities
- Identification & reporting of variances
- General ledger activities

This is a unique opportunity for an Accountant with tertiary qualifications (or near completion) in Accounting, Commerce or Finance. You will have a solid understanding of accounting principles coupled with strong Microsoft Excel skills. You will have excellent reporting and analysis skills and be able to extract information from multiple sources. Previous experience using SAP will be highly regarded. With high levels of accuracy, you will be able to manage your own workload and be able to communicate effectively across the business with key stakeholders.

We are committed to developing our people in a versatile workplace where they can reach their full potential and to excel in an industry where change brings opportunity.

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Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services
NSW Office of Water

Aboriginal Facilitator Lake Victoria Program/Living Murray Indigenous Partnerships (Identified Aboriginal Position)

Clerk Grade 4/5
Temporary Full-Time
Buronga
Reference No: 00000W45

Total remuneration package valued up to \$78,270 per annum (includes salary \$63,425 pa - \$72,702 pa). Temporary position for a period up to 30 June 2014.

Provide program support to facilitate the delivery of the Lake Victoria Cultural Landscape Plan of Management and the Living Murray Indigenous Partnerships Program.

Job Notes: This position may require the position holder to work and travel outside usual business hours.

Selection Criteria: (You are required to address each criteria in your application)

- Aboriginality, with knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal Culture.
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team.
- Demonstrated ability to liaise between technical / scientific personnel and Aboriginal people to achieve project / program outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to organise meetings and report on those meetings through meeting reports / minutes.
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate the involvement of Aboriginal communities and stakeholders in cultural heritage management programs.
- Demonstrated ability to provide oral reports / presentations to program committees.
- Demonstrated ability to report on program outcomes and budget management.
- Current Driver's Licence.

We encourage you to submit your application online, Should you encounter any issues with making your application online, please contact **Jobs.NSW helpdesk 1800 562 679**.

Inquiries Name: Digby Jacobs

Inquiries Phone: 0419 265 283

How to Apply: For information package and how to apply go to www.jobsnsw.gov.au and quote reference number **00000W45**.

Closing Date: 10 April 2012

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Aboriginal Caseworker/ Groupworker

Brighter Futures Cumberland

Honouring God, Serving People, Building Hope.



- Full Time 38 hours per week
- Opportunity to make a difference for Aboriginal families
- Chance for professional development and training

Wesley Mission has a real mission - to reach out to a community with real needs. Through witness, work and with the assistance of supporters we can turn lives around for good. The Brighter Futures Early Intervention Program is a voluntary, child focused program that provides 'a helping hand' to support families with children aged 0-8years.

We are currently seeking the services of an **Aboriginal caseworker/group worker** for our Cumberland Brighter Futures program. Brighter Futures aims to promote strong, functional and well supported families within the community. The successful applicant would be required to deliver both case management support and facilitate group work programs predominantly with Aboriginal Families in the Cumberland area.

Essential Criteria:

- Tertiary qualification(s) in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work, Social Science or related fields;
- Experience working alongside Aboriginal Families with a strengths based and child focused approach;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal culture and community;
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge of casework practice and key functions of case management;
- Working knowledge of issues relating to Family Violence, Child Protection, substance abuse, Parenting Skills, and social isolation;
- Current NSW or National Driver's Licence.

Salary and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the SACS NAPSA Award Grade 4 salary range (\$47, 876 - \$52,102) plus superannuation and salary packaging. A fully maintained vehicle for some private use is available with the position.

Please contact our office on 02 9330 7200 or email cbfintake@wesleymission.org.au to obtain an application package.

All applications must address the essential criteria.

Applications close Monday 26th March 2012.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 28th March 2012.

Wesley Mission considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.



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Office of
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Heritage Council
of New South Wales

Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel

Youth Community Member Representative

Applications are invited from young people of Aboriginal descent for the position of Youth Community Representative on the Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel. Applicants should have a strong cultural association with their local area and Aboriginal community and a genuine interest in Aboriginal cultural heritage

What does the role involve?

The Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel is responsible for:

- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on the development, evaluation and review of policies and programs for future directions of Aboriginal Heritage;
- Recommending applications for funding to the Heritage Council of NSW;
- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on proposed State Heritage Register Listings;
- Assisting in the co-ordination and participation of community consultations on matters for the Heritage Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- Assisting the Heritage Council to work with agencies and community bodies responsible for protecting Aboriginal heritage in NSW.

Selection Criteria: Applicants must have the following:

- A keen interest in learning about the issues impacting on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters;
- The ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, especially other young Aboriginal people;
- Be 18 to 27 years of age;
- Be keen to work within a committee or group;
- Be willing to travel in New South Wales (four meetings per year);
- Be energetic, motivated and flexible.

Sitting Fees are payable and the Department will fund travel and accommodation costs to attend meetings.

Enquiries and Information Packages: Tanya Koeneman on 9873 8534 or 1800 789 290 or email at tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Applications should address the selection criteria, including a brief description of your school and/or work history, the names of two people who can comment on your skills and a contact telephone number and email address.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:

Tanya Koeneman, Senior Aboriginal Heritage Officer, Heritage Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage, Locked Bag 5020 Parramatta NSW 2124 or emailed to tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Applications close on: 13th April 2012

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of New South Wales

Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel

Community Member Representative – 3 positions

Applications are invited from people of Aboriginal descent for the positions of Community Member Representative on the Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel. Applicants should have a strong cultural association with their local area and Aboriginal community and a genuine interest in Aboriginal cultural heritage.

What does the role involve?

The Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel is responsible for:

- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on the development, evaluation and review of policies and programs for future directions of Aboriginal Heritage;
- Recommending applications for funding to the Heritage Council of NSW;
- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on proposed State Heritage Register Listings;
- Assisting in the co-ordination and participation of community consultations on matters for the Heritage Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- Assisting the Heritage Council to work with agencies and community bodies responsible for protecting Aboriginal heritage in NSW.

Selection Criteria:

- Relevant experience and/or qualifications in the areas of cultural heritage;
- Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues impacting Aboriginal cultural heritage matters;
- Proven ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people;
- Experience in consulting with Aboriginal communities and organisations;
- Ability to provide constructive advice on the development of new directions for Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW;
- Demonstrated ability to work within a committee or group;
- Willing to travel, energetic, motivated and flexible.

Sitting Fees are payable and the Department will fund travel and accommodation costs to attend meetings.

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Applications close on: 13th April 2012

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Australian Government

**Department of Sustainability, Environment,
Water, Population and Communities**

■ INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Executive Level 1

\$95,851 to \$101,405 pa + Superannuation

Canberra, ACT

Reference: 22203

Corporate Strategies Division
Workforce Strategies Branch
Workforce Development Section

Do you have a PASSION for INDIGENOUS ISSUES?

We are seeking to employ an appropriately experienced person who has significant interest in Indigenous employment issues within the Department and is seeking a challenging and rewarding position.

The successful applicant will support and promote the recruitment, career development, and retention of Indigenous staff, and progress the implementation of the Indigenous Employment and Capability Strategy 2012-2014.

To successfully fulfil this role, you will have knowledge and understanding of contemporary Indigenous society and culture and issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, well developed skills to communicate effectively and sensitively with Indigenous people, sound administration skills, and relevant qualifications and/or demonstrated experience.

This is an Identified position, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be required to undertake some travel to remote localities where the Department operates.

Selection documentation for the position may be obtained from Marie Ball on (02) 6275 9638 or by email: marie.ball@environment.gov.au.

Closing Date: 9 April 2012.

Please contact Sue Pedder for further information on the position on (02) 6275 9048 or sue.pedder@environment.gov.au

Apply: <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html>

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Please note: To be eligible for employment in this position, applicants must be Australian citizens.

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**Department of Education, Employment
and Workplace Relations**

BRANCH MANAGER

Executive Level 2 | \$107,455 - \$128,987

Ongoing | Full-Time

State and Regional Services Strategy Group | Sydney, NSW

Reference Number: 12/0148

Closing Date: 29 March 2012

DEEWR NSW/ACT State Office is seeking an experienced and innovative leader for the position of Branch Manager in the Sydney Office. The Branch Manager will be responsible for the management of a range of contracted education, employment and training programs and services across NSW. DEEWR has a particular focus on Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage and works across a range of jurisdictions to improve policy, programs, services and outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

The Branch Manager reports to NSW Executive Team - State Manager and/or Deputy State Manager based in the Sydney State Office. The successful applicant is expected to:

- establish professional relationships with stakeholders
- promote creative stakeholder linkages
- have a good understanding of education, employment and Indigenous issues affecting the region
- be able to effectively represent the Department at a senior level.

Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

This position is a security assessed position. The successful applicant will be required to obtain and maintain a security assessment at the Baseline level.

Please note, under section 22(8) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, employees must be Australian citizens to be engaged in the APS unless the Agency delegate has agreed, in writing. Applicants are to indicate their citizenship when applying online.

Contact Officer: George Thiveos on (02) 9942 4000

For further information regarding the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, please visit our website at www.deewr.gov.au.

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Professional Legal Placement Program (Aboriginal Identified)

**Legal Officer Grade I
EX12/021**

(Job Reference No.: 00000WG6)

We are looking for a bright, hard working law graduate who is about to embark on their Practical Legal Training professional placement to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family or Civil Law Divisions. Applicants should indicate their preference in a practice area which will be considered based on availability.

Full position details (including selection criteria and an information package) can be found at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au – search by job reference number.

Enquiries: Janelle Clarke on (02) 9219 5146 or Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.

All applications **must** be submitted via the www.jobs.nsw.gov.au website.

Closing Date: 15 April 2012

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Based in Redfern, this is a role which requires a background in housing management and, more specifically, the Housing Pathways system.

The successful applicant will be responsible for assessing and processing housing applications, facilitating access to temporary accommodation and providing advice on the range of housing options from the private sector to crisis accommodation.

They will have a strong commitment to providing excellent customer service, have the ability to respond sensitively to people in crisis and possess a detailed knowledge of the Housing Pathways system.

If you believe you have the skills and experience to be successful in this role, and want to be part of a company making a difference in the communities where they work, please contact Dan Evans at BRC Recruitment on 02 8245 1400. Applicants are asked to submit a covering letter highlighting how you meet the accountabilities for the role set out on the position description, and your latest resume.

**Applications close on
Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 1700hrs.**



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Indigenous Economic Development Officer

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Administrative Officer 6

Remuneration Package Range \$83 255 - \$92 914

(Comprising salary \$72 380 - \$80 914, super, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra rec leave)

Barkly Region

Temporary vacancy to 29th April 2013

As a member of the Indigenous Economic Development team you will be required to work with Indigenous entrepreneurs, business and organisations to establish and develop Indigenous business in Northern Territory.

This regional Barkly based position presents a unique opportunity for a self motivated person with a business background who has strong people and communication skills and passion to facilitate and develop potential Indigenous economic opportunities and partnerships from the ground up.

As Indigenous Economic Development Officer you will be required to work for short periods of time in remote townships and communities. You must be physically able to drive a 4WD vehicle for long distances and be willing to travel by light aircraft.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Further information please contact John Gibb on 8962 4237 or email john.gibb@nt.gov.au.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Contact us on 1300 659 247 or email recruitmentjobvacancies@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 28691

Closing date: 1 April 2012

The Northern Territory Government is an equal opportunity employer and values an inclusive and diverse workforce.



Indigenous Employment Program Co-ordinator

Full-time, 2 year fixed-term contract

The Indigenous Employment Program Co-ordinator will oversee and lead the implementation of the MediaRING Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy to grow and develop the Indigenous talent pool available to the Media industry, and increase the engagement of Indigenous people with the industry. The focus of this role will be the hands-on creation of sustainable employment and skills development nationally, at all levels; urban, regional and remote.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Manage the government relationship and government contracts in relation to Indigenous employment funding.
- Implement the MediaRING Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2012-2015, in consultation with Screen Australia, to develop a sustainable Indigenous talent pool for the Australian media industry.
- Leverage key partnerships within the MediaRING network to identify employment and development opportunities.
- Provide advice to the HR Departments of various MediaRING organisations regarding the recruitment, retention and development of Indigenous employees.
- Report to MediaRING on a quarterly basis regarding progress.
- Provide status updates to DEEWR as required on funding commitments and delivery against agreed KPIs.
- Oversee research, administrative and financial reporting/budgeting tasks, as required.
- Maintain effective working relationships with staff of participating organisations, e.g. broadcasters, film bodies, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media organisations.
- Manage a small team in delivering against the overall employment strategy's goals.

To be successful in the role, you will require:

- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous society and culture and an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people in contemporary Australian society, including the diversity of circumstances in Indigenous communities.
- Practical experience in mentoring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Experience implementing Indigenous employment programs aimed at improving company diversity.
- Good understanding of change management concepts related to driving and influencing behavioural and attitudinal change.
- Demonstrated capacity to build networks with relevant national, state, and community based partners.
- Superior presentation, communication and influencing skills.
- Proven experience recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with a strong focus on candidate attraction and retention.
- Proven experience of managing multiple projects and working constructively in a team environment to accomplish common goals.
- Demonstrated financial management skills.

Job Notes: Further information is available on the Screen Australia website and applicants must address the selection criteria.

Job Information: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>

Closing Date:

Tuesday 3 April 2012





BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer – Bachelor of Nursing

Position No: 24041

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to Dec 2015 – Darwin, NT

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$72,474 - \$86,063 + super

This position is responsible for delivery of an accredited academic Higher Education program (Bachelor of Nursing) in the Department of Nursing. Duties include: teaching, clinical supervision, student assessment, maintenance of student files, development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities; liaison with remote Aboriginal communities and with industry partners is required; working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement of the position; and liaison with other training staff and monitoring of student learning outcomes in accordance with curriculum guidelines of Batchelor Institute, the Faculty of Health, Business and Science and Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) and Australian University Quality Agency (AUQA) standards. Travel is essential.

Note: All applicants must address the selection criteria.

Applications close: Friday, 30th March 2012

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au.

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.



ACT
Government

Community Services

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Early Intervention and Prevention Services Child and Family Centres

Child and Family Worker

Health Professional Level 3

Salary Range: \$75,082 - \$79,222

(up to \$83,251 on achieving a personal upgrade) (PN: 19730)

The Child and Family Centres of Community Services Directorate are seeking a motivated professional to fill the position of Child and Family Worker on a long term contract. The position is responsible for providing support and services for children and families, including group programs. As part of an integrated team, the Child and Family worker will identify, develop, implement and evaluate community development initiatives that work to strengthen the community to improve outcomes for children and families.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Social Work degree with full eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers, Psychology degree with unconditional registration as a clinical psychologist and Early Childhood Education degree or a related field.

Note: This is a temporary position available from April 2012 to May 2013. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Shona Chapman (02) 6207 4540
shona.chapman@act.gov.au

For further information, please visit www.jobs.act.gov.au

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We're looking for a strong advocate to join our Australia Program, as a senior Policy Advisor. You will implement World Vision's advocacy strategy for our Indigenous programs. This is an opportunity for a passionate, committed and highly experienced policy advisor, who is already well networked within federal and state governments, to work with World Vision and the communities that we partner with.

We strongly encourage people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to apply.

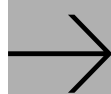
To find out more about the role, and to submit an application, visit the world vision website www.worldvision.com.au. If you feel you meet the requirements of the role, and are supportive of the values of World Vision Australia, we would like to see an application from you.



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AusAID values diversity in the workplace and encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with diverse cultural backgrounds and people with a disability.

AusAID is committed to providing employment opportunities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the AusAID Indigenous Employment Strategy.

For further information please visit www.ausaid.gov.au/recruit or speak to our Indigenous HR Adviser on 02 6178 5910.

Applications close 11.59am, 4 April 2012.

www.ausaid.gov.au

AG60822

**Trainee Environmental Health Officer
(Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)**

Ref: 68193 Temp F/T at Population Health

Salary: \$807.70–\$897.30 pw

Enq: Graham Burgess

Ph: (02) 9515 9420

Closing Date: 13 April 2012

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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Working cooperatively with the Wallaga Lake Indigenous community, local Aboriginal land council and service providers. This rewarding position offers you the opportunity to build on an existing successful outreach program. Your role will be pivotal in progressing positive health, education and employment outcomes for the community.

A demonstrated understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australians supported by significant experience contributing positively to a partnership project with multiple stakeholders will be essential for your success in this role.

Salary is in the range \$67.6K to \$72.3K pa + leaseback vehicle + 9% super.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are encouraged to apply.

Applications: To apply for this position you will need a copy of the selection criteria/information package which can be obtained by phoning (02) 4474 1016, downloading from the Council's website www.esc.nsw.gov.au or emailing positions@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 30 March 2012

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Employment screening will be conducted on preferred candidates.



**Senior Project Officer
Indigenous Health Promotion**

The Senior Project Officer (SPO), Indigenous Health Promotion supports and contributes to the development of VicHealth activity designed to address health inequalities experienced by Indigenous Victorians. The role will support and facilitate health promotion practice aligned with the Victorian Aboriginal health promotion framework within VicHealth, as well as in external organisations and networks.

Closing Date: Sunday 01 April (11:00 pm)

Unit: Participation and Equity for Health

Tenure: Full-time, Limited Tenure (12 months)

Classification: VicHealth Level D

Salary: Starting at \$71,580 (exclusive 9% superannuation)

Qualifications and experience required:

- Relevant qualifications in health promotion, community development or another relevant area
- At least 5 years experience working in health promotion or community development
- Strong understanding of policy, research and practice relevant to Indigenous health and health inequalities

How to apply:

Applications must include a cover letter, current resume and response to the key selection criteria outlining how the applicant demonstrates knowledge, experience and skills relevant to the role functions as described in the position description. (can be viewed via the VicHealth website)

Applications can be submitted at jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobtools/

For further information about the role, please contact Julia Galante, People Culture and Development on (03) 9667 1376.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications Close:

1 April 2012



Newcastle Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Awabakal 8 – 10 Hudson Street, Hamilton 2304

This new position is a "second in charge" position that will manage the day to day operations of the organisation and report to the CEO about the progress of all programs. You will be required to manage the operational risks to the organisation and ensure that the standards necessary for a fully Accredited medical service are maintained and that the risks associated with service delivery across the organisation are minimised. Staff supervision is an ongoing part of the role as is ensuring that all programs are accountable to their funding bodies through reporting against their Annual Action Plans and funding agreements. The role manages through the managers and team leaders.

- Your role will be to prove leadership to the management team, ensuring that the managers of all programs are managing their programs effectively and are achieving results, and are compliant with the terms and conditions of the funding agreements under which they are operating.
- Lead and supervise team leaders as they supervise their programs. Minimise risk and ensure compliance with standards and legislation.
- Ensure programs meet operational goals and uphold quality systems.
- Ensure the development and implementation of Policies and Procedures relevant to the efficient management of the organisation. Ensure Board and Finance policies and procedures to facilitate good governance and compliance.
- Evaluation of progress of programs against the Action Plans / Business Plan / Strategic Plan and funding agreements.
- Ensure the needs of the communities are being met through service delivery and outreach activities.

Selection Criteria:

Essential

- o Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. NSW 1977.
- o Extensive experience in management at a senior level, preferably in an Aboriginal community controlled organisation
- o Excellent communication skills, the ability to connect with people, to understand their issues and sensitively deal with difficult issues.
- o Demonstrated experience in ensuring an effective management system, policy and procedure framework for an organisation
- o Demonstrated ability to lead and develop a team at a senior level
- o Ability to lead and motivate staff at all levels to meet performance targets. Experience in mentoring team leaders would be an advantage.
- o Ability to provide advice to the CEO on complex issues; excellent analytical skills, a proven capacity to identify and research issues; develop and implement policy and procedures and generate the implementation of business solutions.
- o Excellent negotiation skills and the ability to influence people in difficult and complex situations and to lead change.
- o Computer literacy and excellent written ability, able to generate reports for CEO and Board, prepare funding submissions.

Desirable:

- Familiarity with funding bodies and knowledge of procedures associated with grant applications and evaluation processes and funding requirements
- Management qualifications.

Applications Close Friday 13th April 2012

For full details and information kit contact

Debbie Barwick

Phone: 0413 068 445

Email: debbie.barwick@mandurahhbc.com.au



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The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) look after the interests of Quandamooka Peoples' native title rights and interests over land and waters on and surrounding North Stradbroke Island, and some Islands in Moreton Bay.

To move the organisation forward QYAC are looking to appoint a full time CEO for a 12-month period (with the possibility of a further 12 months extension). You will have an extensive background working within the Native Title and Cultural Heritage arena and have exceptional management experience at Executive level. As CEO you will lead the organisation into joint management with the State Government of National Park areas on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). You will be exceptional at stakeholder management and communication with the highest levels of Government and Corporate stakeholders. Extensive experience in managing staff and sound financial management skills are crucial. An impressive background in working with Indigenous communities, preferably within a Native Title environment, is also required. Broad experience in strategic planning is likewise required as you will implement QYAC's Strategic Plan 2012–15.

Your day-to-day responsibilities include setting up and managing QYAC, engaging experts in accordance with procurement policies and ensuring contractual obligations pursuant to various land use and other agreements are performed. You will also oversee the implementation of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), identify and secure government and non-government support, ensure organisational compliance with the Office of the Registrar for Aboriginal Corporations (ORIC), as well as develop and manage relationships with all partners, stakeholders, government and non-government agencies.

Additionally, you will ensure business risks are identified and managed, work with Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS), develop the organisation's capabilities to engage in joint management activities and develop and implement business ventures as identified by the Board.

A 3-month probationary period will apply for this position with a performance review after the first 12 months.

For further information, a confidential discussion or to apply please contact Craig Morison at Optimum Recruitment on (07) 3228 8422 or email craigm@ogroup.com.au Applications close Sunday, 1 April 2012.



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ARE YOU AN ABORIGINAL OR A TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WHO HAS:

- An understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal students in an education and training environment?
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Salary: \$37.61 - \$41.17 per hour **Job Ref No:** 00000WFF

► APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2012

► Applicants must apply online through jobs.nsw.gov.au

Hunter TAFE's staff are highly skilled and committed to providing a learning environment to meet the needs of students, industry and the community. Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.

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www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au



SBS's Audio and Language Content Division is looking for a casual relief Producer for the Aboriginal Language Program.

As part of a team, you'll be involved in creating and broadcasting audio content for the Koori-speaking community. You'll be required to research, write, produce, sub-edit, translate and present audio content on radio and online.

You'll need to be proficient in written and spoken Koori and English (successful applicants will be required to pass a language assessment). A background in journalism and broadcasting is preferred. This position involves rostered shift work and the successful candidate must be able to undertake shift work (which may involve early morning, evening and weekend work).

We're not offering a permanent position, just casual relief work.

For further information about the position please contact Michelle Aleksandrovics on (02) 9430 2867 or visit our website www.sbs.com.au/jobs

Applications must be lodged online by 5pm on 6th of April 2012.

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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.

Indigenous Specialist Officer (Special Measures)

Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing

APS5 non- ongoing with possibility of ongoing Cairns

Salary \$54,697 - \$70,890

PN: 774-201112

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, including a focus on delivering education services associated with the ABSTUDY program, 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 Cairns area.

Must possess a current drivers licence.

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 or telephone

Sharon Ware on **07 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit. Applications close at 5pm on 30 March 2012.

AG60580

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Scriptwriting Workshop Teacher Wanted

Wakakirri Outback program seeks experienced scriptwriting teacher to travel to festival locations and run scriptwriting sessions with students and teachers at participating schools.

Film Workshop Facilitators

Wakakirri Outback program also seeks experienced filmmakers for four days of filmmaking workshops with students to produce short films. The films are screened on the fifth day at a Cultural Community Festival day.

Applications can be made for any or all of the above festival locations.

Email outback@wakakirri.com or or access the link on the website for more information and a full job description. www.wakakirri.com

All Applicants must have or must undergo a Working with Children Check. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Life Without Barriers

Life Without Barriers is a national not for profit charitable organisation providing innovative community based programs and services for children, young people in out of home care, people with disabilities and/or mental health issues.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Youth Workers Mackay & Rockhampton

We are currently looking for Youth Workers who are interested in providing high quality, flexible support with a focus on enhancing the lives of children and young people in Out-Of-Home-Care. We have permanent full or part time and casual positions available in the Rockhampton and Mackay regions.

You will work within a team based environment to facilitate delivery of quality services to achieve positive outcomes for children and young people in a residential or foster care setting. You will contribute to the development and implementation of a range of individual, therapeutic, recreational or skills-development activities that are consistent with and supportive of the action plans developed for each child.

The ideal applicant will have a current driver's licence, commitment to supporting and promoting individual needs, skills and abilities, and personal goals of children, young people, families, and foster carers. A Certificate III in Community Welfare and/or relevant experience would also be desirable.

If you wish to be part of an enthusiastic team that is dedicated to providing high quality support to children and young people, we encourage you to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please go to www.lwb.org.au to access the application package. Applicants must address selection criteria & can send completed applications to qld.recruitment@lwb.org.au

Further information:

Life Without Barriers considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (QLD).

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks and a probationary period. 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.



Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

Court Services, Local Courts Assistant Client Service Officer (Targeted Aboriginal)

Batemans Bay, Permanent full-time

Salary range: \$25,860 - \$50,619

**Total Remuneration Package
valued up to: \$55,858**

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

An eligibility list may be created to fill any future Permanent, Temporary, Full-time and Part-time positions as they arise at Batemans Bay Local Court. Currently there is one Permanent Full-time position.

Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement and apply online at <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>

Inquiries: Michael Brassil (02) 4472 4631
michael_brassil@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 30 March 2012

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AG61279

COWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (CLALC) 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 CLALC Board in implementing the CLALC's Community Land Business Plan.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW), the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including culture and heritage and social housing, would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description, selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Recruitment package - Bill Murphy (02) 6342 1311 or Email: bm@steelwal.com.au

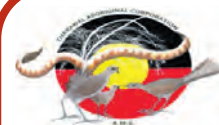
Applications can be forwarded to bm@steelwal.com.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 769 COWRA, NSW 2794

Applications close:

Wednesday 28 March 2012.

Open only to those of Aboriginal heritage.



Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is an accredited Aboriginal Medical Service in Campbelltown, New South Wales. We are seeking to recruit a Centre Manager to manage and supervise the operation of our new Aboriginal Early Childhood and Family Centre, Waranwarin. He/She will ensure compliance with the philosophies and procedures of Waranwarin AECFC and work as part of a winning team.

Waranwarin Early Childhood and Family Centre - Manager

To apply for this position the applicant must demonstrate that he/she has the following experience, skills and qualifications in Early Childhood and Family Management.

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- A degree or equivalent in Education (or working towards).
- Extensive experience with Aboriginal children, families and communities.
- Experience and/or skills in policy development and implementation.
- High level of communication skills including written, oral, community liaising, ICT and report writing.
- Experience and skills in presenting at conferences and large audiences.
- Experience and/or skills with budgeting and acquitting funds.
- Understanding and knowledge of Microsoft Office, Excel, Powerpoint and Data-base.
- Excellent management, organisational and prioritisation skills.
- Experience in group co-ordination, facilitation.
- Knowledge of OH&S, EEO, and ethical work practices.
- Knowledge and understanding of government regulations pertaining to children's services.
- Acceptance of Working with Children Check.
- Experience and skills in conflict resolution.
- First Aid Certificate or willingness to gain qualification
- Driver's Licence or willingness to gain a licence.

All enquiries and expressions of interest are to be directed to the Waranwarin Manager, Tracey Skinner at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, 187 Riverside Drive, Airds, 2560
Phone: (02) 4628 4837 or Fax: (02) 4626 7522 or Email: tracey.skinner@tacams.com.au.

Closing Date: 4th April 2012 at COB.

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Health South Western Sydney Local Health District

Director Aboriginal Health SWSLHD (HSM Level 5)

Ref: 68583 F/T at Liverpool
Salary: \$123,778–\$138,779 pa
Enq: Amanda Larkin
Ph: (02) 9828 6938
Closing Date: 30 March 2012

Mental Health Professional Aboriginal Perinatal Mental Health

Ref: 70038 F/T or P/T at Macarthur
Enq: Ursula Hopper
Ph: (02) 9616 4241
Closing Date: 30 March 2012

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (AHEO Grad)

Ref: 70496 F/T at Liverpool, Bowral, Fairfield, Macarthur
Salary: \$51,484–\$76,243 pa
Enq: Scott Fanker
Ph: (02) 9616 4069
Closing Date: 30 March 2012

Aboriginal Child and Family Health Program Coordinator (HSM Level 2)

Ref: 71178 F/T at Narellan Community Health
Salary: \$80,641–\$95,648 pa
Enq: Trish Clark
Ph: 0407 103 327
Closing Date: 30 March 2012

Female Aboriginal Health Worker – Child and Family Health (Aboriginal HEO Non-Grad)

Ref: 70138 F/T or P/T at Narellan Community Health
Salary: \$22.54–\$33.20 ph
Enq: Erika Lehner
Ph: (02) 4640 3515
Closing Date: 6 April 2012

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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Casual Program Support Officer Community Offender Services, Balund A Program, Tabulam Casual Pool

Vacancy Number: 00000VZJ. Hourly rate of \$36.23 (appropriate shift penalties apply) and employer's contribution to superannuation. The rate includes a casual loading of 15% plus 1/12th in lieu of leave entitlements.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Oversight of residents' Program activities to contribute to the safety, security, welfare, development and rehabilitation of residents, in compliance with the direction of the Courts and Departmental policies and procedures.

Selection Criteria: Knowledge of Aboriginal issues and commitment to work with Aboriginal communities to positively influence the outcomes of this Facility. Ability to work collaboratively and effectively with resident management staff in program delivery and case management. Demonstrated ability to apply a fair, equitable and defensible approach to conflict resolution. Effective interpersonal, written and oral communication skills. Current Driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Current First Aid Certificate or willingness to attain within three months.

Job Notes: Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and attach their resumé as a word document to their online application. This is casual employment under Section 38 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002* for a period up to 12 months. A pool of casual employees will be established for possible offers of casual employment to carry out work that is irregular or intermittent or to fill short-term vacancies.

Balund-A operates on 12 hour shift work rosters from 7am – 7pm and 7pm to 7am, 7 days per week. Applicants must provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future vacancies within the area.

Inquiries: richard.heycock@dcs.nsw.gov.au -
Ph: (02) 6660 8614

Closing Date: 1/4/2012

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Aboriginality is essential for this position under Section 50D of the Equal opportunity Act and should be indicated in the application.

Please call Samantha Baring on 03 8415 1660 or email your resumes to samantha_baring@linfox.com.

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Situated near Moranbah (close to the Whitsunday Coast), Poitrel Mine is an open cut coal operation embarking on an exciting growth phase. We are currently offering the following opportunities:

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Effectively operate site equipment such as: trucks, dozers, excavators, graders & loaders. Heavy equipment operation in mining desirable.

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Provide technical support to maintenance of plant & equipment. Relevant trade qualification mandatory, mining experience desirable.

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Commitment to Diversity

Our organisation has a strong commitment to workforce diversity. We encourage female and indigenous applicants to apply.

To apply please visit: <http://jobs.bhpbilliton.com> and enter job reference number as quoted above or call 1800 700 509



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ASIC
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Newcastle

Aboriginal Manager
Full-time until January 2013

Aboriginal Child Support
full-time until March 2013

To obtain an application kit please contact Jo-Anne Saunders on (02) 4950 1566.

Aboriginality is considered a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 23 March 2012

NSW Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Cancer Care Coordinator
Muswellbrook District Hospital
Reference ID: 67468
Enquiries: Hilary Walker 0428 101 986
Closing Date: 1 April 2012

Administration Officer
Armidale
These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 126 of the Anti Discrimination Act.
Enquiries: Liz Bourke, 02 6776 9728
Reference ID: 72565
Closing Date: 1 April 2012

Enrolled Nurse (Multiple Positions)
Muswellbrook District Hospital
Enquiries: Kathryn Holland, 02 6542 2021
Reference ID: 71599
Closing Date: 8 April 2012

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

NSW Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District
Closing Date: 1 April 2012

Aboriginal Workforce Development Consultant
Permanent Full Time
Caringbah
Ref No: 69153
Enquiries: Sharon Litchfield

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or
send application to:
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
HRMC NSW 2310.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

CatholicCare NT

A Social Service Agency of the Catholic Diocese of Darwin.

CatholicCare NT is a provider of family, employment and drug/alcohol services in the NT. CatholicCare NT has offices in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Wadeye and Nguiu.

CatholicCare NT provides quality services to our local communities. Our commitment to work life balance is promoted throughout the organisation.

We are currently recruiting a senior leader to support our Katherine team.

**Site Manager/
Client Service Coordinator**

Katherine
(\$68,500 - \$71,100 base salary, plus salary packaging, superannuation and leave loading)

What we are looking for:

- A driven leader who strives for quality
- Qualifications in Social Worker, Psychology or similar
- Previous experience as a leader in a clinical capacity & ability to provide clinical supervision essential
- A high level of professional standards and integrity

To view a role description (inc selection criteria), please refer to our website www.catholiccarent.org.au
Applications can be forwarded to Human Resources (response to selection criteria essential)
Kim Moon Fax: (08) 8947 4222
Email: kimmoon@catholiccarent.org.au
PO Box 132, Berrimah NT 0828
CLOSING DATE: Thursday 5 April 2012

Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

OPERATIONS MANAGER
LAND ACQUISITION

- Exciting opportunity based in Perth
- Interesting, challenging and rewarding work with regional travel
- Salary Range \$89K to \$98K (plus 15.4% Super)

The ILC assists Indigenous Australians to acquire and manage land to provide cultural, social, economic or environmental benefits for themselves and future generations. We are looking for an energetic, highly focused strategic thinker to work in a challenging, and rewarding team environment. The Operations Manager will lead a small multi-disciplinary team which:

- develops, reviews, monitors and reports on the ILC's land acquisition and land grant program and project outcomes,
- contributes to, implements, monitors and reports on the Divisional Operational Plan to ensure that objectives are met in a timely and efficient manner
- provides advice to clients, stakeholders and Management on issues relating to the ILC's programs.

The successful candidate will have well developed project management and, preferably, business development skills. Excellent leadership, management and communication skills are also required to be able to facilitate high quality outcomes through your team. You should also have a well developed knowledge of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities with the skills and knowledge to be able to deal with a range of land management and/or built environment issues.

Completion or significant progress towards an appropriate tertiary qualification in Land Management, Project Management or similar is required.

The commencing salary will be within the range above depending on your skills and experience. You will also have access to other excellent conditions including the opportunity to further develop your skills through our Studies Assistance program.

For further information, please contact **Iain Loganathan, Divisional Manager on (08) 9420 6300 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

You must be an Australian resident and your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and an ILC Cover Note (located on the ILC website). Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Wednesday 28 March 2012. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

AG61510 **people land opportunity**

DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE INC

VOCATIONALLY REGISTERED GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE START IN A CLINIC SETTING
OTHER POSITIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

THERE IS ALSO A PART TIME POSITION WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHRONIC DISEASE CARE AND MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE COORDINATION OF PATIENTS' SELF MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

A fantastic opportunity to make a real difference and contribute to the lives of Aboriginal people in the Perth region.

We are looking for doctors who enjoy working as part of a multidisciplinary team and who have experience or an interest in Aboriginal health.

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service is one of the longest established Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in the Country and is putting patients first, striving to be a provider of choice for Aboriginal people in the Perth region.

It is expected that applicants will have excellent clinical skills, with particular skills in preventative and primary health care.

Only applicants who are Australian trained, Vocationally Registered and who hold a medical degree that satisfies full registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency with Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and/or Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, need apply.

Two full-time positions are available for immediate start, although part-time applicants (minimum of 2 days per week Monday to Friday) will be considered.

A part-time GP Position for Chronic Disease Care is also available for immediate start.

Specific pre-employment requirements will need to be satisfied prior to an offer of employment being confirmed. An attractive package is available for the positions.

For information regarding the Positions please contact Dr Basim Al-Maliki on 08 9421 3874 or via malikib@dyhs.org.au or, by email only to Karen Glenn, Health Service Manager - glennk@dyhs.org.au

An application pack detailing the selection criteria can be obtained from Lou Chambers, HR Manager via chambersl@dyhs.org.au

Applications are then to be forwarded electronically to the same address.

All applications close on 31st March 2012.

Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child and Family Network Inc.

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service in NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our organisation. We are a dynamic service in the process of increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ, for our Cultural Connection Service, an Aboriginal Caseworker, who has the relevant knowledge, skills and experience to ensure children placed with our service remain strongly connected to their family, community and country.

Position Available:

ATSI Caseworker
Cultural Connection

Salaries: A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Location: Casino
Contact: Lenore Marlowe - General Manager on 02 6662 8044.

Information Packages:
Information Packages must be obtained prior to completion of the application and are available on request by telephoning our Office on 02 6662 8044.

A "Working with Children Check" is a requirement of this position.

Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW 2470.

Closing Date:
Friday, 20th April, 2012

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.

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

Life Without Barriers

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.



There is currently a position available as Operations Manager of the Sydney based Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander team, located at our Rockdale office. Reporting to the Area Operations Manager, Sydney this position will be responsible for:

- Developing and maintaining local operational and administrative systems and procedures to support the effective management of Aboriginal programs.
- The management of programs, budgets, human resources and stakeholder relationships within the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander team.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated understanding of the needs of Aboriginal people and communities, a commitment to the care and protection of Aboriginal service users and extensive experience in team leadership and management.

Life Without Barriers is a progressive, growing organisation offering ongoing training, support and career advancement opportunities, as well as tax benefits through salary packaging.

Life Without Barriers considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For enquiries regarding this position, please contact Adrienne Nally on (02) 9508 4077 or alternatively email nswrecruitment@lwb.org.au. All applicants MUST address the selection criteria in the information pack found at www.lwb.org.au.

Applications close Friday, 6 April 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.

www.lwb.org.au

Western Family Referral Service Manager in Dubbo: Get a career that matters.

\$72,823per annum+Super+Salary Packaging+Vehicle

The Family Referral Service (FRS) provides an augmented FRS with an Aboriginal focus and offers a point of contact between families and relevant support services and community resources to assist with the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. UnitingCare Burnside is seeking a full time (35 hours per week), experienced and professional Manager to ensure that the Dubbo-Orana FRS vision, philosophy and day to day practice meet the needs of vulnerable children and their families as well providing timely and regular support for FRS staff.

Applicants will require:

- Tertiary qualification/s in social sciences;
- Experience in a management role in human services;
- Demonstrated high level understanding of child protection issues and capacity to identify levels of risk and appropriate responses;
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage people; develop and maintain motivated, professional and effective work teams.

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Apply online at our website. Applications Close 31 March 2012.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



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children
matter



Aboriginal Health Management Advisor

Position Number: 71492

Location: The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Westmead

Status: Permanent Full Time

Contact Details: Michelle Herbert, (02) 9845 2303

Close Date: 06/04/2012

For further information or to apply online, visit

- <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: Employer of Choice



Save the Children

Casual Early Childhood Assistants

Save the Children is a leading independent emergency relief and development organisation for children. In Australia and all over the world, we save and protect children's lives and strive to give every child a safe and happy childhood.

We are looking for several casual Early Childhood Assistants to assist with the delivery of quality supported Early Childhood Development programs in a designated community or program in the Brisbane Gold Coast areas.

If you have experience delivering programs to children (0-5) particularly working with disadvantaged families and communities, and have the drive and passion to deliver our ambitious goals and breakthroughs for children then we would love to hear from you.

Completion or partial completion of Certificate III in Child Care or Early Childhood Education is preferred, however not essential.

A position description can be obtained from savethechildren.org.au/careers. To apply please forward your application to careers@savethechildren.org.au before 30 March 2012.

All successful applicants must undergo a National Police Check, Blue Card, and sign the Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct.

Aboriginal Family Violence Worker & Children's & Young People's Advocate

* 2 full time opportunities!

* Competitive salary + benefits!

Southern Domestic Violence Service (SDVS) are seeking an **Aboriginal Family Violence Worker & Children's & Young People's Advocate** to join their Aboriginal Service team in Adelaide. These roles will provide services & support to women, children & young people who have experienced &/or are experiencing domestic violence & abuse. Enjoy a competitive remuneration package plus salary packaging options, professional development & generous leave entitlements!



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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



**Cancer Council
Victoria**



Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Cancer Council Victoria through Quit Victoria is currently underway with some exciting new initiatives as part of an integrated approach to support Aboriginal communities in reducing their smoking prevalence.

We are seeking an Aboriginal Liaison Officer to join us on a 12 month fixed-term contract to promote the work of Quit Victoria including the Quitline service and our Aboriginal program. You will deliver education to Aboriginal health and community services about the harms of tobacco use, and support established mechanisms that aim to assist Aboriginal people reduce their smoking. You will also drive Quit's partnership with sporting and other community clubs in Victoria and the Northern Territory.

You will have demonstrated experience in a health promotion role with the Aboriginal health, community or related sector; or a community development role working with Aboriginal people. You will have a sound understanding of Aboriginal communities and other networks in Victoria with the ability to develop positive relationships with the community and health professionals.

For more information and to apply visit

www.cancervic.org.au/about/careers or contact
Toni Mason on (03) 9635 5524.

Applications close Wednesday, 11 April 2012

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.



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Discover what it takes to secure a career with Virgin Australia by attending one of our tailored Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Careers Information Sessions.

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- great benefits available to team members
- recruitment process

The careers information sessions will be held regularly in Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney until 31 March 2012.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is interested in a career with Virgin Australia, you should register your interest to attend one of the dedicated careers information sessions by visiting careers.virginaustralia.com

For more information about the information sessions, email:
indigenous.recruitment@virginaustralia.com

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INDIGENOUS LEADING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Morwell Community Correctional Services

CC2: \$53,502 - \$61,524 plus 9% superannuation **Position No 3836 - Ongoing, Full-Time**

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (ILCCO's) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

As well as general Community Correctional Service responsibilities, Indigenous LCCO's undertake specialist functions such as providing culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to offenders; assist offenders to participate in programs and community work and preparing offender reports for Courts and the Adult Parole Board. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

INDIGENOUS LEADING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Gippsland Community Correctional Services

CC2: \$53,502 - \$61,524 plus 9% superannuation **Position No 5442 - Ongoing, Full-Time**

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (ILCCO's) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders, or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

The successful applicant for this role would be required to work between three locations including three days a week at Wulgunggo Ngulu Learning Place (WNLP) and two days a week at either Sale or Bairnsdale Community Correctional Services. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 15 April 2012
www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice

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Lecturer of Indigenous Studies

SWINBURNE

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Faculty of Higher Education Lilydale

Position Number: 29423

Academic A or B: \$55,640 - \$93,992

Plus 17% Superannuation

Full-Time, Ongoing - Lilydale campus

This position will help to further build important links and networks between the University and Indigenous communities across Victoria, as well as emphasise the role of Indigenous Australian culture in contemporary Australian education and society.

Applications close 5pm 25 March 2012

Apply online
swinburne.edu.au/jobs

Swinburne encourages applications from Indigenous people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, women and men.



CRICOS Provider: 00111D

Hunter River High School

Elkin Ave, Heatherbrae, NSW, 2324
Ph: (02) 4987 2306 Fax: (02) 4987 4076

Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer

21 hours per week

You will be required to:

- Play an integral role in developing effective communication between the school and our Aboriginal communities;
- Promote school activities and achievement to our Aboriginal communities and the media; and
- Explore and organise links between the school and our local communities.

Criteria

The successful applicant will demonstrate:

- Aboriginality;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- An understanding of the issues relevant to our school communities;
- Ability to initiate community and school links and initiatives to expand learning opportunities for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students;
- Relevant skills and experiences; and
- High level literacy and technology skills including experience with word processing, publishing and data base programs.

Please email, fax or deliver your application by 4pm
30 March 2012.

The application is to be no more than two pages, address the criteria above and include contact details of two referees.

To:

Joanne Edwards
Deputy Principal
Hunter River High School
Elkin Ave, Heatherbrae, NSW, 2324
Ph: (02) 4987 2306 or Fax: (02) 4987 4076
Email: Joanne.M.Edwards@det.nsw.edu.au



Team Leader - Housing Pathways

- Award winning Community Housing Provider
- Permanent position- 35 hours per week
- \$71-74k + Super + Packaging

With a property portfolio of over 1500 homes Bridge Housing Limited (BHL) is a major community housing provider, however, the services it provides don't just stop at the housing services it delivers to its tenants. BHL is also responsible for providing services to those seeking social housing assistance through the Housing Pathways register. This is a chance to join BHL and to lead this team as it works to maximise the housing opportunities of those in housing need.

Based in Redfern, this is a role which requires a background in housing management and, more specifically, the Housing Pathways system. The successful applicant will lead a team that is responsible for assessing and processing housing applications, facilitating access to temporary accommodation and providing advice on the range of housing options from the private sector to crisis accommodation. They will ensure that the team are meeting all of BHL's obligations with regards Housing Pathways and work with statutory and partner agencies to investigate new approaches for addressing housing stress.

The successful applicant will have a strong commitment to providing excellent customer service, have the ability to respond sensitively to people in crisis, possess a detailed knowledge of the Housing Pathways system and demonstrate their ability to manage and lead a team.

If you believe you have the skills and experience to be successful in this role, and want to be part of a company making a difference in the communities where they work, please contact Dan Evans at BRC Recruitment on 02 8245 1400. Applicants are asked to submit a covering letter highlighting how you meet the accountabilities for the role set out on the position description, and your latest resume.

Closing date for applications is
Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 1700hrs.



ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA



INDIGENOUS INFORMATION/ LIAISON OFFICER

The Arts Law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts. Our Artists in the Black service provides Arts Law services to Indigenous artists, organisations and communities.

We are seeking a full-time Indigenous information/liaison officer. Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous artists is required.

For job description and selection criteria contact
(02) 9356 2566 or www.artslaw.com.au.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.

Closing date: 23 March 2012



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Leadership role
- Make a difference
- Sydney location

The ALS is an Aboriginal managed community based organisation providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children with culturally appropriate legal services including, court representation, advice, referral, information and community education.

We have 23 offices with 185 Aboriginal and non Aboriginal staff across NSW and ACT working towards improving outcomes for Aboriginal people in the justice system.

The CEO role is to lead the delivery of significant and culturally appropriate outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities.

It is essential that the successful applicant has a strong track record in senior management roles including strategic planning, change management, political awareness, organisational governance and financial management experience. An ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of groups and people utilising advanced interpersonal skills is also essential to the position.

Prior involvement in a community based organisation is desirable.

A competitive remuneration package will be offered together with the support of a dedicated board and staff.

All enquiries are to be made directly to Pathways Australia's Director, Peter Holdsworth who will provide an information package including selection criteria. Telephone 1300 212 212 or email: pholdsworth@pathwaysaustralia.com.au.

Closing date for applications is 6 April 2012

This role is an Aboriginal identified position as authorised by s14d of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.



Program Manager (Identified position)

Business Manager (Identified position)

Senior Psychologist / Clinical Psychologist

Counsellor (Identified position)

(All Positions are currently located in Lawson NSW)

Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were removed or separated from their families due to previous government policies and practices, fostered, adopted or institutionalised. We assist our clients through provision of family research, counselling and family reunions funded through a number of government agencies, State and Federal.

We are seeking highly motivated, professional applicants for these vacancies. Suitable applicants will possess experience in the human services sector, preferably within the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector and a proven track record relevant to the position.

Applications must include: cover letter, statement addressing selection criteria as outlined in the position description, resume and where required confirmation of Aboriginality.

For Identified positions: *Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by section 14 (d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 and confirmation of Aboriginality must be provided with your application.*

A competitive salary package can be negotiated to attract the calibre of individuals we seek for these roles, in addition to ongoing professional development and access to salary packaging.

Recruitment Packages can be downloaded from our website: www.linkupnsw.org.au

If you wish to discuss the position responsibilities contact Shani Galleghan on 02 4759 1911 or 1800 624 332.

Applications to be sent to employment@nsw.link-up.org.au

Applications close: Sunday 15th April 2012



NSW Police Force

Lecturer - Aboriginal Studies

Field Support Command, Education and Training, Corporate Services
Lecturer Level B
Permanent Full-Time
PARRAMATTA
NSWPF 12/038

Salary Package:

\$99,163. **Salary:** \$75,673 - \$89,862. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position is required to deliver an aboriginal awareness lecture to members of the NSW Police Force and to assist the Senior Lecturer C and other members of the Field Support Command in the development and delivery of the broad range of courses offered by the Field Support Command. The position is also required to travel to various locations within NSW to deliver and/or assist in training on a needs basis.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, Division 2, Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.
- The successful applicant must hold a current NSW Driver's Licence with clear driving record (at least 6 months).
- The position may also require working from Hurstville.
- 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 extensive knowledge of and familiarity with and acceptance by the Aboriginal community.
- Appropriate qualifications and/or demonstrated equivalence in a relevant discipline. E.g. Policing, criminology, anthropology, history, law, politics, sociology.
- Relevant skills, knowledge and scholarly understanding of the central characteristics of classical and contemporary indigenous cultural, social and political issues.
- Demonstrated teaching experience in a tertiary environment and a demonstrated ability to conduct training courses and deliver curriculum material.
- Demonstrated capacity to contribute to research and course development.
- Demonstrated well-developed verbal and written communications skills and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively in cross-cultural situations.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work cooperatively as a member of a team.
- Knowledge and experience with computer software, including the use of word processing, web and email software.

Enquiries: Detective Superintendent Ian Lynch on (02) 9375 8100

Downloadable Information Pack: <http://files.jobs.nsw.gov.au/n24s2i>

All applications must be submitted through Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000W5P

Closing Date: Sunday 1 April 2012

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Project Coordinator

NovaSkill is currently seeking applications from results driven individuals to assist Indigenous Australians access employment & training opportunities.

This newly created Full Time position will be focused on delivering the outcomes of an exciting and unique NovaSkill and Coal & Allied partnership in the Hunter's "Coal Fields" region.

To be Successful in the role you will need:

- ★ Experience in implementing & supervising projects
- ★ Experience with indigenous employment &/or training programs
- ★ Superior communication & Negotiation skills
- ★ A current NSW drivers licence

NovaSkill and Coal & Allied actively promote equal opportunity in the workplace. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close: 30th March 2012

To be considered please send a cover letter & resume to: careers@novaskill.com.au

This position will require a Working with Children & AFP Check



Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Outreach Worker (Male) Bega, NSW

- * **Make a difference to Aboriginal communities!**
- * **Mobile, laptop and vehicle available for work!**



The Lyndon Community has a fantastic opportunity for a full time **Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Outreach Worker** to join their service team in Bega. You'll **provide specialist Aboriginal drug & alcohol outreach programs, groups and casework services** to Aboriginal communities within the local area. Enjoy an **attractive remuneration circa \$48,927.13 - \$64,619.19**, plus **generous salary packaging** and a **mobile phone, laptop & vehicle** available for work use!

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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Macarthur Community Options Case Manager – Aboriginal

(Perm P/T – 21 hpw)

Position Number: CSD031

Campbelltown City Council is a leader in local government – a forward thinking organisation committed to innovation and enhancing community life. This is your chance to work in a vibrant community offering opportunity and lifestyle.

This position is responsible for providing complex case management and brokerage services across a range of programs to clients living in the Macarthur and Wingecarribee Areas. Case Management services include ComPacks, Disability Case Management and Community Options. Reports to Macarthur Community Options Coordinator.

Essential criteria include: Aboriginality (authorised under Section 14 and 21 – *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*); tertiary qualifications in Nursing, Social Work, Case Management or Behavioural Sciences or relevant field and/or extensive experience in case management; thorough commitment to and understanding of Community Care Common Standards and Disability Services Standards; excellent communication and computer skills; demonstrated knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety issues; current Class C Driver's Licence.

Salary: is from \$34.20 per hour.

Closing Date: 26 March.

Applications must address all essential and desirable criteria, as outlined in the job description. Two current referees must be included. The job descriptions, organisational charts and other relevant information can be obtained from Council's website at www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

For general enquiries call 4645 4000. Address applications to The General Manager, PO Box 57, Campbelltown NSW 2560 or you can apply online. Campbelltown City Council values a diverse workforce, and encourages applications from people of all backgrounds.



Legal Cadetship Aboriginal Identified

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(Job Reference No.: 00000WG5)

We are looking for a committed undergraduate law student who is interested in undertaking a Legal Cadetship with Legal Aid NSW. The cadetship comprises of 40 weeks of full-time study and 12 weeks work placement per year. The work placement will involve assisting with the preparation of legal cases within the areas of criminal, family or social justice/civil law.

Full position details (including selection criteria and the cadetship application form) can be found at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au – search by job reference number.

Enquiries: Janelle Clarke on (02) 9219 5146 or Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.

All applications **must** be submitted via the www.jobs.nsw.gov.au website.

Closing Date: 15 April 2012

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Australian Government Land and Coasts Division

Canberra, ACT

We are looking for motivated and talented team members to fill several ongoing APS6 positions based in Canberra.

The Indigenous Policy Branch delivers the Working on Country program and coordinates whole of government Indigenous policy issues across the department and portfolio. The Branch manages a large number of contracts with Indigenous land and sea management organisations and helps develop and drive Indigenous policy within the department. The Branch also provides secretariat services to support the department's engagement in various forums, including for the Ministerially appointed Indigenous Advisory Committee.

The successful applicants will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures and issues affecting these cultures and an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and demonstrated experience in contract management.

These are identified positions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 9 April 2012

Selection documentation for the positions may be obtained via the internet at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html> or by emailing nicole.hedley@environment.gov.au.

For further information about the position contact Kate Gilbert, Director, Indigenous Policy and Coordination Section on (02) 6275 9099 or at kate.gilbert@environment.gov.au

Applications should be made through the department's online recruitment system:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html>

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Please note: To be eligible for employment in this position, applicants must be Australian citizens.

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Information about the department and additional employment opportunities can be viewed via the internet address: www.environment.gov.au

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Integrated Child and Family Centres, Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge NSW

Brewarrina Business Centre (BBC) is pleased to offer this unique opportunity, managing the development and management of these two new Centres in western NSW. Our communities are looking for exceptional individuals who are motivated, creative and seeking a career enhancement opportunity!

Your Support: Across the two Centres there will be approximately 30 other staff members, including the Executive Director, working with you. In addition, the Board and staff of the Brewarrina Business Centre will provide local knowledge, support structures and expertise to assist the development of the Centres at all times.

Your Location: Outback NSW, warm climate, great communities, stunning views and different, very different lifestyles from urban or regional living. Regional centres are Dubbo and Narrabri, Bourke is one hour west of Brewarrina where this position will be located. Regular trips to the opal mining centre of Lightning Ridge will need to be undertaken, especially in the early stages of the project.

In both Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge

Centre Manager (x 2) - Previous experience in managing community based Centres or similar sized small business is essential as is an understanding of good governance, financial management, issues in Aboriginal communities and staff management. These positions report to the Executive Director – Child and Family Centres.

Administration Officer (x 2) - Responsible for the provision of efficient, courteous clerical and administrative support to staff in the Integrated Child and Family Centres in Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge. Previous experience in developing administrative systems would be desirable but administrative experience in record keeping, reception work, providing administrative support to management staff is essential. At times you will be supervising administrative trainee positions who will assist you in providing administrative support for the Centre. These positions report to Centre Managers.

Based in Brewarrina but working across both Centres

Director Childcare - This position has overall responsibility for childcare service delivery in both locations with qualified staff in both. Previous experience in managing community based Centres or similar sized childcare centre is essential as is an understanding of good governance, financial management, issues in Aboriginal communities and staff management. This position reports to the Executive Director – Child and Family Centres.

Social Worker - Previous experience in family support services case management and group work is essential as is an understanding of good governance, financial management, issues in Aboriginal communities and staff management. This position reports to the Executive Director – Child and Family Centres.

For further information please obtain an information pack from Helen.Littlehales@brebc.com.au and applicants **must** address all the selection criteria in their applications.

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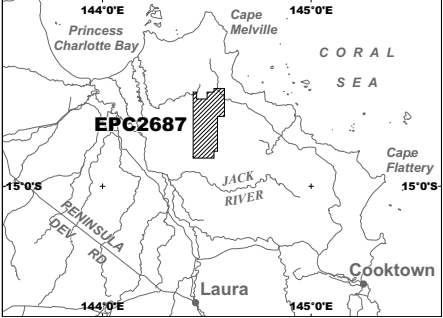
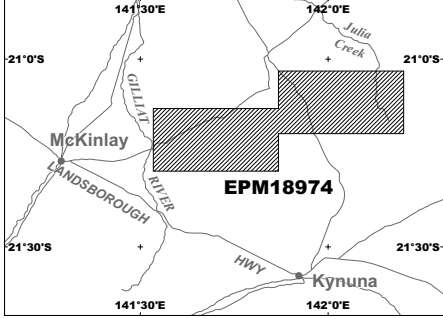
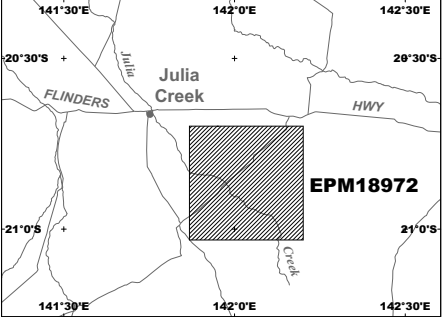
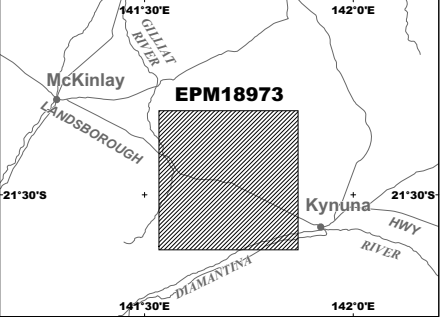
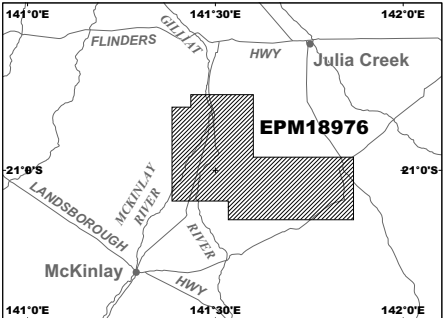
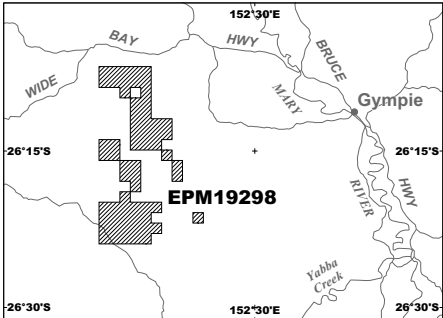
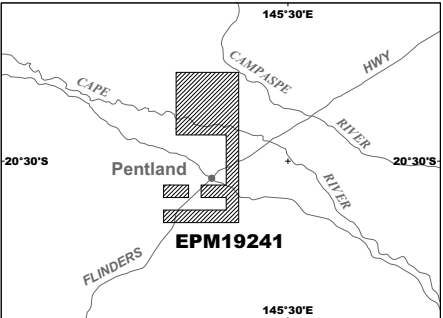
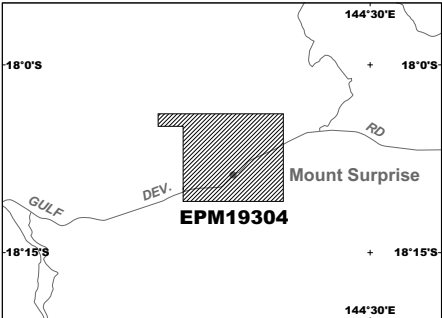
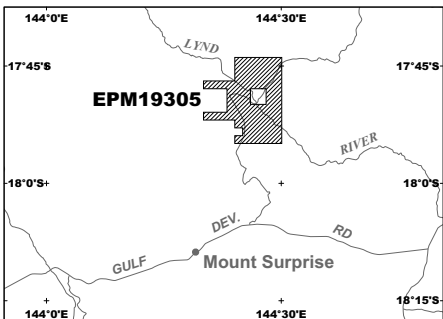
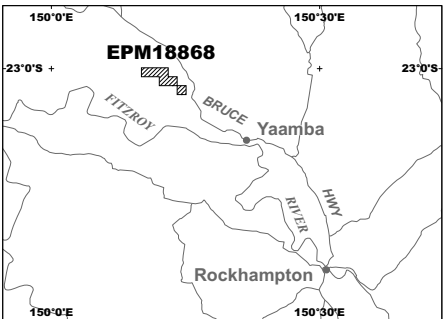
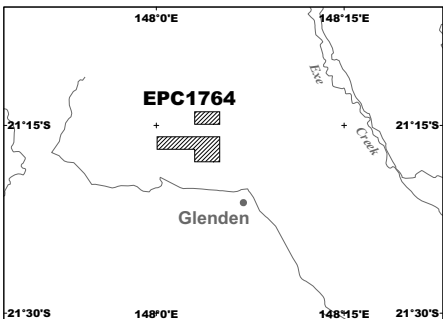
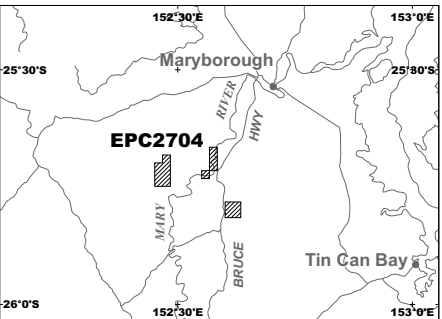
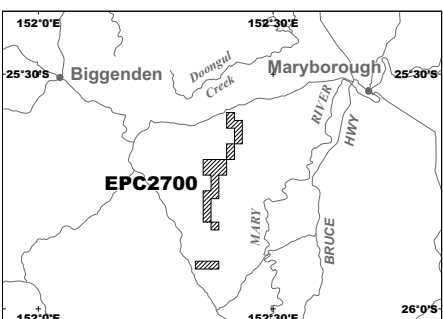
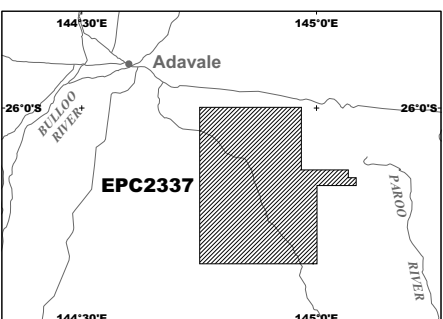
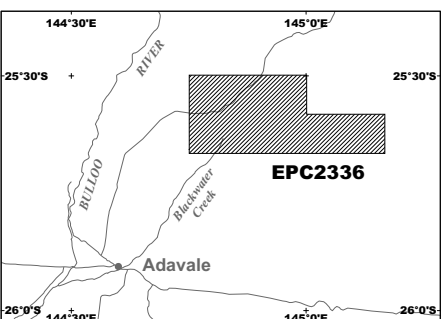
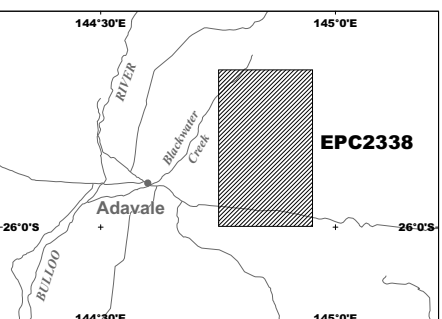
Applications marked Job Application – Confidential to Brewarrina Business Centre, PO Box 232 Brewarrina NSW 2839 or Carole.Medcalf@brebc.com.au by 20 April 2012

To advertise, contact Theresa, Chris or Stuart on (02) 66 222 666 and press 1.

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 Exploration Permits for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

<p>Exploration Permit 2687 sought by Aust-Pac Capital Pty Ltd, ACN 103 653 425, over an area of 142 sub-blocks (470km²), centred approximately 117km NW of Cooktown, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18974 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 400 sub-blocks (1279km²), centred approximately 61km ENE of McKinlay, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18972 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 400 sub-blocks (1279km²), centred approximately 38km SE of Julia Creek, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18973 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 400 sub-blocks (1275km²), centred approximately 26km NW of Kynuna, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 18976 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 387 sub-blocks (1238km²), centred approximately 48km NE of McKinlay, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19298 sought by Ausquest Limited, ACN 091 542 451, over an area of 63 sub-blocks (193km²), centred approximately 36km West of Gympie, in the locality of Gympie Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19241 sought by Celco Solutions Pty Ltd, ACN 136 795 616, over an area of 41 sub-blocks (132km²), centred approximately 5km North of Pentland, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19304 sought by KS Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 120 136 754, over an area of 58 sub-blocks (189km²), centred approximately 3km North of Mount Surprise, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 19305 sought by Auzex Resources Limited, ACN 106 444 606, over an area of 72 sub-blocks (234km²), centred approximately 37km NE of Mount Surprise, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18868 sought by Tasmania Mines Limited, ACN 009 491 990, over an area of 6 sub-blocks (19km²), centred approximately 49km NW of Rockhampton, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 1764 sought by Eastern Australia Energy Pty Ltd, ACN 134 371 029, over an area of 9 sub-blocks (29km²), centred approximately 12km NW of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2704 sought by Bauple Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 150 842 854, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (46km²), centred approximately 27km SW of Maryborough, in the locality of Fraser Coast Regional Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 2700 sought by Bauple Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 150 842 854, over an area of 24 sub-blocks (74km²), centred approximately 40km SW of Maryborough, in the locality of Fraser Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2337 sought by Birmanie Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 124 253 792, over an area of 293 sub-blocks (903km²), centred approximately 43km SE of Adavale, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2336 sought by Birmanie Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 124 253 792, over an area of 200 sub-blocks (619km²), centred approximately 51km NE of Adavale, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2338 sought by Birmanie Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 124 253 792, over an area of 240 sub-blocks (739km²), centred approximately 27km ENE of Adavale, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.</p> 

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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, Woollongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 11 April 2012



Murri carnival goes to tender

HOSTING rights for the Queensland Murri rugby league championships, held last year for the first time, have been thrown open to tender.

The Queensland Rugby League (QRL) invited tenders for the 2012-2014 QRL State Murri Championships.

Tenders closed on 9 March.

The inaugural carnival was held last September at Mudgeeraba, on the Gold Coast.

Unlike NSW, where there is one big statewide

Aboriginal rugby league carnival, there are several All Blacks carnivals in Queensland – many of them in the State's north, including the Torres Strait Islands.

But last year former top rugby league player Tony Currie organised the first Queensland Murri carnival. It was endorsed by the Australian Rugby League (ARL) and the QRL, and supported by the Queensland Government.

The carnival included three competitions: Open men, open women and under 15 boys.

Following the carnival, it was announced that the winner of the open men's competition (Southern Dingoes) would play the winner of the 2011 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout competition (Mindaribba Warriors).

That game was played on the Gold Coast last month – the night before the big National Rugby League (NRL) Harvey Norman All Stars match.

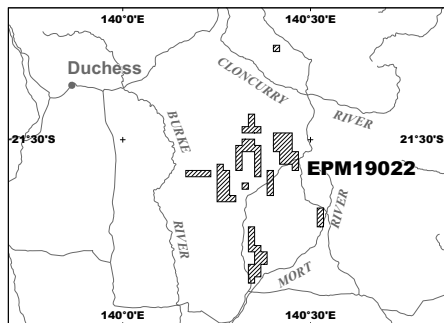
In issuing the tender invitations, the QRL said it would consider tenders from organisations and consortiums.

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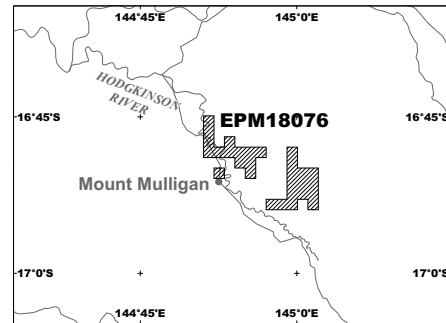
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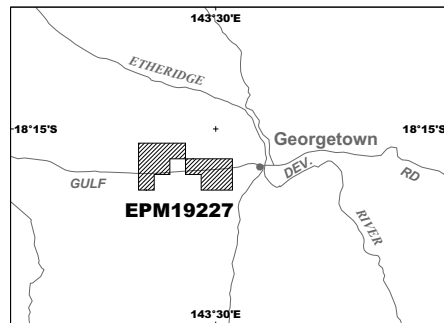
Exploration Permit 19022 sought by Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Limited, ACN 106 255 216, over an area of 73 sub-blocks (233km²), centred approximately 52km SE of Duchess, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



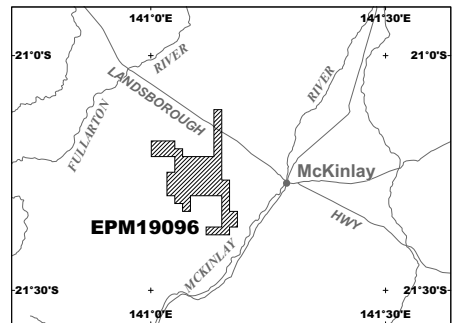
Exploration Permit 18076 sought by Paterson Mining Limited, ACN 133 613 797 and Gregory John Paterson, over an area of 29 sub-blocks (95km²), centred approximately 74km NE of Mount Mulligan, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



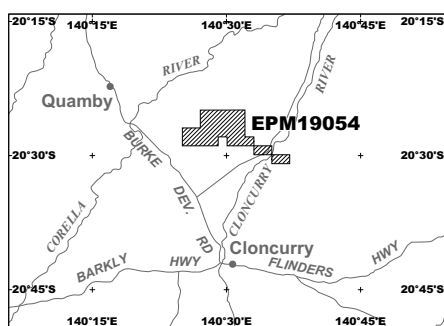
Exploration Permit 19227 sought by Plethora Pty Ltd, ACN 119 722 600 over an area of 11 sub-blocks (36km²), centred approximately 8km West of Georgetown, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



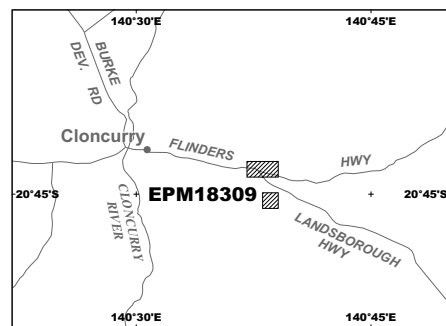
Exploration Permit 19096 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284, over an area of 60 sub-blocks (191km²), centred approximately 20km West of McKinlay, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.



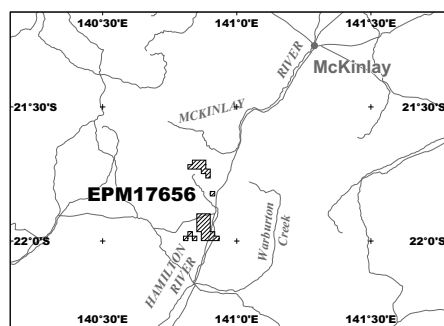
Exploration Permit 19054 sought by Heron Resources Limited, ACN 068 263 098, over an area of 28 sub-blocks (89km²), centred approximately 30km N of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



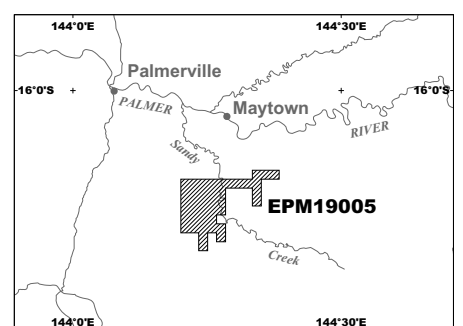
Exploration Permit 18309 sought by Pacific Consulting Services Pty Ltd, ACN 055 502 648, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 13km ESE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



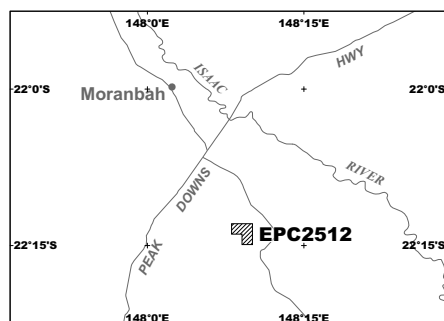
Exploration Permit 17656 sought by BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 008 694 782, over an area of 33 sub-blocks (105km²), centred approximately 74km SW of McKinlay, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



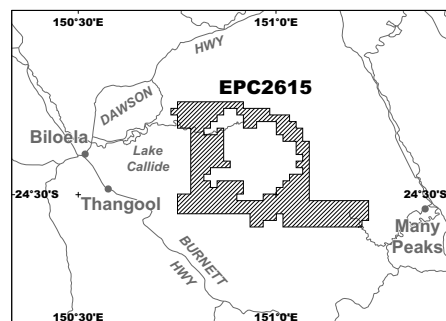
Exploration Permit 19005 sought by Edward John Saxby an area of 41 sub-blocks (135m²), centred approximately 19km South of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



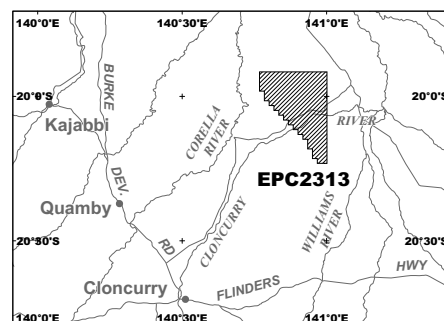
Exploration Permit 2512 sought by BHP Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 010 595 721, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 28km SE of Moranbah in the locality Isaac Regional Council.



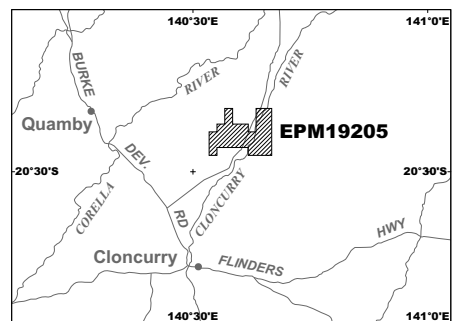
Exploration Permit 2615 sought by Biloela Energy Pty Ltd, ACN 151 434 543, over an area of 227 sub-blocks (708km²), centred approximately 42km ESE of Biloela, in the locality of Gladstone Regional Council, Banana Shire Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



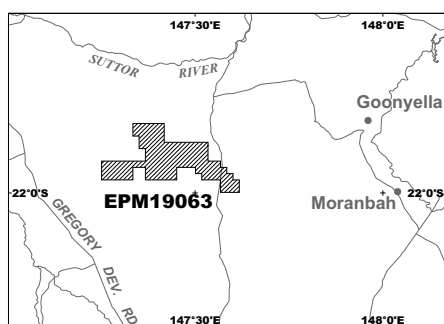
Exploration Permit 2313 sought by Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 144 920 187, over an area of 166 sub-blocks (534km²), centred approximately 80km NNE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry and McKinlay Shire Councils.



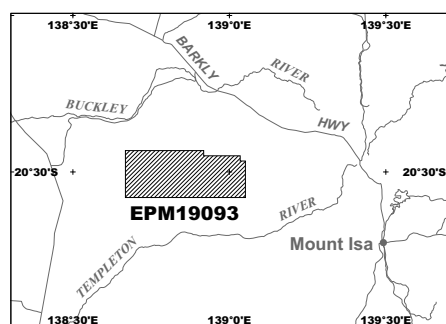
Exploration Permit 19205 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284 over an area of 32 sub-blocks (103km²), centred approximately 33km North of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 19063 sought by Drummond West Pty Ltd, ACN 112 104 668, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (317km²), centred approximately 62km West of Moranbah, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19093 sought by Krucible Metals Limited, ACN 118 788 846, over an area of 183 sub-blocks (587km²), centred approximately 70km WNW of Mount Isa, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



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Notification Day: 11 April 2012

Softball to launch Indigenous program

FREE softball activities will be on offer at Canberra’s Hawker International Softball Centre on Friday 23 March to celebrate the launch of Softball Australia’s Indigenous Softball Program. The Indigenous Softball Program is aimed at producing positive healthy and social outcomes for Indigenous Australians of all ages and abilities through participation as players, coaches, umpires, administrators and volunteers. Softball Australia is inviting people to

bring the kids as there will be plenty for them to do and watch. From 3pm-4pm, they can train with softball professionals – improving their catching, throwing and running skills with the best coaches in the game as well as Aussie Steelers open men’s player and Indigenous softball role model Jeff Goolagong. From 4pm-5.30pm, there will be Kids’ Zone, where children of all ages and skill levels can participate in a range of fun softball activities.

That will be followed at 4.15pm by an Indigenous exhibition match, featuring junior female players from the WhISPers Softball Club and NSW. Following this from 6pm will be two international women’s softball matches between Australia and Japan. Softball Australia says that to register school or club interest in attending, contact Softball Australia social inclusion co-ordinator Tim Hatzi on (03) 9417 0022 or email tim.hatzi@softball.org.au

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 <i>Mining Act 1978</i> :						
Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2355	INOSITE LIMITED SANDERSON, Alan	64BL	61km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 33' S Long: 117° 13' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2356	INOSITE LIMITED SANDERSON, Alan	72BL	56km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 37' S Long: 117° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2359	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	200BL	63km NE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 114° 15' E	CARNARVON SHIRE, EXMOUTH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1856	WEST PEAK IRON LTD	14BL	115km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 116° 3' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1943	KARRAMINDIE RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	160km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 116° 18' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1944	KARRAMINDIE RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	161km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 57' S Long: 116° 19' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1945	MALLINA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	7BL	155km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 13' S Long: 116° 26' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1957	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	13BL	169km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 115° 39' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1958	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	153km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 115° 33' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2211	BARACUS PTY LTD	63BL	89km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 122° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2212	BARACUS PTY LTD	28BL	94km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2213	LAZARUS RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	80km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/833	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	45BL	27km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 120° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/984	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	24BL	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1127	ST BARBARA LIMITED	8BL	37km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2710	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	63BL	130km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 123° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1670	MINGS MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	100km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 122° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1682	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL	1BL	204km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 124° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1683	ZEUS URANIUM LTD	127BL	184km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 123° 57' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3608-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	37BL	44km N'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 8' S Long: 120° 3' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3970	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	48BL	63km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 120° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/952	MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	20BL	58km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 57' S Long: 120° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2166	FERRO METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2BL	48km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 35' S Long: 118° 15' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2167	FERRO METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2BL	58km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 38' S Long: 118° 10' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2336	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	24BL	55km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 116° 40' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2492	MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	18BL	52km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 117° 19' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2647	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	35BL	15km E'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 38' S Long: 116° 28' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1509	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	84km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 118° 59' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1514	MONEY, Drew Griffin	45BL	30km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 19' S Long: 118° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1518	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	2BL	51km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 26' S Long: 118° 1' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1519	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	13BL	52km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 117° 59' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1520	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	14BL	59km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 24' S Long: 117° 56' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1500	ECHO RESOURCES LTD	12BL	13km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 120° 53' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1554	ECHO RESOURCES LTD	63BL	5km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 33' S Long: 120° 53' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1586	ECHO RESOURCES LTD	21BL	31km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 121° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/892-I	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	25km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 119° 10' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/898	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	70km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 119° 0' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/902	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	66BL	76km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 119° 2' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/908	WILSON, Gary WILSON, Carrie-jane	1BL	6km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/394	WESTERN IRON ORE PTY LTD	13BL	8km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 117° 54' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/422	DORAY MINERALS LIMITED	70BL	32km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 118° 5' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1815	TOP IRON PTY LTD	30BL	70km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1835	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	53km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 116° 55' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1837	VICTORY CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINES PTY LTD	11BL	63km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1838	MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	10BL	55km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 115° 40' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	69/2943	MONTEZUMA MINING CO. LTD	145BL	119km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 22' S Long: 120° 8' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3018	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	10BL	91km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 45' S Long: 120° 44' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4097	YILGARN IRON PTY LTD	16BL	6km SE'ly of Goomalling	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 116° 53' E	GOOMALLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4193	COAL FACE RESOURCES PTY LTD	29BL	50km NE'ly of Dongara	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 115° 23' E	GERALDTON CITY, MINGENSHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4243	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	136BL	2km NE'ly of York	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 116° 47' E	BEVERLEY SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4245	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	20BL	53km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 115° 30' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4268	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	111BL	51km E'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 40' S Long: 118° 6' E	KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4269	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	108BL	54km W'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 58' S Long: 117° 54' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, WICKEPIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4276	KENNEDY, Douglas Eric HAWORTH, Leonard Geoffrey	20BL	129km E'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 115° 25' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/324	STRATHMERTON PTY LTD	8BL	19km S'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 44' S Long: 120° 7' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1892	KUBLER, Joachim Joseph	1BL	49km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 118° 57' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1935	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	20BL	90km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 4' S Long: 119° 42' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2017	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	1BL	48km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 118° 57' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2037	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	48BL	22km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 119° 32' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2038	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	2BL	12km N'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 119° 21' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4651	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	74BL	30km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 52' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	53/163	MAGELLAN METALS PTY LTD	3994.43HA	95km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 28' S Long: 119° 54' E	WILUNA SHIRE
The purposes of L 53/163 are: (ia) a search for groundwater						
Miscellaneous Licence	53/164	MAGELLAN METALS PTY LTD	8253.90HA	84km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 120° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
The purposes of L 53/164 are: (ia) a search for groundwater						
Prospecting Licence	15/5640	SIRIUS RESOURCES NL	94.51HA	40km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 121° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5668	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	141.76HA	21km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 121° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2192	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	9.68HA	11km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 117° 50' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4611	ANDREI, Frederick	134.75HA	55km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3875	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	84.82HA	8km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	31/2023-S	BARDSLEY, John FISSIOLI, Clarence Hans SIMMONS, Bevon Russel ASHCROFT, Sean Cameron	9.99HA	112km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 11' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8174-S	WILLIAMSON, Stuart Lindsay	9.36HA	3km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8177	ALOUISUS PTY LTD	118.97HA	7km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8179-S	POINTON, Alec Charles	9.80HA	32km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 121° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8182-S	STEPHENS, Karen Estelle	9.46HA	28km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8183-S	LOWE, Leslie Edward	9.94HA	10km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8184-S-S	SMITH, Gregory Donald	18.34HA	3km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5250-2	TOPHAM, Timothy Edward	353.63HA	61km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5262-3	WHITE CLIFF NICKEL LIMITED	360.56HA	27km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 8' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5266	MCDONALD, William Joseph	196.00HA	90km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 122° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1763-83	MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD	4167.79HA	31km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 120° 23' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1784-8	WITX PTY LTD	982.23HA	6km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1789	WITX PTY LTD	171.12HA	2km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1790-1	WITX PTY LTD	352.61HA	4km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 6' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1792	WITX PTY LTD	62.96HA	3km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1312-S	KJELLGREN, Gary Herbert	9.01HA	56km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 119° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1893	SANDERCOCK, Alan James	9.70HA	7km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4115	MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	12.58HA	88km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 9' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 21 March 2012

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 June 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 *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 July 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

Chance leaves options open

CHANCE Bateman will start his 13th AFL season aware that it could be his last.

AFL.com.au reports that with a strong pre-season behind him, the 174-game Hawthorn premiership player is well prepared for 2012.

Whether he goes beyond that is a decision he's yet to seriously contemplate.

"I'm contracted until the end of this year, and I suppose whether I go around again or not will depend on how the season goes, and also how the body holds up," Bateman told *AFL.com.au*

"But I haven't made any plans, and I haven't really thought about it too much to be honest."

At 30, Bateman has sweated through more than a dozen pre-seasons. "They don't get any easier," he said.

But the hard work has him confident of a good year.

The wingman's renowned hard running was a feature of Hawthorn games throughout the 2000s. The memory of him burning through the centre to kick the Hawks' first goal of the 2008 grand final victory against Geelong is an enduring one.



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
27/434	XSTRATA NICKEL AUSTRALASIA OPERATIONS PTY LTD EMU NICKEL NL	387471	27.50HA	68km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
37/1075	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	391809	416.95HA	46km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/1937	A1 MINERALS LTD	389420	562.94HA	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/1994	REGIS RESOURCES NL	388942	51.15HA	75km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 122° 12' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
52/2402	THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD	391746	23.62HA	153km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 27' S Long: 119° 31' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 21 March 2012

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 June 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

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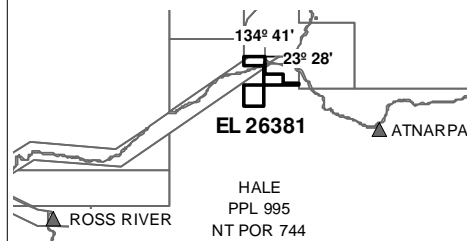
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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.

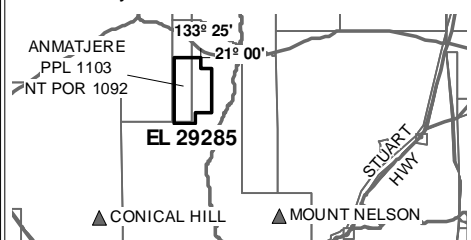
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26381 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 5 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



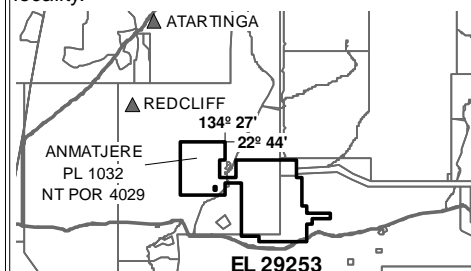
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Exploration Licence 29285 sought by AO-ZHONG INTERNATIONAL MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 146 186 852 over an area of 74 Blocks (237 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CONICAL HILL locality.



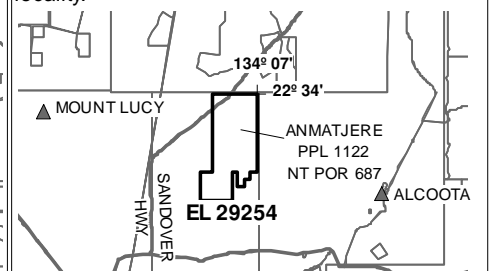
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Exploration Licence 29253 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 234 Blocks (739 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DELNY locality.



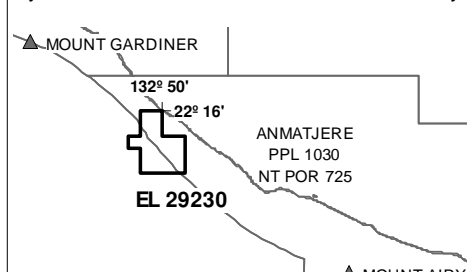
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Exploration Licence 29254 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 107 Blocks (334 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALCOOTA locality.



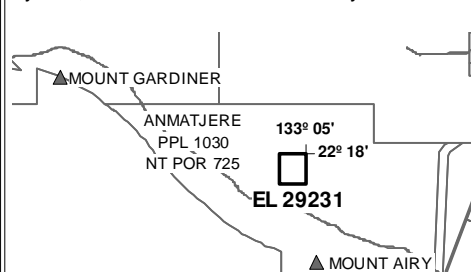
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Exploration Licence 29230 sought by GEMPART PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 17 Blocks (54 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



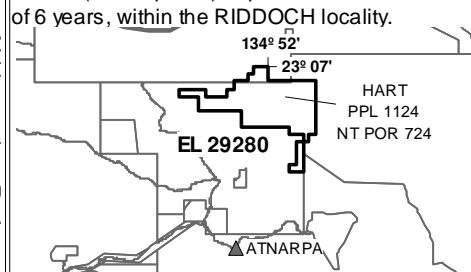
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Exploration Licence 29231 sought by GEMPART PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 9 Blocks (29 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TEA TREE locality.



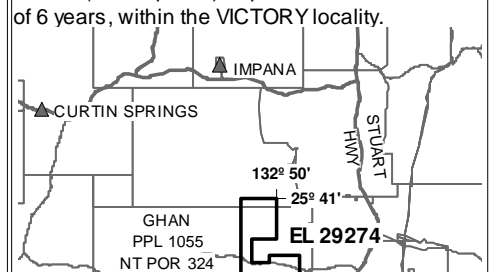
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Exploration Licence 29280 sought by GEMPART PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 and ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 100 Blocks (316 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



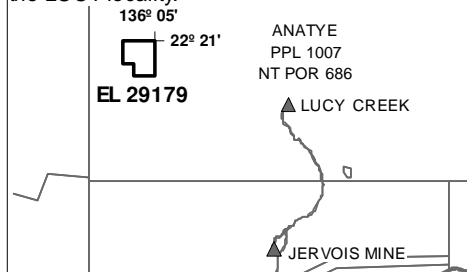
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Exploration Licence 29274 sought by GLOBE MINERAL RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 147 814 140 over an area of 182 Blocks (558 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORY locality.



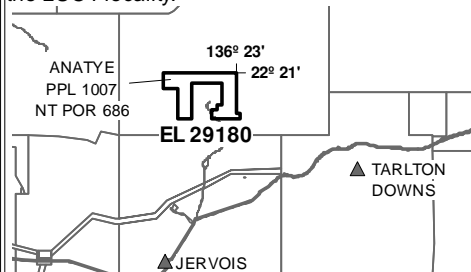
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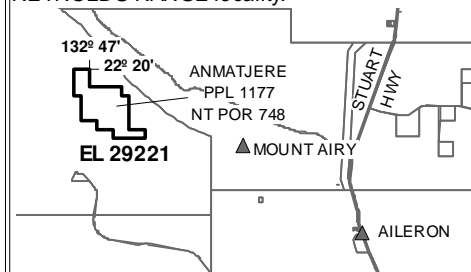
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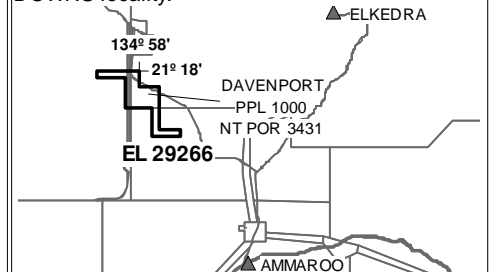
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Exploration Licence 29221 sought by PACIFIC EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 153 168 364 over an area of 36 Blocks (114 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



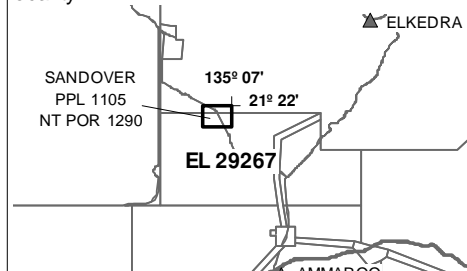
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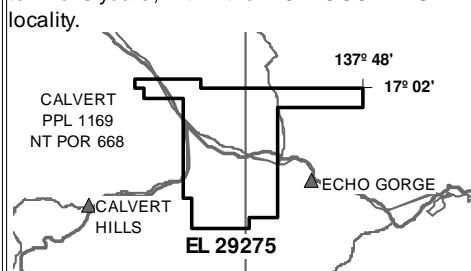
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Exploration Licence 29267 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 12 Blocks (39 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ELKEDRA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5955

Exploration Licence 29275 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 163 Blocks (535 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOLLOGORANG 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: 21 March 2012

Rugby team in Manila, Hong Kong



THE Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) today

(Wednesday) begins the second leg of a two-tournament tour of South-East Asia.

The all-Indigenous team last week competed in the Manila 10s tournament in Paranaque City,

the Philippines, and today joins teams from around the world in the Hong Kong Tens.

The under 20 Lloyd McDermott Dingoes are drawn to meet the New Zealand Legends and Newedge Club in today's draw.

Being part of the Lloyd McDermott team is a dream come true for Clarence Valley youngster Blake Cullen.

The former Maclean High School student said it was his involvement with the Lower Clarence Magpies Rugby League Club and the Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club that had given him the opportunity to attend the prestigious Ipswich Grammar School to complete his senior education.

Off the field, Blake's academic achievements have mirrored his

sporting achievements, starting in 2010 when he received his first international cap playing against Fiji for the Australia A Schoolboys side.

When he graduated from school, Blake received the Caltex All-rounder Medal and Indigenous Student of the Year Award while captaining the school's 1st XV.

Others before

The Lower Clarence region is no stranger to the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Squad, with Blake now the fifth player to be selected from the area in the past eight years to go on tour following in the footsteps of other Indigenous sportsman James King, Jordan Walker, Birrigan Young and his brother Trent.

This year Blake obtained a first-year electrical apprenticeship in Brisbane with Energex, who allow their employees sports leave, which works perfectly for sportsman of

Blake's calibre and potential.

"I love playing rugby as it provides me with opportunities to see the world and I am really excited about going to the Philippines and Manila," he said before his departure.

"Eventually, I would like to play professionally for Australia, but realistically I need a career behind me and the prospect of working overseas at some stage is something I will investigate."

Blake's biggest fans are his mother and father Ian and Maree.

"Blake is a wonderful Aboriginal role model for the Lower Clarence region and he clearly demonstrates what a good education and sport can lead to," his proud parents said.

"But at the end of the day you have to want and be prepared to bunker down and study and work hard, which is exactly what Blake has done."

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 28 March 2012



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12012/040 Saibai Island Health ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to agreement covers approximately 0.3 hectares over Lease C, D and E on lease plan SP219921 and adjacent areas for the construction of associated infrastructure, located in the north western corner of Saibai Island in the Torres Strait as shown on the locality diagram.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland
Mr John Heaney
Crown Law
State Law Building
Level 11
50 Ann Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Keri Akiba on his own behalf and on behalf of the Saibai People
C/o Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Lot 27 Main Road
Saibai Island QLD 4207

Saibai Mura Buway (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation
C/o Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Lot 27 Main Road
Saibai Island QLD 4207

Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Christopher McLaughlin
PO Box 501
Thursday Island QLD 4875

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6.1 The parties Consent to the validation of any Future Acts done up to the Execution Date by the State in the Agreement Area to the extent they were done invalidly for the purpose of Native Title.

6.2 The parties Consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

6.3 If any of the Agreed Acts done after the Execution Date and prior to the Registration Date are invalid Future Acts, the parties agree to the validating of those Agreed Acts.

6.8 Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA is not intended to apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

"Agreed Acts" means any acts done as part of, or in relation to the:

- (a) Construction Acts;
 - (b) operation and maintenance of the Infrastructure established in the Lease Areas;
 - (c) occupation, use and control of the Lease Areas by the State for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Primary Health Care Centre, the Temporary Primary Health Care Centre, the Staff Accommodation [the "Facilities"] and the Infrastructure during the term of the Leases;
 - (d) grant of the Leases;
 - (e) Grantee becoming the lessor of the Leases in accordance with the TSILA (Torres Strait Islander Act 1991 QLD);
- "Construction Acts" means any act done in the Agreement Area as part of, or in relation to, the construction of the Facilities, including, but not limited to: (a) survey activities; (b) geotechnical investigations; (c) construction of Infrastructure; and (d) the grant of any licences, permits or authorities.
- "Facilities" means the Primary Health Care Centre, the Staff Accommodation and the Temporary Primary Health Care Centre.

"Future Act" has the meaning given in the NTA.

"Infrastructure" means all utilities, services or other works necessary or incidental to the construction of the Facilities including the works required to establish those structures in the Agreement Area.

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 Torres Strait Regional Authority, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 28 June 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.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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The Lloyd McDermott team at The British School, Manila, in preparation for the Manila 10s rugby tournament.

NASCA Academy student in Rio Olympics squad



FORMER National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) student

and Dubbo local resident Nyoka Boney has been selected in the rugby 7s training squad to represent Australia at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Boney, 18, was one of four NASCA students from Dubbo College's CHS rugby 7s winning team to trial in front of the Olympic selectors.

Her dream is to represent her people and her country in a sport she loves.

NASCA CEO Charles Prouse is delighted with the Boney's selection.

"This achievement confirms the value of NASCA. It provides kids with the skills, opportunities and confidence to follow their dreams," he said.

"Nyoka is a student who has shown promise throughout her four-year academy attendance and has excelled in and out of school with the help of the NASCA program."

NASCA runs the Sporting Chance Academy at Dubbo, Narromine, Delroy and Wellington, and uses sport-based activities to support and encourage Aboriginal youth to stay in school, increase self-confidence and create better post-school opportunities.

Some of the activities students complete include referee and strapping courses, bronze medallion, first aid, careers programs, traditional Aboriginal games, work experience programs, Sport and Recreation camps, and many other learning and development opportunities.

The academies are funded by the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Mundine eyes Chavez fight



ANTHONY Mundine is down to the final two fighters in a bid to line up against boxing royalty in Julio Cesar Chavez Jr.

Mundine said that it was between him and British and Commonwealth champion Martin Murray for a 16 June bout with Chavez, whose namesake father is considered the greatest Mexican fighter.

The Australian, who is the mandatory challenger for the WBA light middleweight belt held by Austin Trout, is set to forgo that fight and move up a division for a crack at WBA middleweight champion Chavez, whose record

is 45-0. He signed a deal with American manager Cameron Dunkin, who has until later this month to secure a fight.

"It's really up to the Chavez people about who's going to get the nod," Mundine said.

"I've been a little bit frustrated not knowing, but I'm just hoping I get a shot."

He said if he didn't get Chavez, he hoped to get on the same card to showcase his talents to the American boxing public.

The 36-year-old, who is ten years older than Chavez, admits the Mexican is a special fighter.

"He's unbelievable, he's grown in leaps and bounds in the last two years," he said.

"I think he's the best young champion that's out there today so it will be a big, big test for me."

"But it will be a big test for him too."

"I have to skills and experience; every tool I need to give him big trouble and beat him."

Mundine has had only one

fight in North America, against Kevin Pompey in Montreal in 2001.

If the Chavez bout falls through, Mundine said he would consider Trout, who pounded another Australian Frank LoPorto last November.

A re-match with Australia's IBF world middleweight

champion Daniel Geale is also a possibility.

Mundine is the only blemish on Geale's 27-fight record, winning with a controversial points decision in 2009.

Earlier this month, Geale said he would take pleasure in 'shutting the mouth of Anthony Mundine for good'. — **AAP**

Crows recruiter resigns over racist comment



ADELAIDE recruiting manager Matthew Rendell has quit for making racist

comments the Australian Football League (AFL) says were 'shockingly ignorant'.

Rendell quit on Friday, maintaining he was misunderstood when he said the Crows wouldn't recruit a player unless he had at least one white parent.

Adelaide chief executive Steven Trigg said Rendell's position at the club was 'absolutely untenable', adding he would have been sacked if he didn't resign.

"We can't have him attached to the club," Trigg told reporters on Friday.

Rendell, Adelaide's recruiting manager since 2007, was condemned by AFL chief executive Andrew Demetriou for the 'shockingly ignorant and disappointing' comments.

But Rendell said his comments, in a meeting attended by AFL community engagement officer Jason Mifsud, were taken out of context.

'Misunderstood'

"They were misunderstood," Rendell said in a statement.

"I have a strong track record of recruiting Aboriginal players. My comments were about where recruiting could finish up without pro-active work."

"I was trying to help."

"However, knowing the implication of such reports, I've decided to stand down."

"To stay would attach those comments to the club, which is not the case either."

The Crows have several Indigenous players, including Graham Johncock, Jared Petrenko and Richard Tambling — the latter pair recruited to



AFL community engagement officer Jason Mifsud

the club by Rendell.

Trigg said despite Rendell's protestations, the comments were intolerable.

"In no forum on any part of the club has there been any suggestion about changing our recruiting policies," Trigg said.

"While Matthew disputes the interpretation and the context of that meeting, he's aware that to continue in the role would be to attach those comments to the club."

"To have any such commentary attached to our club in any way is absolutely untenable."

"Our club has a strong and proud history of recruiting, fostering and developing Aboriginal players and it fully intends to keep doing so in the future."

Trigg said Rendell's resignation took effect immediately.

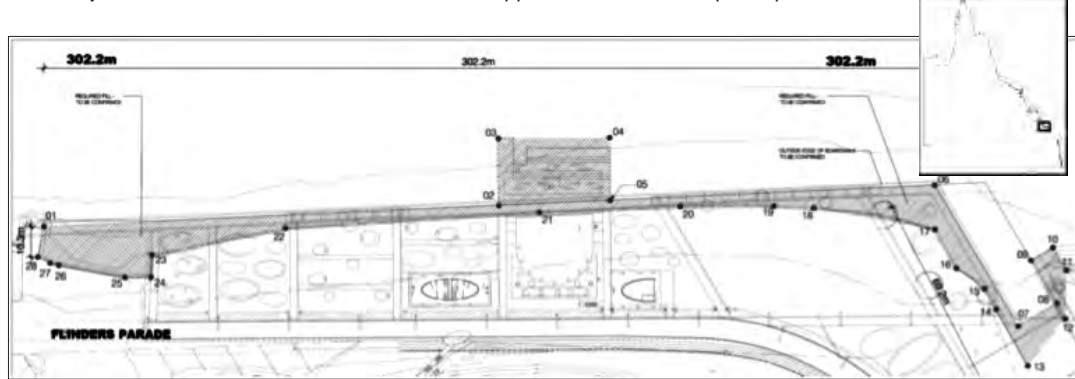
"There is a simple message coming from Matthew, that he was trying to help, he was trying to give an understanding that there are some challenges in terms of pathways," Trigg said. — **AAP**

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CWTH) FOR THE EAST SHORES PROJECT

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited ("GPC") manages and operates the Port of Gladstone.

GPC proposes 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 (Cwth) ("NT Act"). The ILUA proposes to cover areas adjacent to Lot 192 on SP 132778 which are approximated in the map and plan below:



("ILUA Area").

The majority of the ILUA Area is within the area claimed by the registered native title claim group for the Native Title Determination Application QUD6026/01 ("PCCC Claim"), being the Port Curtis Coral Coast ("PCCC"). Parts of the ILUA Area may extend beyond the area identified in the PCCC Claim into areas which a search of the Register of Native Title Claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that there are presently no Registered Native Title Determination Application(s). However, any unclaimed areas are over waters adjacent to the PCCC Claim. GPC proposes to enter into an ILUA pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NT Act with the PCCC in respect of the ILUA Area.

The PCCC are described in the PCCC Claim as the descendants of: Dina, Jessie, Johnson Matemate and George Swain, Sandy and Fanny, Dulhu / Doolan, Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller), Alice Murray, Jane, Betsy, Rosie, Elsie Myers, Maggie Little, Rosie Blackman, Emma Jones and Mary Anne.

The ILUA is proposed to provide consent for GPC to undertake actions set out in the ILUA including the grant of all approvals and land tenure in relation to the ILUA Area. As the nature of the actions will be permanent, GPC will be seeking to permanently acquire native title rights in the ILUA Area.

Persons who consider they are PCCC, or who otherwise may hold native title in the ILUA Area are invited to contact Andrew Bell on (07) 4976 1333 by 5pm on 6th April 2012.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 4 April 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 1806, DARWIN, Northern Territory, 0801 on or before 3 July 2012. After 3 July 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: Tandyidgee Pastoral Lease

Federal Court File No: NTD2/2012

Date filed: 27 January 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Location: The area subject to this application is Tandyidgee Pastoral Lease (PPL949) including Northern Territory Portions 2095 and 1764 covering approximately 2,730 square kilometres situated east of the Stuart Highway in the vicinity of the Barkly Tableland as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the local government authority of Barkly Shire.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands and Planning (NT).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Carissa Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Netballers there for each other

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THEY may not be the Diamonds – they ended up a few of rungs from the wrong end of the ladder – and they don’t even train, but Pakana Pride live up to their name.

“We’re here to represent our people,” Nala Mansell, captain-coach of the Launceston-based all-Aboriginal social netball side, told the *Koori Mail*.

“And to get fit,” she added. “I think it’s great that we are an all-Aboriginal team that is committed to turning up each week and supporting each other.

“We come from all different skill

levels; we have some people who have never played before and some that are professional players.”

The team’s tall girl and oldest player, 38-year-old Christine Maynard, is a champion basketballer; others play club netball, while there are those who have not played since primary school.

Ms Mansell is proud of her team’s commitment, coming out on a Wednesday night, and with some games starting after 9pm it will be no mean feat as the Tasmanian winter sets in.

“Kailah recently gave birth to twins and was straight back out on the court. Wytarna has a young son and still plays,” Ms Mansell said – herself a mother, full-time youth worker and

outspoken activist.

Pakana Pride is the first all-Aboriginal team known to have played in a local competition in Tasmania; in the past all Aboriginal State teams that have played in national Indigenous carnivals.

The whole team is proud of the four best player on court awards during their first roster, with two going to Chantelle Burgess.

Recently when the *Koori Mail* visited Launceston’s Indoor Sports Arena to watch Pakana Pride, the girls gave it their all, resulting in a 24-22 win over Lonnie Diamonds.

After finishing their season on a high note, they are keen for the new season, which starts tonight.



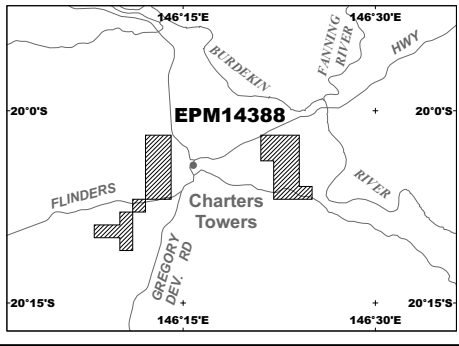
From left, Krystal Lynch, Chantelle Burgess, Nala Mansell, goals shooter Christine Maynard, Kailah Maynard, Wytarna McDonald and Megg Tribolet-Turner ready for their final match of the season.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS

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 in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit 14388 sought by Mantle Mining Corporation Ltd, ACN 107 180 441, over an area of 29 sub-blocks (93km2), centred approximately 5km SW of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies: The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title (“the Excluded Land”). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 11 April 2012



Government of Western Australia
Department of Regional Development and Lands

Cancel Notice of Intention
To Take Interests in Land
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands hereby give notice in accordance with Section 170(6) of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is intended to cancel the following Notices of Intention.

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1:

LAND DESCRIPTION:

Parts of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696 Volume 3015 Folio 565

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 220696

PURPOSE: A multi-user industrial precinct for processing liquefied natural gas (LNG), comprising individual sites for LNG proponent(s), a light industrial area, comprising individual sites for the LNG proponent(s) operating in the LNG Processing Precinct, a workers accommodation area, comprising individual sites to accommodate workers from the LNG Processing Precinct and the Third Party Contractors Site and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure.

DATE OF ORIGINAL REGISTRATION: DOCUMENT: L417210

LAND SITUATED IN: Broome (Shire of) DPI FILE: 01606-2008-01RO DPI REF.: 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 2:

LAND DESCRIPTION:

1. Part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696 Volume 3015 Folio 565; 2. Whole Lot 3001 on Deposited Plan 68245 Volume 3159 Folio 448; 3. Whole Lot 3004 on Deposited Plan 68251 Volume 3159 Folio 450; 4. Whole Lot 3007 on Deposited Plan 68252 Volume 3159 Folio 452

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 220696, 68245, 68251 & 68252

PURPOSE: For port purposes, including individual areas for the LNG proponent(s) operating in the LNG Processing Precinct, areas for services corridors, including water, gas, electricity and telecommunications services, areas for pipeline corridors comprising gas pipelines, cables and/or other communication facilities, and associated and ancillary infrastructure and uses.

DATE OF ORIGINAL REGISTRATION: DOCUMENT: L417211

LAND SITUATED IN: Broome (Shire of) DPI FILE: 01606-2008-01RO DPI REF.: 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 3:

LAND DESCRIPTION:

Parts of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696 Volume 3015 Folio 565

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 220696

PURPOSE: For public roads, being corridors approximately 100 metres wide.

DATE OF ORIGINAL REGISTRATION: DOCUMENT: L417212

LAND SITUATED IN: Broome (Shire of) DPI FILE: 01606-2008-01RO DPI REF.: 090193

The notices of intention for the above proposals were issued under the *Land Administration Act 1997* in accordance with the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993*, and are being cancelled under the provisions of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephone (08) 6552 4604.
Dated this 12th day of March 2012

DIRECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS
For and on behalf of the Minister for Lands, under delegation.

Inglis shift an option at Souths

SOUTH Sydney rugby league coach Michael Maguire is refusing to rule out moving star centre Greg Inglis closer to the action in a bid to get more out of the Rabbitohs backline.

Inglis suffered from poor service in Souths’ opening two games, his powerful run down the touchline late during the loss to Melbourne was an all too brief showing of his devastating abilities.

The Rabbitohs’ left edge – with Inglis sandwiched in between hulking second rower David Taylor and winger Matt

King – was seen as a strike weapon before the season, but it appears to have already been abandoned with King playing right centre against the Storm.

Maguire said he was open to the possibility of moving Inglis to five-eighth or even fullback, where he burst on to the scene as a teenager with the Storm.

“Definitely not moving (Inglis) at the moment, but where and when he needs to fit in the right places, we’ll look those sorts of things,” Maguire said after his side’s second straight loss.

“I’m looking at all sorts of different things with the team – I’m learning more and more about each player.

“I am looking at opportunities where we may need changes at times and that (moving Inglis) could be possibly one of them.

“We’ve got some structures in place where we can get it to Greg, we’ve just got to make sure we work at it.

“Greg’s showing some good signs when he’s got the ball – we’ve just got to get it a little bit more for him.” – **AAP**



Government of Western Australia
Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take, pursuant to Section 165 of the LAA, those interests specified in respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA) that any native title rights and interests in respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: Industrial Precinct

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 1980 ha marked B on Deposited Plan 72951

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading “LAND DESCRIPTION” above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:
The land under the heading “LAND DESCRIPTION” above is required for a multi-user industrial precinct for processing liquefied natural gas (LNG), comprising individual sites for LNG proponent(s) and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services (Industrial Precinct).

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:
The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The disposition or grant will be a lease to the Western Australian Land Authority (LandCorp) in respect of the whole of the taken land. It is proposed that LandCorp will grant a sublease or subleases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of part of the taken land to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:
The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors’ site and workers’ accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 21 June 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDL REF.:** 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 2: Third Party Contractors' Site

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 199.87 ha marked C on Deposited Plan 72951

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading “LAND DESCRIPTION” above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:
The land under the heading “LAND DESCRIPTION” above is required for a light industrial area, comprising individual sites for the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct and/or third party contractors and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services (Third Party Contractors’ Site).

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:
The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The disposition or grant will be a lease to LandCorp in respect of the whole of the taken land. It is proposed that LandCorp will grant subleases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of the whole of the taken land to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct and/or other third parties.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:
The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors’ site and workers’ accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 21 June 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDL REF.:** 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 3: Workers' Accommodation Site

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 199.86 ha marked D on Deposited Plan 72951

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading “LAND DESCRIPTION” above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:
The land under the heading “LAND DESCRIPTION” above is required for workers accommodation, comprising individual sites to accommodate workers from the Industrial Precinct and Third Party Contractors’ Site and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:
The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The disposition or grant will be a lease to LandCorp in respect of the whole of the taken land. It is proposed that LandCorp will grant subleases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of the whole of the taken land to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct and/or other third parties.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:
The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors’ site and workers’ accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 21 June 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDL REF.:**090193

FOR ALL PARCELS OF LAND:

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000 on Mondays to Fridays between 8am – 5pm except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4604.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Subject to the requirements of Section 175 of the LAA, persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking of that parcel of land with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 OR Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth no later than 20 June 2012.

MINISTER’S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in writing and in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

Particular statements for the purposes of the NTA and Native Title (Notices) Determination 2011 (No. 1) (Cth):

CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA THAT MAY BE AFFECTED: See LAND DESCRIPTION under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule above.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule above, it is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under a written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 21 March 2012.

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 20 June 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF PERSON BY WHOM THE ACT WOULD BE DONE: Minister for Lands, c/- Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4604.

Dated this12th day of March 2012

HON BRENDON GRYLLES MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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Government of Western Australia
Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND FOR A PUBLIC WORK AND
TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 24MD(6A) & (6B)

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) and Section 24MD(6A) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA) that it is proposed to take:

(i) pursuant to Section 161 of the LAA, those interests specified in respect of the parcel of land described under the heading Parcel of Land No 1 in the Schedule for the purposes specified in respect of that land; and

(ii) pursuant to Section 165 of the LAA, those interests specified in respect of each parcel of land described under the headings Parcel of Land No 2 and Parcel of Land No 3 in the Schedule for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 24MD(6B) of the NTA that any native title rights and interests in respect of each parcel of land described under each heading PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

In respect of each PARCEL OF LAND under the headings Parcel of Land No 2 and Parcel of Land No 3 in the Schedule, it is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of each of those parcels of land as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: Port Land

LAND DESCRIPTION: An area of approximately 109.78 ha marked A on Deposited Plan 72951 comprising:

(i) part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565; and

(ii) part of Lot 3001 on Deposited Plan 68245, being part of the land in certificate of Crown land title volume 3159 folio 448.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696, 68245 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED PUBLIC WORK FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for port purposes, including individual areas for the LNG proponent(s) operating in the LNG processing precinct referred to below and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The State will include the whole of the taken land within the area to be proclaimed as a port under the *Port Authorities Act 1999* and reserved and managed for port purposes under the *Land Administration Act 1997* in favour of the Broome Port Authority. It is proposed that the Broome Port Authority will then grant leases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of part of the taken land to Western Australian Land Authority (LandCorp), the LNG proponent(s) operating in the liquefied natural gas (LNG) processing precinct and/or other third parties.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED PUBLIC WORK:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the industrial precinct, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 16 May 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDLREF.:** 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 2: Service Corridors

LAND DESCRIPTION: Those parts of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being:

1. an area of approximately 168.70 ha marked H1 on Deposited Plan 72951;

2. an area of approximately 21.75 ha marked H2 on Deposited Plan 72951;

3. an area of approximately 30.50 ha marked H3 on Deposited Plan 72951.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for service corridors, including water, gas, electricity, and telecommunications services, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses.

In the case of area 1 described above, the service corridor will be approximately 90m wide.

In the case of areas 2 and 3 described above, the service corridor will be approximately 60m wide.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The State will create a reserve for the purpose of service corridors under the *Land Administration Act 1997*. The State will grant leases and/or other associated interests (such as easements etc) to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the LNG processing precinct and/or public or private infrastructure service providers.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the industrial precinct, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 16 May 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDLREF.:** 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 3: Pipeline Corridors

LAND DESCRIPTION:

1. An area of approximately 241.87 ha marked E on Deposited Plan 72951 comprising:

(i) part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565; and

(ii) part of Lot 3007 on Deposited Plan 68252, being part of the land in certificate of Crown land title volume 3159 folio 452.

2. An area of approximately 195.18 ha marked F on Deposited Plan 72951 comprising:

(i) part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565; and

(ii) Lot 3004 on Deposited Plan 68251, being the whole of the land in certificate of Crown land title volume 3159 folio 450.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696, 72951, 68251 and 68252

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for pipeline corridors comprising gas (and its derivatives) pipelines, cables and/or other communication facilities, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The State will grant easements and/or leases in respect of the whole of the taken land to LNG proponent(s) operating in the LNG processing precinct.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the industrial precinct, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 16 May 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDLREF.:** 090193

FOR ALL PARCELS OF LAND:

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, WA 6000 on Mondays to Fridays between 8am – 5pm except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephone (08) 6552 4604.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Subject to the requirements of Section 175 of the LAA, persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking of that parcel of land with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth no later than 15 May 2012.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in writing and in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

Particular statements for the purposes of the NTA:

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Any registered native title claimant or registered native title body corporate may object in accordance with Section 24MD(6B)(d) of the NTA to the doing of the act, within 2 months after the notification, so far as it affects their registered native title rights and interests. The 2 month period closes on 15 May 2012.

NATURE OF THE ACT:

In respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule above, it is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests for the purpose of providing an infrastructure facility and ancillary and incidental purposes.

For the purposes of Section 24MD(6B) of the NTA, the act is to be treated as a compulsory acquisition for the purpose of conferring rights or interests in relation to land or waters on persons other than the State

Dated this12 day of March 2012

HON BRENDON GRYLLES MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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'If we had a 4x4 long jump, we'd win the gold medal for sure'

Crowther in hunt for London dream



EIGHT centimetres and a bit of luck is all that stands between long jumper Robbie Crowther and an Olympics berth.

But the 24-year-old is the first to admit there's a lot that stands between him and his London dream, like injuries, competition and a new drop in confidence brought about by too many foot fouls.

Crowther is vying for the final long jump place in the Australian team that will head to London in less than four months, but needs to strike 8.20m or beyond to qualify.

His personal best falls short at 8.12m and confidence is also low after a poor performance at the Olympic trials in Melbourne earlier this month where he recorded no less than five fouls.

"Most of my jumps have been fouled by two to three centimetres over, so I'm working on my run-up at the moment which is a pain," he said.

"But I know I can do the distance – I've just got to stay mentally tough and keep my head on straight."

Fellow long jumpers Mitchell Watt and Henry Frayne have already booked their spots on the team, while Fabrice Lapierre and Chris Noffke loom as Crowther's biggest threats.

Injury has also taken its toll on the youngster, who underwent surgery on his hamstring in 2010 and has just strained his right ankle – completing the set after his left ankle popped in 2007.

But if Crowther is searching for

inspiration, he needs only to look back.

A gifted rugby league player, Crowther was discovered at a Queensland school carnival in 2004 by famed jumps coach Craig Hilliard and went on to become the junior world long jump champion just 18 months later.

And he did it just two months after suffering another ankle injury running down the stairs at the Australian Institute of Sport, where he still trains.

"I thought juniors were gone, but I had months off and had rehab – I did about 13 days of rehab instead of 24 days of it," he said.

"Then I went out, won junior nationals and then went over to Beijing (for the 2006 world championships), jumped the 8.00m and won it.

"So at the moment, confidence is not that great knowing that I have niggling injuries, but I know I can do it."

Crowther rated world indoor champion Lapierre his biggest competition, but said a back injury could also hinder his chances.

Crowther rued Australia's depth when it came to male jumpers, noting there were five Australians who could jump beyond eight metres.

"If we had a 4x4 long jump, we'd win the gold medal for sure," he said. – AAP



ROBBIE CROWTHER

● Wikipedia reports that in a recent survey conducted by the IAAF, Robbie Crowther was voted the sexiest man in track and field (in the IAAF in 2011). He was a gifted rugby league player from Bowen, in north Queensland, but chose to pursue athletics to fulfil the dream of representing his country at the Olympic Games.



Resources
& Energy

MINING LEASE APPLICATION

Mining Lease Application 416 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease on native title land.

An area of about 1085 hectares situated approximately 9 kilometres south southeast of Kurri Kurri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd (ACN 073 088 945) and Newcastle Coal Company Pty Ltd (ACN 074 900 208) are the applicants of *Mining Lease Application 416 (Act 1992)*, for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of twenty one (21) years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

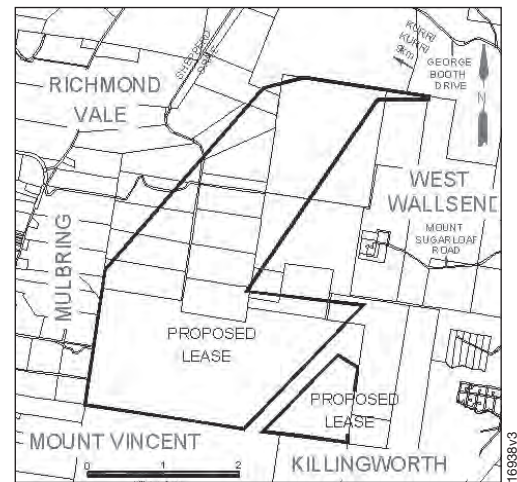
Chris Hartcher, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Ian Elsholz; Titles Program, Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services on Ph 02 4931 6423 Fax 02 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 4 April 2012. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Government of Western Australia Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND FOR A PUBLIC WORK LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 24MD(6A)

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) and Section 24MD(6A) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA) that it is proposed to take, pursuant to Section 161 of the LAA, those interests specified in respect of the parcel of land described under the heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND: Roads

LAND DESCRIPTION: Those parts of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being:

1. an area of approximately 188.29 ha marked G1 on Deposited Plan 72951;
2. an area of approximately 36.83 ha marked G2 on Deposited Plan 72951;
3. an area of approximately 41.38 ha marked G3 on Deposited Plan 72951.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED PUBLIC WORK FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for public roads, being corridors approximately 100m wide.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The State will proclaim a public road or roads under the *Main Roads Act 1930* and/or dedicate a public road or roads under the *Land Administration Act 1997* in respect of the whole of the taken land.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED PUBLIC WORK:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses, including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take are being issued concurrently with this Notice, in relation to the industrial precinct, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, and the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 15 May 2012

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDLREF:** 090193

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, WA 6000 on Mondays to Fridays between 8am – 5pm except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephone (08) 6552 4604.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Subject to the requirements of Section 175 of the LAA, persons having or claiming any interests in the parcel of land specified above may lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking of that parcel of land with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth no later than 14 May 2012.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in writing and in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

Dated this 12th day of March 2012

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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Chance for rising



INDIGENOUS youths from across Western Australia put their football talent on show at the 2012 Nicky Winmar Carnival in the Peel

Thunder Stadium at Mandurah. The event featured teams of under 15s playing round-robin matches.

In the grand final, South Fremantle Metro 4.0 (24) beat Claremont 3.4 (22).

The carnival provided an opportunity for talented young players to be identified by WAFL clubs.

Regional players from areas such as the Kimberley, Wheatbelt, Goldfields, Midwest, Great Southern, Pilbara and South West took part, with participants placed into teams based on geographic WAFL zones.

Peel, Claremont, South Fremantle, East Fremantle, East Perth and West Perth all include regional areas in the current WAFL district zones.

Some participants had the opportunity to play under the guidance of former AFL players such as Des Headland, who coached the Subiaco team.

The carnival was used as a selection guide for the State squad of under 15s to participate in the AFL Kickstart Program.

Undefeated

The WA squad was last year undefeated in the AFL Indigenous Kickstart U15 national championships on the Queensland Gold Coast.

Indigenous sport state co-ordinator Clem Rodney said the carnival provided an opportunity for the players to develop their skills and draw the attention of WAFL clubs.

"The event provides a real opportunity for young players to have their talent recognised and we hope to see a number of these players offered a place in WAFL development pathways," he said.

"Indigenous people have contributed greatly to the history of

AFL and events such of these will allow the next generation to continue playing a vital role in the development of the sport."

A female exhibition match was another feature of the day.

Nicky Winmar is regarded as one of the best footballers to have emerged from Western Australia. He played more than 250 games during his AFL career and was named in the St Kilda team of the century. He is a two-times All-Australian and won the 1989 Trevor Barker Award.

Winmar present

Nicky Winmar was on hand to present the cup to the carnival winners.

Larry Kickett, the first Aboriginal Commissioner appointed to the WAFC, was also there.

The Fremantle Dockers were represented by Antoni Grover, Jonathon Griffin, Anthony Moribito, Roger Hayden, Jordan Wilson King, Jesse Crichton.

Best players for each team: Swan Districts: Best player Cedric Cox; runner-up, Jarrod Humphries.

Peel Thunder: Best player, Calvin Thorne; runner-up, Joshua Garlett.

Subiaco: Best player, Jesse Woodley; runner-up, Derek Nannup.

Combined Side (East Perth colours): Best player, Michael Headland; runner-up, Harley Stack.

South Fremantle Metro: Best player, Callum Ah Chee; runner-up, Jahrell Scattini.

East Fremantle: Best player, Gary Scott; runner-up, Maurice Comeagain.

Claremont: Best player, Liam Bennell; runner-up, Russell Wynne.

Perth: Best player, Myron Kickett-Hayward; runner-up, Neil Winmar.

South Fremantle Regional: Best player, Kerry-Frank Hill; runner-up, Eli Kickett.

Female exhibition game: Best players, Deja-Ann Clanton, Kirby Bentley.



Action in the match between South Fremantle Metro and Combined Representative WAFL District.



A South Fremantle Metro player looks for a scoring opportunity in the game against East Fremantle.



A Combined Representative WAFL District side player is tackled by a Subiaco player.



A player kicks in the female exhibition game.



South Fremantle Metro players contested this mark amongst themselves in the game against East Fremantle.



Nicky Winmar, front, with the carnival winners, South Fremantle. All photos courtesy of William Crabb

stars to showcase



Peel Thunder.



The South Fremantle Regional team.



Players from the East Fremantle team.



The Swan Districts team.



The Perth Demons.



Subiaco.



The Combined WAFL District side.



Players from the Claremont team.



Perth Demons and Subiaco players contest the bounce.



Nicky Winmar with South Fremantle best player Callum Ah Chee.



Coaches of the various teams.



South Fremantle Metro players absorb the coach's last-minute instructions.

League expansion

By ALF WILSON



RUGBY league competitions on Indigenous football strongholds of Thursday Island and Palm Island each look set to have an extra team for the 2012 season.



Four clubs – premiers Suburbs, Roosters, Knights and Horn Island or Wahmere – are set to contest the Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition on Thursday Island.

However KRL Secretary LJ Shibasaki said the body required some more committee members.

"It looks like being a slow start this year as no one wants to be on the committee, but we still working on it," she said.

"However, four teams have indicated

they will contest this year in Roosters, Suburbs, Knights and either Horn Island or Wahmere."

The KRL desperately wants a fourth club to eliminate a bye.

Three teams – Roosters, Suburbs and Mulga Tigers finished the 2011 KRL season after seven sides started, including four from the mainland Northern Peninsula Area (NPA). They withdrew mid-year due to financial constraints.

Favourites

Knights will rejoin after not taking part last season, and will be one of the favourites for the per-season competition to be held on 24 March and 31 March.

The 24 March date will start with a junior sign-on for under six, eight, ten, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 grades.

Suburbs scored a 38-34 victory in golden point time over arch-rivals Roosters

in the 10 September grand final at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island.

Scores had been deadlocked at 34-all at full-time.

In the preliminary final a week earlier, Roosters defeated Mulga Tigers (with mostly players from Badu Island) 25-24 in another cliff-hanger.

It is understood that the Badu players will compete in an Outer Islands competition to start this season.

Meanwhile, Palm Island will have a seven-club competition with the addition of Mount Bentley Raiders.

Last season six clubs – premiers Jets, Brothers, Skipjacks, Butler Bay Bulls, Mundy Bay Warriors and Hornets – competed.

Jets won the 2011 grand final, easily beating Brothers with Skipjacks and Bulls the other sides to contest the semi-finals.

Raiders were in the PIRL when the competition resumed in 2008 and again in 2009 and 2010, but didn't field a team last year.

Already, two former Jets stars – forward Costa Sam and halfback Tabua Oui – have indicated they will line up for Raiders.

April start

PIRL official Margaret Conway said it was hoped the competition would start in early April and she urged clubs to pay their player insurance premiums as early as possible.

It is amazing that the Aboriginal community of Palm Island, with a population of about 2500, can host seven clubs.

By comparison, mainland Townsville, which is 48 nautical miles from Palm Island and with a population of 180,000, also has seven clubs.

Women love their league

By ALF WILSON



WOMEN'S rugby league is going ahead in leaps and bounds in north Queensland mainly due to the massive participation of Indigenous players.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will make up 80 per cent of the players in an expanded Townsville and District women's rugby league competition in 2012.

The new sides are Northern Dolphins and Charters Towers. They will line up against reigning premiers Brothers, Burdekin, Centrals and Western Lions.

Townsville District Rugby League (TDRL) local administrator Kerri Ritchie said she was delighted with the addition of two new sides.

"Indigenous women in the six teams would represent about 80 per cent of all players," she said.

"Charters Towers will be successful as they are in a region that hasn't been targeted yet, so they have had a great response to the ladies out there wanting to play.

"Norths Dolphins didn't want to take players from other teams so they targeted new players as well as a couple from other clubs. But both new teams will prove to be strong contenders."

A trial game was played at the Ayr on 10 March. Dolphins had a 46-8 win over the under-strength Burdekin who

were without captain and representative star Kelli McLean.

Brothers will again be the team to beat.

MEANWHILE, Thursday Island side Sundown Sirens will face stiff competition against teams from Badu Island and St Paul's, on Moa Island, in the 2012 Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) women's competition, to kick off on 21 April.

KRL women's delegate Sasha Busch said trial games had been planned for 24 and 31 March.

"Games will be fortnightly until late September. There will be no pre-season games," Busch told the *Koori Mail*.

Promoter's dream

The women's competition will be a promoter's dream, considering the wonderful form of Sirens and the equally talented Dedeyal Gammas, who won the last two Zenadth Kes (Torres Cup) women's finals.

ON Palm Island, more than 60 women are training in the hope of playing in a women's rugby league competition starting in April.

The last time a domestic women's competition was held on Palm Island was in 2008 when Jets won the grand final.

One of the prime movers behind the



Sundown Sirens pictured with Test stars Sam Backo and the late and great Artie Beetson at the 2011 Island of Origin series.

restoration of a women's competition is Lindsay Malone, one of the most accomplished female footballers around.

"We want to get at least two teams and they will probably be Hornets and Jets and we do have 60 ladies keen to play,"

Malone said.

The Palm Island Barracudettes have competed with distinction at various North Queensland All Blacks carnivals and reckon a local competition will give them much-needed regular games.



Elsie Seriat on the rampage for Sundown Sirens at the 2011 Island of Origin.



Lindsay Malone who is the mainstay behind a women's competition on Palm Island.

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plenty to offer, especially with his run and carry. **Brendon Ah Chee** won the South Fremantle Colts' best and fairest in 2011. His strengths include an overhead mark and an innate understanding of where the goals are. He has clean skills around stoppages, but is regarded as a development player.

Chad Wingard – highly regarded in many circles – has already shown during the pre-season that he'll be a valuable acquisition for the Power, through the midfield and across half forward. He captained South Australia at the under 18s championships last year and had a brilliant junior career.

Argent's prediction: Port Adelaide will improve on their low base last year, but still will be in the bottom half.

Richmond (2)

Shane Edwards (89, 39) Gibson Turner (0, 0)

Shane Edwards, a pacy midfielder who won Richmond's most-improved player award last year, is a member of a family with a strong football heritage. At the Tigers since 2007, he was sixth in the Jack Dyer Medal (Richmond's best and fairest) last year. Edwards has developed gradually and should become a 100-game AFL footballer this year.

Gibson Turner is fast and skilful, with an exceptional natural leap and a big bag of tricks. He comes to the Tigers from its SANFL counterpart Glenelg. Originally from Alice Springs, he also played for Sacred Heart in the Adelaide College system. He represented the NT Thunder at the national under 18 championships, playing in all five matches. Early signs at Richmond are positive.

Argent's prediction: After some early promise, it is expected to be another year of agony for the Tigers.

St Kilda (3)

Raphael Clarke (82, 8), Nick Winmar (2, 0), Terry Milera (0, 0)

Injury continued to plague **Raph Clarke** during 2011, and despite being on the Saints' senior list since he debuted in 2004, he's yet to play 100 games. When fit, Clarke is an athletic defender who provides run across half-back and can break lines.

Nick Winmar, after getting fleeting opportunities last year, will be looking to start to make a presence in 2012. At 189cm, he needs to put on weight to his 81kg frame, but has strong athletic ability and clean hands, being able to play at either end of the ground.

Terry Milera is a mature-age draft selection and is noted for his excellent skills and his ability to do freakish acts. He can play on a wing, across half back or as a goal-kicking forward. His younger brother Tim was a Crows rookie for a year.

Argent's prediction: St Kilda, who have new coach Scott Waters, are expected to dip a little in 2012.

Sydney Swans (3)

Adam Goodes (300, 352), Lewis Jetta (40, 16), Tony Armstrong (14, 0)

NSW-ACT junior **Tony Armstrong** was collected by the Swans from Adelaide, playing 14 games over two seasons. He should fit nicely into the Swans' experienced defence alongside Rhyce Shaw and Martin Mattner.

After an indifferent second season at Sydney, **Lewis Jetta** will be looking to recapture the zeal he showed in 2010. The fleet-footed youngster played 20 of a possible 24 games last year.

Despite being 31, **Adam Goodes** was still at his dazzling best last year, winning his third Swans best and fairest. He became only the second Sydney Swan to play 300 career matches after long-time mate Michael O'Loughlin. His durability over a long time is outstanding.

Argent's prediction: Always a competitive club, the Swans are certainly top-eight material.

West Coast Eagles (6)

Josh Hill (66, 75), Gerrick Weedon (1, 0), Koby Stevens (7, 2), Brad Dick (27, 32), Murray Newman (0, 0) Callum Papertalk (0, 0)

After five years at the Western Bulldogs, **Josh Hill** is hoping to resurrect his career back home in the west. A medium-sized goal-kicking forward, Hill needs to work harder to ensure he makes the most of his natural talents.

Murray Newman, collected by the Eagles at the 2011 AFL Draft at number 23, is an industrious midfielder with precise kicking skills and speed. He played nine senior WAFL games for Swan Districts in 2011, with tackling pressure and consistency being features of his game.

After an impressive season with WAFL club East Fremantle last year, **Koby Stevens** will look



Danyle Pearce is a senior player on the Power's young list.

to add to his two games mid-season. He's noted as a fierce competitor who is strong overhead and wins plenty of contested ball.

Gerrick Weedon is hard-working and tackling forward who made his AFL debut as a substitute in round seven last year. From WAFL club Claremont, Weedon also displayed his skills in the pre-season 2012 competition and is a long-term prospect. He may get more opportunities with Mark LeCras' season-ending injury.

Brad Dick, dumped by Collingwood after a shocking run of shoulder and knee injuries, is a talented forward and has been given another chance back in his home State. Recovering from a knee reconstruction, if he can get his body right, he is capable of developing into an exciting prospect.

Callum Papertalk, a slightly-built half-forward from Chapman Valley in outback WA, impressed with the East Fremantle Colts last year, kicking 27 goals in 15 games.

Argent's prediction: After an outstanding campaign last year, the Eagles will find it hard to keep up that level of performance, with the loss of key personnel.

Western Bulldogs (3)

Liam Jones (25, 25), Nathan Djerrkura (12, 4), Zeph Skinner (1, 1, 0, 0)

Darwin lad **Nathan Djerrkura**, taking his second chance in the AFL after spending four years at Geelong, is in his second year at the Bulldogs. He played eight senior games last winter and needs to cement a place this season.

Liam Jones blossomed in his second year in AFL ranks in 2011 and with Barry Hall's retirement is expected to be the Doggies' key target in attack. He won the Tony Liberatore 'most improved player' award.

Zeph Skinner, a spring-heeled excitement machine from the Northern Territory, played just one AFL game in 2011. He has the talent to make an impact at senior level this year.

Argent's prediction: Another team with a new rookie coach, the Bulldogs are expected to finish in the middle of the pack.

JOSH LALOR



Josh Lalor Indigenous Cricketer of the Year



NSW left-arm bowler Josh Lalor has been named the 2012 Lord's Taverners

Indigenous Cricketer of the Year.

At a ceremony in Brisbane last Wednesday, Lalor, from Penrith in western Sydney, was presented with the award at Cricket Australia's State Cricket Awards.

Lalor this season joined South Australian Dan Christian and West Australian Darcy Short as Indigenous first-class cricketers in Australia.

It is generally recognised that South Australian Jason Gillespie was Australia's first Indigenous Test player.

Dan Christian came close to a Test debut this season when he was named 12th man for a Test against India in Hobart.

Christian has established himself as an Australian T20 and one-day player.

With players like Lalor and Short breaking into cricket's elite ranks, it appears that efforts to give Indigenous cricketers greater opportunities are beginning to pay dividends.

Lalor has been a regular member of the NSW Imparja Cup

team playing in the big annual Indigenous tournament in Alice Springs, but did not play this year because of commitments with Cricket NSW.

The annual State Cricket Awards are held in the lead-up to the Sheffield Shield final.

The Queensland Bulls were awarded the Benaud Spirit of Cricket Award for the 2011-12 season, while the New South Wales women's team were presented with the WNCL Spirit of Cricket Award.

Lalor was 12th man for NSW's final Sheffield Shield cricket match of the season.

He was named in the squad for the game against Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, but ended up carrying the drinks.

He replaced Simon Katich, who withdrew for family reasons.

Victoria won the match after NSW led on the first innings, but the win was not enough to give the Bushrangers a berth in the Sheffield Shield final.

Lalor, 25, made his first-class debut for NSW against Western Australia in Sydney last November, taking 3-34 and 2-59.

He has taken 14 first-class wickets for an average of 31, with 5-97 (v Tasmania) being his best haul.

How Indigenous AFL

THE Australian Football League's (AFL's) 2012 campaign has all the hallmarks of another stellar season. **PETER ARGENT** takes a look at the Indigenous footballers in all 18 sides as the code again expands.

Adelaide (4)

(4 Indigenous players)

Graham Johncock (206 AFL games, 99 AFL goals), **Jared Petrenko** (36, 17), **Richard Tambling** (118, 61), **Cameron Ellis-Yolmen** (0, 0)

Mallee Park junior **Graham Johncock** is one of the senior players at Adelaide and after finishing equal-third in the 2011 club champion award, is primed for another consistent season as a leader in defence.

From the SANFL Eagles, **Jared Petrenko** had a breakout year last winter, playing 15 senior matches. Courageous and skilful, he can be used as a small forward and through the mid-field rotations.

Former Richmond Tiger **Richard Tambling** is at a critical point of his AFL career. He spent as much time with SANFL club Sturt last winter and needs to force his way back into the side on a regular basis.

Cameron Ellis-Yolmen, a project player, after being sidelined all of the 2010 campaign with a knee injury, has taken a while to adjust to the rigours of an AFL pre-season. At 188cm and 88kg, the versatile utility hasn't been able to force his way into his SANFL league team, Woodville-West Torrens, for their initial trials.

Argent's prediction: There is an exciting new ethos at the Crows; expect them to be a contender for a top eight position.

Brisbane Lions (2)

Ashley McGrath (176, 135), **Sam Sheldon** (40, 10)

The reliable and creative **Ashley McGrath** can play attacking and defensive roles. He finished seventh in the Merrett-Murray Medal. McGrath looks



Graham Johncock is an elder statesman at the Crows and should have another big year.

Picture: Peter Argent



Jared Petrenko has developed into a versatile player for the Adelaide Crows. *Picture: Peter Argent*

set to continue to be a consistent contributor for the Lions.

Sam Sheldon, son of Carlton premiership player Ken, spent the first two months of the 2011 season playing with the Lions Reserves in the new NEAFL competition. He was more productive during the second half of the Lions' campaign last year and now must develop some consistency. He should reach his 50th AFL-game milestone for the club this year.

Argent's prediction: The Lions are still in a development phase and will be in the bottom half.

Carlton (4)

Chris Yarran (45, 31), **Andrew Walker** (127, 93), **Jeff Garlett** (44, 99), **Eddie Betts** (144, 215)

Chris Yarran, who turned into a free-wheeling defender in 2011, added a further dimension to his game and is among the exciting young talents in the code. His superb delivery on the ball was a highlight and his rebound made him a true attacking option for the Blues.

While Yarran was released into the back half, **Andrew Walker** made a great fist of being used in attack. Walker finished the 2011 season with a club-leading 56 goals, being a potent medium target as a lead-up forward. After the frustration of injury in the previous seasons, Walker will be looking to continue his influence this year.

Jeff Garlett, a lightning quick small forward with mercurial goal-sense, is a game-breaker. A first cousin of Hawthorn superstar Lance Franklin, he was more consistent in 2011 and coach Brett Ratten will be looking for even bigger things from him in the coming season.

Despite his size, **Eddie Betts** is often the lynchpin of the Carlton forward line. He also kicked 50 goals last winter.

Walker, Betts and Garlett kicked 154 of the Blues' 344 goals – or nearly 40 per cent – of the team's total for the season last year.

Argent's prediction: Carlton is expected to take a step up and become a true contender this year.

Collingwood (4)

Sharrod Wellingham (72, 42), **Andrew Krakouer** (125, 137), **Kirk Ugle** (0, 0), **Peter Yagmoor** (0, 0)

Sharrod Wellingham, a 2010 premiership player from the west who came off the rookie list, needs to step up again to become an elite AFL footballer. Capable of playing up forward as well as through the midfield, he is a versatile mid-sized player.

Former Richmond star **Andrew Krakouer** was one of the uplifting stories of 2011 season. This dashing and creative small forward is a game-breaker. He's had outside issues to deal with as he endeavours to prepare for the winter ahead.

Peter Yagmoor, a creative left-footer from Queensland, comes to the Magpies through a trade from the Gold Coast. The 2012 pre-season competition has shown he can quickly adapt to the game at the highest level. He is expected to start in defence, but should move into an on-ball role later in his career.

Kirk Ugle, at just 172cm tall, after a couple of NAB Cup appearances last year, spent the remainder of 2011 in the VFL. A small forward noted for his tackling skills, pace and defensive intensity, there is a touch of Cyril Rioli in the way he plays.

Argent's prediction: Even with the change of coach, Collingwood should still be a top-four side.

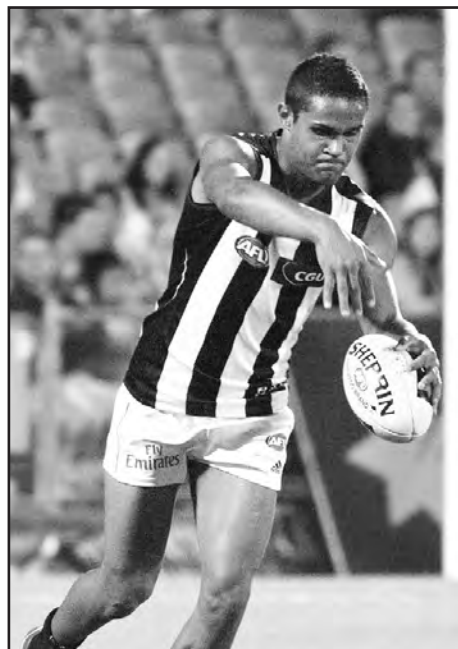
Essendon (6)

Courtenay Dempsey (54, 13), **Alwyn Davey** (69, 72), **Leroy Jetta** (62, 51), **Nathan Lovett-Murray** (125, 64), **Patrick Ryder** (117, 70), **Anthony Long** (0, 0)

After a season on the sidelines following a knee reconstruction, **Courtenay Dempsey** showed during the pre-season that he has lost none of his trademark pace, ability to break lines and creativity across half back.

He will be a welcome return for second-year coach James Hird and, now sporting a beard, is easy to spot on the field.

Alwyn Davey has been injured-prone over his career at the Bombers. He played the last half of the 2011 season, but at 27 needs to impose himself on a full year at



Left-footed Queenslanders **Peter Yagmoor** has shown promise in pre-season games since moving to the Magpies. *Picture: Peter Argent*

the club, instead of producing the occasional cameo.

Leroy Jetta, an exciting junior from Western Australia, finally delivered on his promise in 2011. He played every game for the Bombers and kicked 27 goals in a career-best return. Noted for his ingenuity and skill-set, Jetta is a special talent. If Hird can harness this, Jetta could become one of the leading players.

Nathan Lovett-Murray is expected to be used as a midfielder in 2012. Now a senior player at the Bombers, he missed much of the second half of last season through injury. Lovett-Murray is an important and versatile player in Essendon's structures.

Playing mainly in the ruck, **Patty Rider's** 2011 season was indifferent early, but gradually improved. Along with his impressive tap-work, Rider can also play in key positions up forward and in defence. If he can work consistently, there is still a lot of upside to the 23-year-old.

After being delisted at the end of last season, **Anthony Long** has been given a second chance at the Bombers as a rookie. Composed under pressure and with a good skill base, Long could develop into a creative half-back. He did suffer with injury while being on the senior list at Essendon.

Argent's prediction: Maybe the Bombers will stagnate a little in 2012.

Fremantle (6)

Antonio Grover (201, 27), **Stephen Hill** (67, 43), **Michael Johnson** (125, 51), **Michael Walters** (11, 14), **Jonathon Griffin** (48, 11), **Jordan Wilson-King** (0, 0)

Antoni Grover, one of the old hands at the Dockers, continued to have a role in defence and contributes consistently. He debuted in 1999 and is one of a handful of players still in the system from before the start of this century.

Already tagged virtually every game, **Stephen Hill** is adjusting to the pressures of being one of the brightest young talents in the AFL and is ready for a breakout season. He is one of the excitement machines of the competition.

Michael Johnson struggled a little last year, but has size and versatility, being able to play forward or back, or even pinch-hit in the ruck.

The 2012 campaign is critical for the dynamic **Michael Walters**. He kicked a match-winner in round one last year, but needs to have an injury-free season and find consistency.

The Dockers are lucky to have a ruckman of the class of **Jonathan Griffin** as back-up for the tallest player in the AFL – Aaron Sandilands. When he received opportunities, Griffin produced.

Rookie-listed **Jordan Wilson-King** spent last year with North Adelaide and at Rostrevor College, along with his commitments with the Northern Territory. An aggressive half back, with good skills he'll develop in the WAFL.

Argent's prediction: The Dockers should rise up the ladder under new coach Ross Lyon.

Geelong Cats (5)

Travis Varcoe (100, 113), **Mathew Stokes** (111, 165), **Steven Motlop** (5, 2), **Allen Christensen** (19, 18), **Joel Hamling** (0, 0)

The foot injury to **Travis Varcoe**, now a

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players will perform

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dual Cats premiership player, means he will miss the start of the 2012 campaign. Noted for his immaculate skills, the former Central District junior from South Australia was just starting to realise his huge potential over the past couple of years.

Mathew Stokes, from Palmerston in the Northern Territory, completed his resurrection after the off-field issues which plagued him previously. He deserved his second AFL premiership medal last year after being left out in 2009.

Steven Motlop, longing to be a part of the next generation of the Cats' success, played four games during the middle of the 2011 season, where his talent was on display. A dynamic forward/midfielder, Motlop has battled persistent shoulder injuries and there is no doubting his football heritage.

The rise for **Allen Christensen** was meteoric in 2011. Promoted from the Geelong VFL side, he became an AFL premiership player by season's end. In 2011 he played 19 games and earned a Rising Star nomination for his 26 possessions and two goals against Richmond in round 18. Noted for his pace and knowledge of where the goals are, Christensen excelled during last year's finals series. There are high expectations.

The tall **Joel Hambling**, a West Australian under 18 last year, is a project player at the Cats and is expected to spend the 2012 season in the VFL. Originally from Broome, he has already played in the NAB Cup and showed he can move down back as well.

Argent's prediction: Geelong, despite the retirements, are still in a great position to challenge for the crown in 2012.

Gold Coast (6)

Liam Patrick (3, 2), Jarrod Harbrow (92, 23), Harley Bennell (14, 14), Nathan Krakouer (53, 15), Steven May (9, 0), Brandon Matera (12, 15)

Jarrod Harbrow, 23, a big signing last year, came to the Suns with high expectations. The hard-running and creative defender played all 22 games and the coaching staff will be looking for an increase on his 2011 average of 20 disposals a game.

Liam Patrick a cousin of Melbourne's Liam Jurrah, comes from the Lajamanu community, 900km south of Darwin. A freakish talent, used mainly up forward, he promises to be an excitement machine if he can find consistency and an understanding of the requirements of AFL football.

Harley Bennell was one of the outstanding under 18s from 2010, with the young midfielder/half-forward last year showing signs of his enormous potential on occasions. Noted for blistering pace and classy use of the ball, Bennell could develop into a marquee player.

Nathan Krakouer, a nephew of Jimmy and Phil Krakouer, has the same extraordinary talents as his famous uncles, but issues outside football may derail his AFL career.

Steven May, a strongly-built player, isn't afraid to put his body on the line and can play at both ends of the ground. One of the Suns' priority zone selections, he'll be a player to watch.

Pocket rocket **Brandon Matera**, a game-breaker in the club's first regular season victory, has plenty of football heritage. A shining light at the Suns in his rookie season, Matera has a big future.



The Fremantle Dockers' Stephen Hill is one of the brightest young talents in the AFL.

Argent's prediction: Six to eight wins will be a good season for the Suns.

Greater Western Sydney (5)

Rhys Cooyou (0, 0), Curtly Hampton (0, 0), Shaun Edwards (0, 0), Gerald Ugle (0, 0), Nathan Wilson (0, 0)

The five Indigenous players at the Giants will be looking to establish themselves as AFL footballers.

West Australian **Rhys Cooyou** is a medium forward who is noted for pace and agility, along with being an elite kicker of the football.

Playing his junior football with the famous St Marys club, **Shaun Edwards** arrived as 16-year-old from Darwin. He has clean hand skills, agility and speed.

Curtly Hampton, one of the initial signings by the GWS, possesses all the attributes to be a star. From Alice Springs, he first represented the NT as a 14-year-old, and displays poise, agility, and blistering speed. He was an AIS-AFL Academy member in 2008-09 and spent 12 months boarding at Adelaide's Immanuel College.

Gerald Ugle is a small midfielder/forward who can also play in defence and use his speed and kicking to great effect.

Nathan Wilson is a medium-sized defender who can be used in the midfield. He has an excellent natural leap and uses his speed to break the lines and was also a member of the 2010-11 AIS-AFL Academy squad.

Argent's prediction: If they can grab a couple of wins, the Giants will have done very well in their first year.

Hawthorn (7)

Cyril Rioli (83, 101), Lance Franklin (142, 451), Chance Bateman (174, 67), Shaun Burgoyne (197, 194), Derick Wanganeen (0, 0), Bradley Hill (0, 0), Amos Frank (0, 0)

Cyril Rioli, with the ability to produce electrifying performances, is one of the true stars of the AFL. He is expected to get more time in the midfield in 2012, but his ability in attack will see him play a

majority of his games up forward.

Shining even more brightly, **Lance Franklin** comes into the 2012 campaign after a second Coleman Medal and won his third All-Australian selection last year. Nearly impossible to match up on, his contested marking has also improved considerably, which is even more scarier for opposition defenders.

Chance Bateman, a stalwart of the Hawks, is a gutsy and hard-working midfielder who managed 17 games last winter.

Former Port Adelaide player **Shaun Burgoyne** is one of the smoothest clearance footballers in the AFL. Able to be used in a diversity of roles, he is just three games short of following older brother Peter as a 200-game AFL footballer.

Like team-mate Burgoyne, **Derek Wanganeen** hails from Mallee Park and while small in stature, has all the attributes of a quick goal-kicking forward. He had solid form with the Box Hill Hawks last year and he is looking for a chance.

Bradley Hill, younger brother of classy Fremantle wingman Stephen, proved his elite athletic status, breaking a number of endurance records at the Draft Combine last year.

Amos Frank, the first player from the remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in the remote north-west of South Australia, was a rookie draft smokey, taken with pick No 34. Quick and an accurate kick with both feet, Frank could be one of the great stories of 2012 if he gets a chance.

Argent's prediction: Favourites for the premiership, this is expected to be the year of the Hawks.

Melbourne (5)

Liam Jurrah (35, 81), Neville Jetta (30, 18), Aaron Davey (150, 152), Jamie Bennell (51, 20), Kelvin Lawrence (0, 0)

It has been a dramatic start to the season for **Liam Jurrah**. After a wrist injury, he returned Central Australia for personal reasons, but personal issues blew up and he's now back in Melbourne.



Ruckman Jonathan Griffin has delivered for the Fremantle Dockers when given the opportunities.

A match-winner, his 2011 campaign wasn't as exciting as the year before, but his undoubted X-factor draws crowds through the games

After an injury-interrupted 2011, West Australian **Neville Jetta** needs a consistent season. Used mainly as a small forward, he tackles ferociously, but has the ability to spend time as part of the midfield rotation. He needs to address his consistency.

Aaron Davey, a 150-game AFL footballer, had a poor 2011. He needs to regain the leadership skills he displayed in previous seasons. He is noted for his potent left foot and finishing skills.

Jamie Bennell, who represented Western Australian as a junior cricketer, is an outstanding talent who needs to deliver consistently.

Kelvin Lawrence impressed in the VFL last season with his pace and forward pressure. Completing a second pre-season at Melbourne, he is a chance of playing a senior football in 2012.

Argent's prediction: There is expected to be improvement at the Demons, but they are unlikely to make the top eight.

North Melbourne (5)

Lindsay Thomas (91, 113), Daniel Wells (170, 102), Cruize Garlett (25, 5), Matt Campbell (67, 70), Malcolm Lynch (2, 0)

After sharing the Syd Barker Medal with Andrew Swallow, **Daniel Wells'** world catapulted into turmoil after a post-season shoulder operation. Unable to do contact work during the pre-season, Wells was given the all-clear by the medical professionals just before the end of this period. Pleasingly, the Kangaroos' faithful can expect Wells to be back at 'full throttle' early this season.

Lindsay Thomas struggled to find consistency in front of goal and spent time back in the VFL for a period last winter. This former Port Adelaide Magpie is a true small forward who can be a game-breaker, and hopefully has fixed his goal-kicking yips.

After playing a half a dozen of North's first eight games in 2011, **Cruize Garlett** looked set for a breakthrough season, but his form waned. The highly-skilful Garlett faces a critical juncture in his career.

Diminutive small forward **Matt Campbell** had an injury-ravaged start to 2011. His lightning pace and defensive pressure are key attributes.

Malcolm Lynch only played two games in a three-year period from 2007-09 with the Western Bulldogs, but has been given a second chance at the Kangaroos. He developed into a damaging midfielder under former Crows coach Gary Ayres at Port Melbourne and was a key member of the Boroughs' 2011 VFL premiership win.

Argent's prediction: The Kangaroos need to make a statement this year and must play finals.

Port Adelaide (3)

Danyle Pearce (134, 72) Brendon Ah Chee (0, 0), Chad Wingard (0, 0)

Danyle Pearce, who will turn 26 in April, is a senior player on the Power's young list. He moved to defence last season, with his great kicking skills coming to the fore. Pearce is developing into a more complete footballer. He still has

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Future still is bright in AFL

Ben speaks with footy in his hand

WORDS are important. However, one fact that always rings true is the fact that actions speak louder than words.

I thought of Benny Barba last week when all the controversy broke around the future of Daly Cherry-Evans at Manly.

I am a great fan of Daly and I will return to him later in this column, but his situation made me think of Benny.

Why? Because of Des Hasler being lured to the Bulldogs, many of Manly's big names have been linked to making the move to the Belmore kennel.

Daly, Keiran Foran and Brett Stewart have been the three big names linked to this rumour and you could understand any club being interested in players of this quality.

However, I always think of the impact these stories have on the current playing group.

That's why Barba came to mind.

Last year, Ben proved his attacking qualities make him one of the most potent weapons in the NRL.

He is in his third season at the Canterbury Bulldogs and has risen to the challenge to prove his worth.

This did not stop most pundits pencilling in Brett Stewart to be courted and recruited to the Bulldogs to reunite with Des Hasler.

It would have been easy for Ben to lose focus and to drop in confidence and form faced with these rumours.

Can be unsettling

I am certain he has received support from Hasler and his fellow players, but even the best players are unsettled by this type of speculation.

He has answered any doubters in the best possible way – by his actions on the field.

I think his opportunity to play in the Indigenous All Stars side last year and in the starting side this year has done wonders for his overall confidence.

He seems to be comfortable with himself and plays with a sense of certainty that comes from playing with and against the best in the NRL.

So his early season form in response to all this speculation came as no surprise to me.

No one told him to play tough, catch all types of bombs, score tries and make breaks, given an inch of opportunity, and generally perform at a representative level in the first two games.

But that has what he has delivered on the back of a great start by the team as a whole and – in particular – the forward pack.

This has allowed Barba to show his skills, but it has perceived increased toughness that will increase his standing with Hasler.

If the initial rumours were true, Des may now consider the money earmarked for Brett Stewart may be spent on another position – maybe a representative halfback like Daly or an international five-eighth like Foran.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

Getting back to Daly: He is certainly not just a player of the future – he is a star of the present.

He reminds me of the former Eagles great Johnny Gibbs when he is in full flight.

Daly Cherry-Evans is creating an unthinkable situation.

His form and play is so mature and brilliant that the Queensland selectors are considering playing him at number 7 in State of Origin 1, consigning Cooper Cronk to the bench.

Before now, the answer for the Maroons had been obvious: Darren Lockyer is retired, Jonathan Thurston moves to 6, Cooper to 7 and away we go.

This was an easy transition until some upstart who is supposed to suffer second-year syndrome while still in negotiations for a new contract instead continued to play footy with a smile, tremendous foot

speed, a wicked left-hand fend and a killer show'n'go.

He is a great player to watch.

But it is not only the youngsters showing the way.

Billy Slater continues to amaze with some of the things he is capable of.

It's just not fair to the rest of the NRL that a player who used to ride track-work is fast becoming the best fullback most of us will ever see.

Everyone loves Billy Slater because of his competitiveness, ability to play well above his weight, commitment to every action he undertakes on the field and the respect he has for rugby league.

Listen to him after games deflecting personal adulation with congratulatory messages for his teammates.

Listen to him pay credit to the people inside him for putting the ball in the right place for him.

All of these traits are reflective of the person he is, but we know he is a major reason why the Melbourne Storm have won 75 per cent of their NRL fixtures since he made his debut.

I had better include a forward in my best starters to the year to avoid being accused of bias!

Forwards – and especially front-rowers – rarely rate a mention when it comes to team success.

The halfbacks, fullbacks and try-scorers normally hog the headlines – deservedly.

If the New Zealand Warriors make a serious run at the 2012 NRL Premiership, then Ben Matulino will have to pave the way.

The Warriors currently have a Kiwi front-rower (Sam Rapiira) and Queensland Origin front rower (Jacob Lillyman) missing with injury, but Matulino has stepped up.

Matulino is a young lion of the game who plays like a veteran.

Like Ben Barba, he has started the season in representative form.

IN my previous column, I had to reject generalisations about Indigenous players that could lead to racial stereotyping.

The AFL now finds itself embroiled in a debate around recruitment practices based on similarly misguided notions.

The Adelaide Crows' recruiter who told the AFL he would be unlikely to draft an Indigenous player unless they had a white parent has since resigned his position.

He had no choice.

Adelaide chief executive officer Steven Trigg said the recruiter's position was 'absolutely untenable' – and I have to agree.

This is despite the recruiter saying he believed his comments, in a meeting attended by AFL community engagement officer Jason Mifsud, were misunderstood.

But there is no room for misunderstanding when you privately admitted to the league that your club would be unlikely to draft an Indigenous player unless at least one parent was white.

The recruiter is one of several recently approached by the AFL in response to rumours of unease at some clubs about recruiting Indigenous players, and a drop in their numbers on club lists.

Jason Mifsud has again reinforced the game's strong stance on such issues.

"When people start talking about race as part of a recruiting decision, and then splitting that out to be a question of mixed race, fundamentally people are going into areas they have no idea about," he said.

"It is ignorant and offensive."

The issue was brought into focus by the arrest in the Northern Territory a week earlier of Melbourne player Liam Jurrah for an alleged assault with a machete.

In an early report on the issue Mifsud, the AFL's Community Engagement Manager, confirmed there had been a hardening of attitudes against Aboriginal players at some clubs.

"I have had direct conversations with a number of recruiting officers," he said.

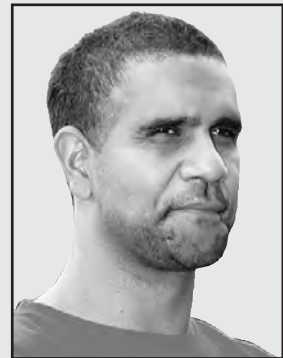
"A recruiter from one club told me that 'unless they have a white parent, we are not going to draft an Aboriginal player and our club would not be alone in that'.

"That is a mindset that is permeating back through parts of the industry.

"Fortunately, there are still many clubs that embrace Aboriginal talent," said Mifsud.

Mifsud warned that if the attitude achieved a stronger foothold, the AFL would 'turn 180 degrees and

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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within five years we would have undone 15 years of hard work and progress'.

Thankfully, the immediate response of the club and the AFL suggest this will not be the case.

I also agree with Jason when he said AFL football had been a rarity in Australian society for giving Aborigines a sense of identity and inclusiveness absent in other areas of life.

"The one vehicle this country has had in the last 15 years to elevate, celebrate and recognise Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander identity is football and if that door is going to start to get shut on us, then we are going to fight and scratch to keep it open," he said.

I would like to finish on a positive that suggests the door of opportunity for Indigenous players is still well and truly open.

The AFL under-16 championships have been expanded to include two new teams, with the AFL's Flying Boomerangs and the West Australian North West invited to fight it out for the national title.

The Flying Boomerangs program is a personal development and leadership initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys between 14 and 15 years of age, while the new team from WA will be made up of players from the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne regions of the State.

Up to 50 extra aspiring AFL footballers will be given the chance to strut their stuff on a national stage with the addition of the new teams.

The Boomerangs have already proved a successful pathway into the AFL with Leroy Jetta, Austin Wonaemirri and Nathan Krakouer among the players to pass through the program.

The north-western region of WA has also produced plenty of AFL players with Dean Cox and Josh Hill among those to hail from the area.

The Flying Boomerangs squad has played against representative sides from South Africa, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Fiji in the past seven years, but Jason Mifsud said the team's inclusion in the championships would take the program to a new level.

"The NAB AFL under-16 championships will be a significant event in the Flying Boomerangs' program that will enable the players to develop their skills and compete against some of the best, up-and-coming players in the country," Mifsud said.

Despite the short-term damage of recent comments, I firmly believe the future for Indigenous players is as bright as ever.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Mundraby wins, but left deflated



The referee raises Fred Mundraby's hand after the Australian flyweight champion beat Indonesian Eric Siregar on points over six rounds in Townsville on 9 March. Mundraby's professional record stands at 16 fights, 14 wins, one loss and one draw. He has had one knockout win and six TKOs.

By GRAHAM HUNT



FRED 'The General' Mundraby feels deflated after his latest fight.

The Australian flyweight champion beat Indonesian Eric Diaz Siregar on points over six rounds at Murray Stadium, Townsville, on 9 March.

The Yarrabah-born Brisbane-based Mundraby won every round in a unanimous decision.

The question for the 23-year-old Mundraby is: Where to from here?

He was hoping a win over Siregar would attract the interest of promoters and that offers of bigger fights would follow.

But that hasn't happened and Mundraby is feeling disillusioned with the professional boxing scene in Australia.

"There just isn't the interest in boxers in the lighter weight divisions," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I would love to get a TV fight.

"I know I would get a bigger fan base if I had a TV fight and things could take off.

"But it hasn't happened and I'm beginning to feel it's never going to happen."

Mundraby said he still harboured dreams of a world title fight, but admitted such a goal was no closer after his most recent fight.

"No one wants to fight me in Australia," he said.

"It seems I will have to chase fights overseas, but I don't have the money to organise them.

"That's where the promoters come in.

"But they're not exactly knocking on my door, so I don't know what to do.

"You could be the best in the world, but if the promoters aren't interested in you, it means little.

"I'll keep plugging away, but it is disheartening."

Mundraby said he would 'just push on and look for new challenges'.

"I'll go anywhere – Mexico, the United States," he said.

"I'd fight for a bag of noodles just to get a TV fight."

Brawling fight

A capacity crowd of about 2000 watched Mundraby win a brawling fight in Townsville.

Mundraby said his Indonesian opponent was an awkward fighter, describing him as a 'professional spoiler'.

"He's been around the ropes – he knew all tricks of the trade," he said.

"I fell into his style of fighting a couple of times and was warned by the referee, but I was able to snap out of it and fight my kind of fight."

Mundraby said he would continue to train in the hope that something appeared on the horizon.

His next fight is likely to be an under-card bout in Brisbane in April.

Indigenous men in Gaelic premiership

By PETER ARGENT



PORT Adelaide Magpies SANFL footballer Anthony Wilson and Indigenous team-mate Dale Agius were part of premiership glory in a different football code.

They were members of the Flinders O'Neills Gaelic football team that won the men's division 2 grand final in the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association of South Australia's day to culminate its 2011-12 season. They played at St Mary Park, in the southern suburbs of Adelaide on Sunday 11 March.

Flinders O'Neills won the final and raised the cup after they defeated Port Adelaide by a significant 12-point margin, 2.16 (22) to 1.7 (10).

Wilson, noted for his pace and exquisite skills in Australian rules, was equally adept with the round ball, displaying both of these attributes as a forward in the Irish national code.

Agius, who was used as a defender, was noted for his ability to read the game and his coolness under pressure.

"Dale asked me to fill in one week and I enjoyed it, so I played for the remainder of the year," Wilson said.

"It is lot faster and more intense than Aussie rules, especially around the stoppages.

"My football skills do help a bit, as does my hand-ball co-ordination.

"It certainly helped my fitness because of the amount of transition running you do in Gaelic.

"It was nice to finish my first season of

Gaelic footy with a title. There was a real camaraderie in this game."

While not a major sport in South Australia, the Gaelic game has had a steady increase and influx from other codes.

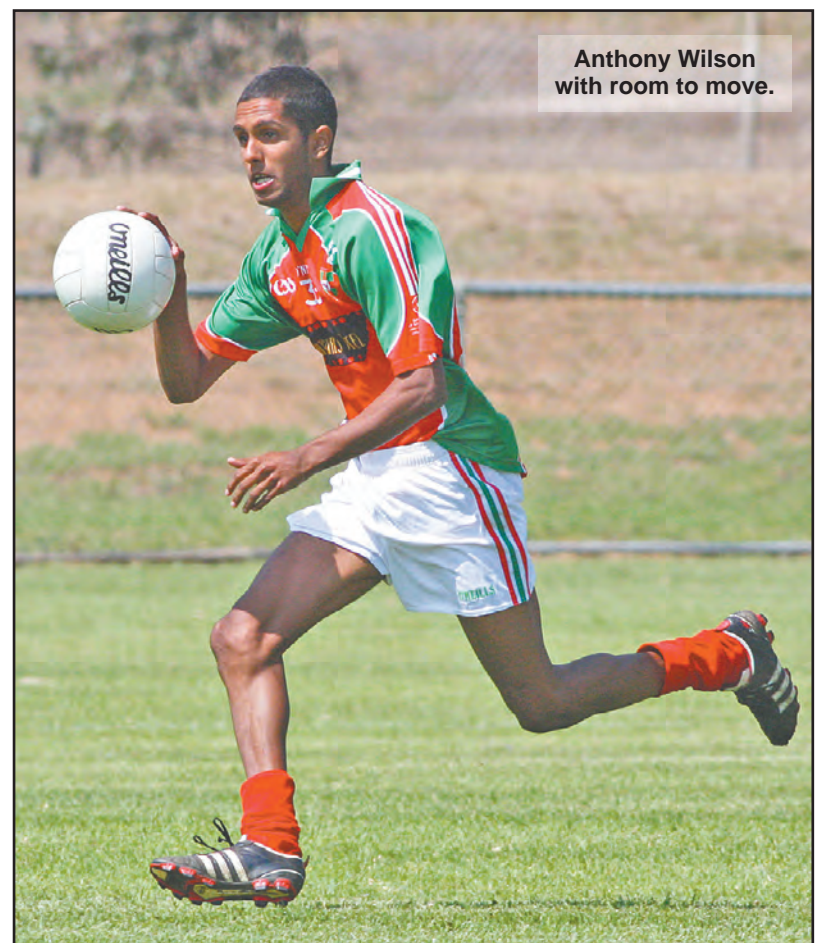
Gaelic football is the national game of Ireland. It is described as a mixture of Australian rules, soccer and rugby.

It is played with a ball similar to a soccer ball, on what looks like a rugby pitch, yet it is played in a similar fashion to Australian rules.

The code has been played in Adelaide since 1998.

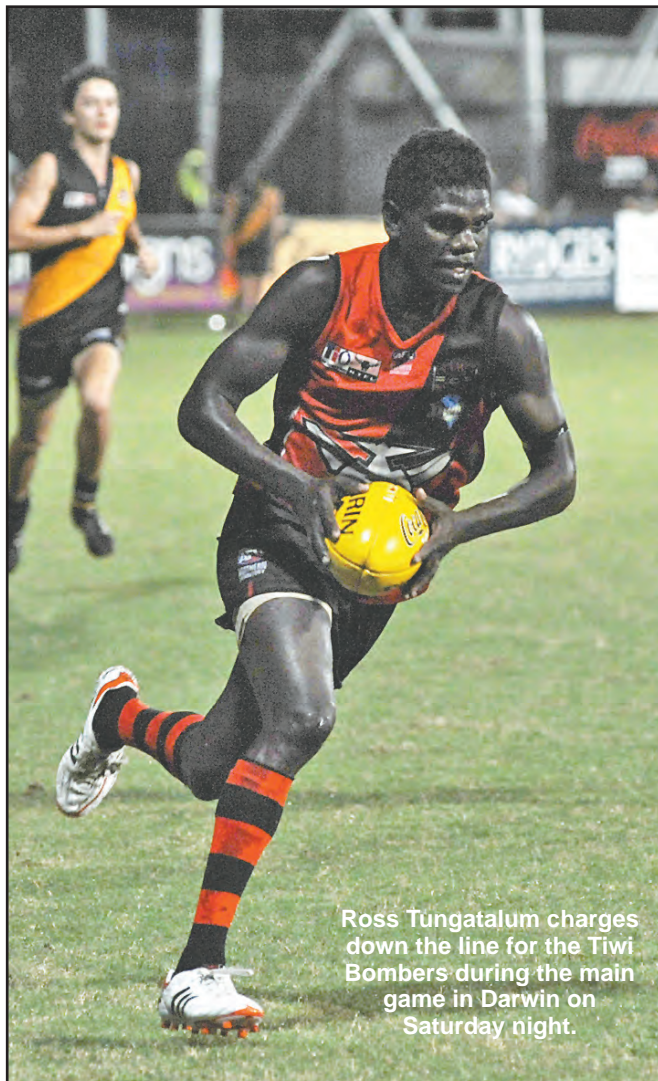


Dale Agius passes to a team-mate during the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association of South Australia's men's division 2 grand final.



Anthony Wilson with room to move.

Northern Territory Football



Ross Tungatalum charges down the line for the Tiwi Bombers during the main game in Darwin on Saturday night.



Elijah Ware lines up a kick for Nightcliff.



The Bombers' Austin Wonaeamirri honours his late father after receiving his medal.



Palmerston Magpies under-18 captains Sam Hocking and Bronson Munatopi with their premiership trophy. The Magpies downed the Big River Hawks.



Nightcliff coach Mo Motlop lays down the law ... to no avail.



Tiwi Bombers Bradley Pilipuminni and Donald Mungatopi with their premiership medallions.



Nightcliff captain Tristian Wetherall-Fitz and coach Darren Roe with their under-16 division trophy. They beat the Darwin Buffaloes in the decider.



Action from the under-18 grand final.

McLean's 200 games

By PETER ARGENT

TRI-CLUB Northern Territory Football League player Mark McLean marked the 200-game milestone in the competition's 2011-12 season decider, when the Tiwi Bombers took on McLean's Nightcliff Tigers.

The 27-year-old smooth-moving Tiger achieved it when he ran out last Saturday evening at TIO Stadium.

Having passed his hundred-game 'landmark' with the Tigers, McLean

also played 86 games at Southern Districts – including enjoying premiership glory in the 2006-07 season – and a handful of games with the Palmerston Magpies.

Unfortunately for McLean and the Tigers it was a sour end to the season, being bridesmaids on the big day.

McLean had been a consistent performer during the Tigers campaign, playing his role as a midfielder. This included a best-on-ground effort against the Waratahs just before Christmas.

League grand finals 2012



THOUSANDS of Australian rules fans turned out for last Saturday's Northern Territory Football League grand finals in Darwin. In the main game, the Tiwi Bombers downed the Nightcliff Tigers in a tight clash enjoyed by the large crowd. Peter Argent was at the finals for the *Koori Mail* and took these images.



Tiwi Bomber Patrick Heenan gets a kick away after being well shepherded.

Sweet victory ... Jubilant Tiwi Bombers lift the NTFL premiership cup after their grand final success.



NTFL grand final action in front of the newly re-named Maurice Rioli Stand in Darwin.

Grandstand re-named for Tiwi great

THE TIO Stadium Grandstand in Darwin will now be known as the Maurice Rioli Stand in honour of the late Tiwi Islands champion footballer. NT Sports Minister Karl Hampton told the crowd last Saturday night that the grandstand would be a permanent sign of Rioli's achievements.

Known as brilliant, skillful and creative centreman with tremendous balance and poise, Rioli came from the Tiwi Islands to play with St Marys, before going to South Fremantle in the WAFL and Richmond in the VFL. His accolades included a Norm Smith Medal in a losing Richmond

grand final side, a best and fairest award at the Tigers, and All Australian honours on three occasions. Rioli played in a premiership for South Fremantle and won back-to-back Simpson Medals for his performances in the 1980 and 1981 WAFL season deciders.

After retiring from football he became a politician in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, and then worked in community services on the Tiwi Islands. Rioli was born on Melville Island and passed away on Christmas Day 2010, aged just 53.



Tasmanian Daniel Geale and Ghanaian-born American Osumanu Adama during their International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight title fight at the Derwent Entertainment Centre, in Hobart, on 7 March. Geale retained his world title with a unanimous points decision. Image: Newspix

Bigger fish to fry

Geale seeks unifying world title



DANIEL Geale's team is targeting a unifying world title by the end of 2012 to add to the IBF

middleweight belt the Australian retained in Hobart on 7 March.

Geale will head to the United States for his next bout, likely to be against No 1-ranked Argentinian Sergio Martinez, following a unanimous points decision over Ghanaian-born American Osumanu Adama.

But powerful promoter Gary Shaw appears to be eyeing the WBO belt held by Russian Dmitry Pirog before the year is out.

Shaw said he would meet US pay television giants HBO and Showtime on his return home to set up a lucrative next fight for Geale.

He said he would have little trouble getting a title-holder to agree to fight the 31-year-old Tasmanian.

"When I get back, I'll have meetings with HBO and Showtime, try to get a date for

Daniel Geale on American TV, possibly to fight Sergio Martinez, possibly Pirog, the WBO champion," Shaw said.

"Things are getting tougher out there for TV dates which will probably help force those type of fights.

"It shouldn't take long. We should be able hopefully to unify a title at the end of 2012 or certainly no later than 2013."

Shaw said a fight against former undisputed champ Jermain Taylor would also be attractive to American TV.

"There's history there. He was a 2000 Olympian here in Sydney. Daniel Geale was a 2000 Olympian. I think it would be a very interesting fight," he said.

"He doesn't have the belt, but it would be a fight that American TV would be very interested in."

Next level

Geale said he was ready to go to the next level.

"A lot of people talk about moving on to bigger and better things, but we are going to do it," he said.

"My man over here Gary (Shaw) is going to be setting up some big fights in the future so it's all about being challenged now.

"You've got so many great fighters out there in the middleweight division. I want to fight them."

The 'Real Deal' proved he's

just that, triumphing in a tactical game of cat and mouse to defend the title he won from Sebastian Sylvester in Germany.

The 31-year-old had vowed to silence the bluster from his US-based opponent and answered it with a 117-111, 115-113, 118-110 victory.

Geale gradually gained the ascendancy over an impressive challenger who showed speed and agility, but it was the Tasmanian who launched the more incisive attacks.

Adama went down briefly in

the 11th round as Geale added a verbal barrage to his punches and the Australian finished strongly to the delight of his home crowd.

The Tasmanian's victory means he has almost certainly fought in Australia for the last time in the near future.

Geale had already delivered himself a pay cut by staging the fight in his home state.

It was arguably the biggest fight night ever staged in Australia, but Geale's eyes are now on bigger stages as his record improved to an impressive

27 wins and one loss.

Geale paid tribute to the man who called him a 'ballet dancer' in the lead-up to the fight.

"He came to me, put the pressure on me," he said.

"I had to go forward, put the pressure on him.

"I showed him how us Tasmanians do it."

"We've got to prepare for the best," he said.

"We're heading overseas now, we're going to fight the best in the world and we're going to bring those titles back." — AAP

Faingaaas re-sign for Reds



WALLABIES twins Saia and Anthony Faingaa have provided a boost for the Queensland Reds by re-signing with the Super Rugby champions.

Hooker Saia and centre Anthony have chosen to stay for at least one more year with the Reds despite being overlooked by the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) for a top-up contract.

Both were members of Robbie Deans' 30-man World Cup squad last year, but are among several Test players the ARU has been reluctant to keep on their books as they reduce the number of top-up contracts.

The brothers, 25, were reportedly sizing up offers in France and Japan, but have decided to stick together and back themselves on a one-year deal with Queensland.

Saia Faingaa spent much of the pre-season overcoming an ankle injury, while Anthony was sidelined by a hamstring strain. — AAP



Twins Saia, left, and Anthony Faingaa. AAP image

Walker set to make debut



IT'S been a long time coming, but former rugby league star Shannon Walker is set to make his debut for the Qantas Australian Sevens rugby union team.

The Kyogle-born former Gold Coast Titans rugby league flyer stunned the football world in May 2011 when he announced he had signed with the Australian Rugby Union to join the Australian Sevens squad.

He will debut for Australia next week in the Hong Kong leg of the HSBC Sevens World Series.

Australia will take on Fiji, France and Scotland.

Qantas Men's Sevens Coach Michael O'Connor has made three changes to his squad.

With injury playing a hand in selection decisions, Ed Stubbs, Cameron Clark and Pama Fou have been ruled out of the Hong Kong tournament, after competing for Australia at the Las Vegas Sevens in February.

Door opened

The injuries have opened the door for Walker.

The Qantas Men's Sevens side is ranked sixth in the HSBC Sevens World Series and will look to return to form after a strong start to the season has been dampened recently with disappointing results in the latest two rounds.

Australia kicked off the 2011-12 World Series with a fourth-place finish as hosts of the inaugural Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch tournament, before claiming the Plate final in Dubai and making it to the Plate semi-final in South Africa.

The young side has been unable to replicate their success in the opening rounds and has fallen to Kenya and Canada in the last two Bowl finals.

Coach O'Connor said his side's youth and subsequent inexperience had played a factor in some disappointing results in recent tournaments, but the short-term disappointment had allowed him to increase the depth in Australian sevens rugby.

"We're an improving side," he said.

"We're in a rebuilding phase going into the World Cup next year, so these tournaments are very important to us in allowing us to build depth and experience.

"The injuries have really opened up our playing pool, in fact we've used 21 different players already this year.

"We're trying to develop players and depth with the World Cup, Commonwealth Games and the 2016 Olympic Games in mind."

Walker, 23, was touted as the 'next big thing' in rugby league but, mainly because of injury, he played just four National Rugby League (NRL) matches for the Titans.

Injuries continued to plague him after he switched to the rugby sevens, and he missed the inaugural Gold Coast Sevens last November because



Shannon Walker in his rugby league days. He is pictured here playing for Seagulls in the Queensland Cup.

of back and hamstring issues.

Walker told *goldcoast.com.au* it had been a frustrating few years as sport's forgotten man.

"Definitely (it was frustrating). I just want to get on the paddock and back to where I was a few years ago," he said.

"It's been frustrating with the injuries and not getting a run. It's been tough, but it's all right."

"It has been a long time coming," Walker said of his rugby sevens debut.

"I was a bit unsure (with switching to rugby sevens) to start with, but it's all good now.

"When I first started it was a whole new ball game. I didn't know the rules or anything.

"I played in a tournament in Fiji and it went well so I'm looking forward to this one."

'Licence to thrill'

Goldcoast.com.au said coach O'Connor had given Walker a licence to thrill.

It said Walker would 'float all over the field' while Australia had the ball and was hoping to capitalise on the vast space he would find with just seven defenders to beat.

"It's sort of all over the shop in Sevens, but I'll be on the wing mostly. In attack I'll be in the centres or wherever I end up," he said.

The Hong Kong Sevens tournament runs from 23-25 March. It will be held in conjunction with the second-ever IRB sanctioned Women's Sevens Challenge Cup, in which the

Qantas Women's Sevens will compete.

Indigenous star Bo De La Cruz is in the women's squad.

She is one of five members in this squad who were in the Australian team that won the 2009 Sevens World Cup in Dubai.

The Hong Kong Women's Sevens will feature 12 teams and will be held on 23-24 March.

The Australian women's team assembled at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra last Friday for a five-day camp before heading to Hong Kong.



BO DE LA CRUZ

Search is on again for marathon participants



THE search has started for Indigenous athletes who want to run in this year's New York Marathon. For the third year, the Rob de Castella-backed Indigenous Marathon Project will

send a team to the big event.

The New York City Marathon is one of the toughest and biggest running events in the world, with 48,000 competitors, two million spectators and 315 million worldwide television viewers.

Indigenous Marathon Project officials said that as any one of the 15 Indigenous Marathon Project 2011 runners would attest, crossing the finish line in Central Park was one of the great thrills of a lifetime.

The de Castella team again is seeking outstanding Indigenous men and women aged between 18 and 30 who believe they have the commitment and ability to train for the New York Marathon.

They will be coached and supervised by de Castella, a former world marathon champion, assisted by coach Tim Rowe, and will be required to attend a number of training camps around Australia during the year, and undertake a special Certificate III in Community Recreation – Indigenous Health.

Officials say applicants should be willing to inspire other Indigenous men and women, and have an interest in wanting to make a difference by promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Try-outs started

Try-outs for the marathon have already started, with the first held in Sydney last Friday, followed on Saturday on the Gold Coast, Sunday in Cairns and yesterday in Alice Springs.

The next try-out is tomorrow (Thursday) in Darwin at the East Point Reserve, Barrett Drive, at 4pm.

The de Castella assessment team will be at the Remangining oval at 3pm on Friday (23 March).

Ramangining is in Arnhem Land, 560km east of Darwin.

Other try-out dates and venues:

Weipa, Sunday 25 March at the Weipa Hospital carpark at 4pm.

Townsville, Monday 26 March, 9am, The Strand.

Canberra, Tuesday 27 March, Commonwealth Place carpark, 3pm.

2011 Indigenous New York Marathon runner and TAFE graduate Nadine Hunt was at the Cairns try-out.

Harradine for London



INDIGENOUS discus thrower Benn Harradine is one of 25 athletes named by Athletics Australia as part of the team for this year's London Olympic Games.

The athletes have already met automatic Olympic qualifying standards or have been chosen at the discretion of selectors following trials on 2-3 March.

Other athletes can be added to the team until the 11 June cut-off if they satisfy the selection criteria.

Harradine is from the Wotjobaluk mob in the Victorian Wimmera district.

He was placed 31st in the discus event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

In 2010 he was placed second in the Continental Cup in Split, Croatia, and won gold at the New Delhi Commonwealth Games.

He finished fourth at the World Championships last year in Daegu, South Korea.



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Hodges in full flight against Knights



The Brisbane Broncos' Justin Hodges makes a break from the Newcastle defence of Matt Hilder during the National Rugby League (NRL) round 3 match at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, on Friday night. The Broncos won a sloppy game 24-10. — AAP Image/Action Photographics

Bombers triumph

By PETER ARGENT



TIWI Islanders are celebrating after their 2011-12 Northern Territory Football League grand final triumph in Darwin on Saturday.

It seemed fitting that on the evening the TIO Stadium grandstand was named after one of the islands' famous sons, the late great Maurice Rioli, the Bombers would enjoy the premiership success.

Although terribly inaccurate and with the game still on a knife edge at three-quarter time, the Tiwi Bombers charged home in the final stanza to down the Nightcliff Tigers 9.20 (74) to 9.6 (60).

"The boys went to war today and came home victors; it's very satisfying," coach Leigh Crossman said.

"For all the Tiwi boys in our group, they would say down to a person that this was the biggest achievement of their football careers.

"To be the first team to bring the NTFL premiership back to the islands is special.

"Our skills were good; it was just our finishing in front of goal that let us down in this game.

"I remember saying in the coaching box that we'll eventually catch them, after continually kicking points.

Buffaloes take title

It was a huge footy weekend for the Tiwi Islands, with the local grand final played on Sunday. Tuyu Buffaloes held on to win, downing Imalu Tigers 12.12 (84) to 11.5 (71). See our next edition for full coverage and photos.

"In a way they are the most exciting group to coach on a Saturday."

This grand final contest had a couple of significant momentum swings.

During the first half the Tigers had control of the ball, being 13 points up at the first break, and the Tiwis were lucky to be within a goal at the main break, after their fourth major came just before half time.

During the third term the Bombers had control of the play, but couldn't turn their excellent field play into an advantage on the scoreboard.

They kicked a further 1.6 in the third quarter and the Tigers still led by a point.

While Nightcliff collected a couple of late goals, the Bombers had all the momentum in the last term.

Better performers for the victors included Paul Scanlon, Bradley Palipuminni, Patrick Heenan in defence, Narby Kelly and captain Shane Tipuamantimirri.

Crossman called Scanlon a warrior.

"Narby (Kelly) was pretty good all game and Rupert Tupangamirri gave us a spark in the third quarter," he said.

"Ross Tungatalum was the only person in attack looking like a consistent avenue for a while and Bradley (Palipuminni) was noteworthy as well."

For the vanquished, Jason Roe never gave up in defence and Daniel Stafford was a good target in attack. Marty Corrie and Joseph Collinson also had their moments.

The Tiwi Bombers have been a part to the NTFL Premier League since the northern summer of 2007-08.

Back in 2007 the Bombers were invited to enter the Northern Territory Football League on a seven-game trial. They won all seven games and officially became the eighth NTFL club, 'Tiwi Bombers', for the 2007-08 season, securing the double chance in that and the following season but failing to win a finals match.

They then played in the 2009-10 grand final, but went down in a thriller by 10 points to St Marys and in 2010-11 finished third behind premiers Wanderers and St Marys.

The 'Tiwi Bombers' name was adopted because of their strong relationship with the Essendon Football Club.

The Tigers just failed to join a group of three NTFL clubs who have gone from wooden spooners to premiers.

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Tiwi coach Leigh Crossman and captain Shane Tipuamantimirri lift the NTFL premiership cup after the game.

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