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## Embassy warrior

YOUNG Jandarc Coolwell joined other dancers to celebrate the official opening of the Brisbane Sovereign Embassy at Musgrave Park on 24 March. The event featured a welcome and smoking ceremony and was followed by a corroboree, music performances, bush tucker, arts and crafts and sovereignty workshops. Full report – Page 33. Photo: Naomi Moran

# Macklin's millions



THE Federal Government has announced more than a billion dollars in funding to support its planned continuation of the Northern Territory intervention for another 10 years.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last week announced \$719 million in funding for health services, \$619 million for community safety, and another \$443 million for family and children services.

She said another \$443 million would be used to fund programs for children, parents and youth,

## Federal Govt outlines 10-year cash plan for NT communities

and \$221 million would be used to support homelands and outstations.

The funding flurry coincides with Labor's controversial plans to extend the Northern Territory Intervention for another decade once the original Howard-government era measures expire in August.

And while the long-term funding has been welcomed, some Indigenous and advocacy groups say the funding package is not enough, and that more needs to be done to improve the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

The Stronger Futures legislation, already passed by the

House of Representatives, has been the subject of debate in the Senate and is likely to return to the lower house soon for some suggested amendments.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda welcomed the funding but urged the Government to work with

Aboriginal people to ensure the funding was effective.

"As well as long-term funding commitments such as these, one of the most crucial things in improving life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the NT is to listen to them, work with them and to include them in developing solutions to the challenges they face," he said.

Mr Gooda said the funding could be more effective in the long-term if it was backed up by improvements to the legislation suggested by many organisations.

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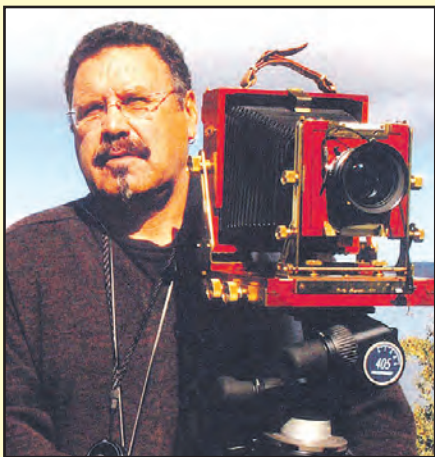


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# My FAMILY

Kylie Major-Oakley – Woorabinda, Qld



**T**HERE'S probably 50 or more people missing from the photo! So this is me with my three sisters in the front – Marcia, Fika and Lucinda; my husband Kenneth and my brother-in-law Cameron and my brother-in-law Howard with our children.

We grew up here in Woorabinda but our family contacts are in the far north-west catchment areas of Hughenden, Normanton, Mt Isa, Cloncurry and Djarra. We teach our children the true meaning of family values, for example cultural identity and respect.

Our mother and her siblings got taken away from their parents in Hughenden.

Our mother, aunts and uncles were brought up in the dormitory here in Woorabinda. My mother was two-years-old when they came here.

Woorabinda is our home regardless.

My mother has six children of her own and raised another six with us.

My Aunt Carol also raised four children of her own and 10 other nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

My mother's older sister, Patricia, and

partner Uncle Fred looked after the younger ones as they got a bit older and that is why they returned the love and care.

Most of us have children of our own now and most of us still live in Woorabinda.

Most of our family who have passed are buried here.

My mother is just finding out her side of the family connections, but my dad's parents – my grandparents whom we love unconditionally – still live in Hughenden.

My mother's father left home in Normanton and never returned and that's how my mother's aunts remember him, as 'the boy who never returned home'.

We've learnt a lot of valuable things from our dad's side of the family which has and continues to be really good for us, and we're just finding out now about our mother's side. Our mother's family in Normanton has welcomed us with open arms.

We as family spend all our Christmas and Easter celebrations together as much as we can here in Woorabinda and continue to live here.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Bamaga schoolchildren check germs on their hands under UV light, with guidance from Queensland Health Indigenous environmental health program officer Clayton Abreu. The fun was part of the Northern Pride Rugby League Football Club's innovative Take Pride program, recognised in the third annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards held in Sydney last week. *Photo supplied*

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Trevor Ryan, left, Kylie Farmer (Kaarljilba Kaardn) and Kyle Morrison will be performing a selection of Shakespeare's sonnets, translated into Noongar, that reflect on country and belonging, at a Cultural Olympiad event in London. Image by Ashley de Prazer and Darryl Belotti

# Sonnets to be heard in Noongar

**I**N a world-first, actor, writer and director, Kylie Farmer (Kaarljilba Kaardn) has been given the task of translating a selection of Shakespeare's sonnets into the Noongar language for a London performance later this month.

Yirra Yaakin artistic director Kyle Morrison and actor Trevor Ryan will join Farmer on stage at the world-famous Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London on Sunday 22 April to perform the selected sonnets as part of an event that will see all 154 of the Bard's sonnets performed in more than 20 different languages.

The event forms part of the Cultural Olympiad, which has run over the last four years in the UK in the lead-up to the 2012 Olympics, culminating with the London 2012 Festival.

Morrison said it would be the first time any of

Shakespeare's work had been translated into Noongar, and the first time Aboriginal actors will perform on the Globe stage.

"Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company is proud to be representing Australia at this prestigious international event," he said.

## Presenter

Farmer has direct family ties to the Wilman and Kaneang tribes in the Noongar nation as well as Chinese, Irish and Native American heritage. And she's the presenter of the first-ever Noongar language kids' TV program – *Waabiny Time*.

When she was a teenager, Farmer received the name Kaarljilba (spring fire) from her Elders, and around the same time she was also asked to carry her great grandmother's name – Kaardn. She now uses her traditional name in all areas

of her life.

On his decision to give Farmer the job of translating the sonnets, Morrison said she had been entrusted with a lot of language and cultural knowledge, and had a strong understanding of classic texts and poetry.

"She has been able to translate the sonnets into a very poetic fashion," he said.

"It's unique and I don't think there's too many people who would be able to create these sonnets on the pentameter with as much beauty and clarity as Kylie.

"In their essence the sonnets are about love and longing. In our context they could be longing for equality, freedom and the spirit of the country.

"The Globe wanted to have input from one of the oldest languages in the world and we feel we offer them something that is really significant and unique."



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# Dancestry puts culture centre stage



NSW

Members of the Jannawi Dance Theatre on the Dancestry grounds during the opening night of this year's Message Sticks festival at the Sydney Opera House. Turn to Pages 28 and 29 for more photos and a report. Photo: JOSEPH MAYERS

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# Turtle nests found at WA gas hub site



RESEARCHERS have found a large turtle nesting area at a proposed \$30 billion gas hub site in the Kimberley, contradicting the results of a West Australian Government study.

The State Government has been locked in battle with conservationists, local Aborigines and other Kimberley residents over plans to compulsorily acquire the James Price Point site, about 60km north of Broome.

Lead developer Woodside has argued the development will inject much-needed funds into the local economy, while those opposed claim the site is culturally and environmentally significant, and there are better alternatives, such as piping gas to existing plants in the Pilbara.

A recent environmental impact study commissioned by the Department of State Development (DSD) found just

one 'old' turtle nest at the site and three 'false crawls' – where female turtles drag themselves up the beach looking for a suitable place to lay their eggs.

However, an independent study led by Melbourne University marine biologist Malcolm Lindsay found 14 nesting sites and 38 false crawls along a 6km stretch of coast that would be affected by the proposed gas hub.

The peer-reviewed study was conducted from September 2011 to February 2012.

#### 'Inadequacies'

"It just shows the inadequacies of the research that's been done beforehand," Mr Lindsay said on Friday. "They didn't even look in the areas (that we studied) – and that's our biggest worry."

Mr Lindsay said that while the nesting sites were not 'concentrated', they were still important.

"Any nesting population is considered significant by the

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)... due to the threatened nature of the species," he said.

"This nesting site is at quite a large risk of impact."

Activist group Gas Free Kimberley said all three species found in the study were listed as threatened.

"The Government study surveyed only 12 per cent of the coastline most threatened by the precinct, overlooking the significant 6km strip," it said in a statement.

The group said the results of the independent survey had been submitted to the WA EPA, which is currently assessing the site.

A DSD spokesperson said: "The WA Government's strategic assessment report on environmental impacts of the proposed Browse LNG precinct is currently being considered by the EPA, which is able to consider a wide range of evidence in making its recommendations." – AAP



# Accident leads to riches

By KIRSTIE PARKER



EVETTE Morgan isn't the type to cry over spilt milk, and certainly not spilt painting solution.

Especially since a happy accident while creating a painting on silk some years back looks set to make her fortune and that of her friend, fellow artist Diana Giusa.

On Friday night, Gubbi Gubbi and Dunghutti woman Ms Morgan launched at the Sydney Opera House a product that she and Ms Giusa co-invented and which she's quietly confident will revolutionise the art world.

'Jabidi' is said to be the first silk canvas upon which a wide range of paint mediums – including oils, acrylics, watercolours, pencil, crayon, charcoal, ochres and silk dyes – can be blended without colours bleeding on to each other. The material is acid-free, adding to the durability of artwork.

Ms Morgan and Ms Giusa appeared on popular TV program *The New Inventors* in 2010.

"The key to our invention is a solution commonly used in paint and into which you can dip your silk," Ms Morgan said on the show.

"The wet silk is then applied to a solid surface like canvas and dried to create a silk canvas."

Ms Giusa said the invention had given them – both artists for decades – the artistic freedom they had craved for so long.

"To go where no artist has ever gone using silk as a canvas," Ms Morgan said.

Ms Morgan and Ms Giusa began fielding calls from manufacturers of art materials from around the world. But, after the global recession kicked in, they decided to keep their focus within Australia.

With an Australian patent in place and an international one pending, their invention has now found a manufacturing, marketing and distribution home in the form of Maitland company Wax Converters Textiles (WCT) Australia.

Asked if she expected Jabidi to be lucrative for them, Ms Morgan pulls no punches.

"Yes," was the simple answer. "It'll make us very wealthy because it'll go international."



Evette Morgan, Auntie Lillie Madden and Chicka Madden at the launch.



"The manufacturer has brought the rights to manufacture, distribute and market it so we can step back now. The canvas will be distributed through big networks and artshops around the country, through WCT's distribution network and the profits are starting now."

"We'd like to use some of it to help children of different backgrounds to use art as a teaching tool."

Jabidi may look and sound like an Aboriginal word, but is actually a composite of a number of sources.

"We're both spiritual women," Ms Morgan said.

"The name comes from God's name – 'Ja' from Jehovah, 'bi' from my artist's name Bibi Barba, and 'di' from Diana."

Sounds like a masterpiece in the making.



Artist Alison Williams from Corindi Beach with her work titled *Mimi Nga Gaungan* (beautiful mother) at the launch. Photos: JOSEPH MAYERS



Evette Morgan presents Archie Roach with a painting during the launch at the Sydney Opera House. Roach performed for the large crowd on hand.

# Stolen Generations' kids 'battle trauma'



THE trauma felt by the Aboriginal Stolen Generations has been transferred to their children, who are

facing similar social problems, a foundation tasked with healing Indigenous communities says.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation said last Monday it had allocated \$3.5 million to 48 training and education projects, which will begin this year.

About 14 per cent of the money will go towards development of initiatives specific to the Stolen Generation, with many other

**'The families and children of members of the Stolen Generations continue to be impacted with the same trauma, grief and loss as the original members have been dealing with'**

projects indirectly benefiting members of the group.

Foundation CEO Richard Weston said there was still a strong need for services to assist those affected by past policies of removing Indigenous children from their parents.

"We need to recognise that the impact on the Stolen Generations has transferred from one

generation to the next," Mr Weston said.

"The families and children of members of the Stolen Generations continue to be impacted with the same trauma, grief and loss as the original members have been dealing with."

Far from it being a small problem, there was profound and deep impact on relatives of stolen

children which would need to be tackled over a long period of time.

Suicides and incarceration were more common among relatives of the Stolen Generations, Mr Weston said.

The federally-funded foundation was set up on the first anniversary of the apology to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by the

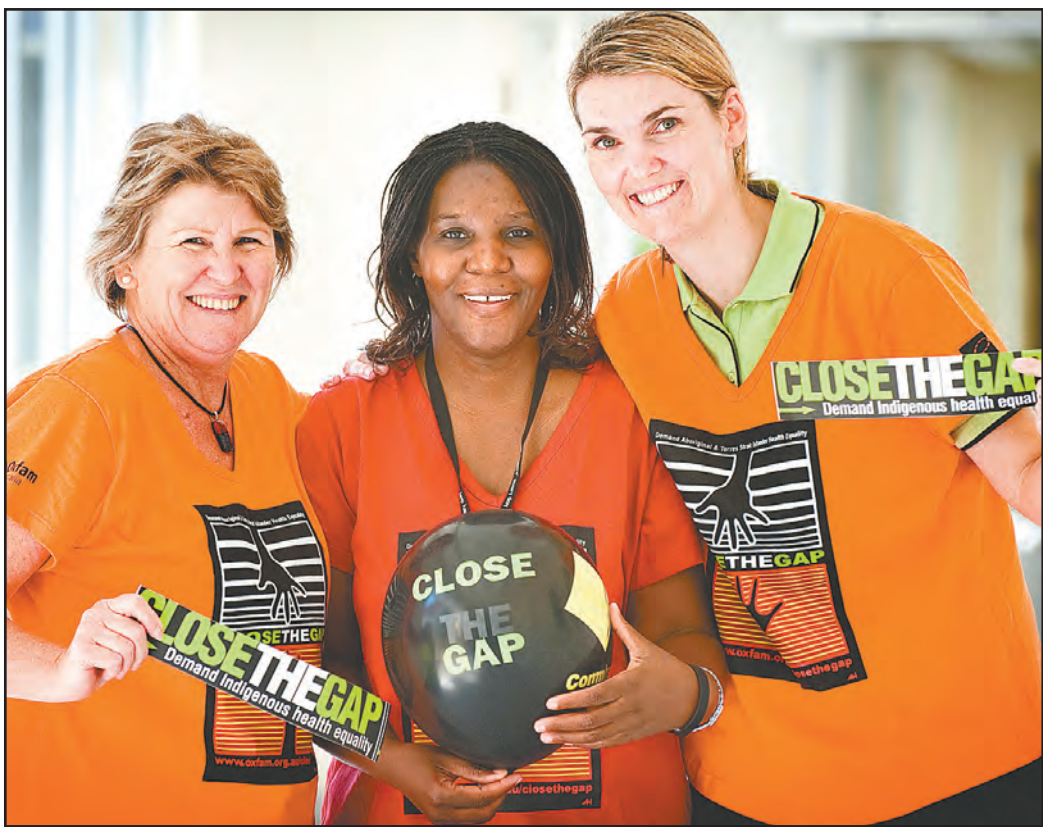
Parliament. Mr Weston said Australians should not think the pain of the Stolen Generations ended with the apology.

"Healing is a journey, it is not a one-off event or treatment," he said.

Some of the projects the foundation will fund this year include a conference for East and West Kimberley districts, a film about life under the Aboriginal Protection Act in Cherbourg, and suicide prevention workshops.

"The Stolen Generations isn't just about the older generations of Indigenous people," Mr Weston said. — AAP





Chris Daumuller, Tsitsi Mbano and Emily Morris at the Close the Gap Day event held at South West Aboriginal Medical Service in Western Australia.

# Day to help close gap

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people and supporters including musicians, footy players, health workers and students marked National Close the Gap Day around the country on 22 March with statements of support and calls for action.

Justin Mohamed, the chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) which represents 147 health groups, welcomed the support of the thousands of Australians who took part in more than 840 events throughout Australia.

But he warned that unless the critical social issues of housing, education and self-determination that contributed to Indigenous health inequality were adequately addressed, along with health funding, then it could take many generations to close the gap.

"In rural, remote and urban areas we have many generations of a family living under one roof with high unemployment, low income, no food in the fridge and the kids unable to attend school or do their homework because of the overcrowded living conditions," he said.

"The Aboriginal community controlled health services operate on multiple levels, and contribute significantly not just to cutting-edge primary health-care services, but to addressing some of the key social determinants as well,



NACCHO chairperson Justin Mohamed.

such as meaningful employment, training, and leadership development.

"We can improve health outcomes with our professional services, but to ensure sustainable health improvements requires addressing these other broad issues across our communities, as the environment we operate within will work against our endeavours if not properly addressed."

## Inequalities

Carers NSW chief executive Elena Katrakis said National Close the Gap Day reminded people about the inequalities in the health and well-being of Aboriginal and other Australians.

"It must be remembered that Aboriginal carers across NSW are helping to close the gap every day by providing support to the family members and friends they care for," she said.

According to the 2006 Census, there are 10,585 Aboriginal carers in NSW, representing 12.4 per cent of the NSW Aboriginal population.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon congratulated all those involved in community events.

"Today's events held in schools, workplaces and community halls right across Australia show the strong community support for tackling Indigenous disadvantage," Ms Macklin said.

Mr Snowdon said closing the gap was a vitally important part of the Government's commitment to ending disadvantage.

"We have already seen mortality rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people decline by 36 per cent between 1991 and 2010, a trend we're working hard to see continue," he said.

"More Aboriginal health workers are being employed across the country, particularly in rural and remote areas, and more people are accessing their services. Over 2010-11 almost 50,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adult health checks were carried out.

"The Gillard Government will not shy away from the challenges ahead of us in closing the gap, and the work already under way is providing a solid foundation to see the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders continue to improve."



David Bulsey and his former partner Yvette Lenoy outside Townsville Court last week.

## \$500,000 claim in Palm Island riot court case

By Townville Correspondent ALF WILSON



PALM Island man David Bulsey says he would have gone along willingly with police when they came to arrest him the morning after a 2004 riot on the north Queensland Aboriginal community. Mr Bulsey is suing the Queensland Government for \$500,000 in a civil case which started in the Townsville Court on 27 March and continued through until last Friday.

The case continued on Monday 2 April after the *Koori Mail* deadline.

Mr Bulsey is suing for unlawful arrest, pain, humiliation and now suffers post-traumatic disorder.

His then-partner Yvette Lenoy is also suing the Government for \$500,000 for assault and unlawful entry.

Ms Lenoy, who was seven months pregnant at the time, claims police assaulted her during Mr Bulsey's arrest after balaclava-clad officers forcibly entered her home unlawfully.

Mr Bulsey was arrested while naked from the waist down in his home early on the morning of 27 November 2004, the day after the riot, in front of Ms Lenoy and six children.

Ms Lenoy was later rushed to Townsville Hospital where their daughter Cameron Francis Tracey Bulsey was born a month premature.

## Heart condition

Now aged seven, Cameron has suffered a serious life-threatening heart condition since birth.

The couple named their daughter Cameron Francis Tracey Bulsey after the first two names of Mulrunji Doomadgee and the first Christian name of Mulrunji's long-time partner Tracey Twaddle.

Mr Bulsey was a close friend of Mulrunji Doomadgee who died in police custody in late November 2004.

A week later the riot erupted which resulted in the Palm Island police station, barracks and court house being torched. The morning after, Mr Bulsey was one of 18 suspects arrested at his Palm Island home.

After being arrested Mr Bulsey spent two weeks in a Townsville jail and then was banned from returning

home to Palm Island for many months as part of his bail conditions.

Charges of rioting against Mr Bulsey were dropped on 20 July 2005 in a Townsville Court, when Crown Prosecutor Bob English told the court he would present no evidence.

During most of the first four days of the case last week Mr Bulsey and his now ex-partner Ms Lenoy sat together.

The *Koori Mail* was there during two days and heard Mr Bulsey give evidence.

It was heard that Mr Bulsey's house was the fifth of 18 raided the morning after the riot at 5.45am and the door was breached.

"If they had knocked on the front door I would have went willingly. If I was afraid of being arrested I would have slept at another Palm house and not in my own house," Mr Bulsey said.

## Handcuffed

After the door was breached, Mr Bulsey was handcuffed with his arms behind his back and was taken out into the street without any pants.

It was heard that police placed jeans on Mr Bulsey to give him some 'dignity'.

Police superintendent Rod Kruger said that the situation was unique and at a briefing before arrests were made, officers realised people who had nothing to do with the riot would be in some houses. "It is standard practice that suspects would be handcuffed," he said.

Supt Kruger said the arrests were done quickly because of the risk factor from some suspects, but the impact on innocent people in the houses was also taken into account.

During her evidence, an emotional Ms Lenoy said doctors had told her that her daughter's medical condition was brought on by trauma before she was born and that it was caused by the arrest.

The court heard that some of those arrested were tasered by police.

On 30 March, Detective Inspector Warren Webber, who headed the Special Emergency Response Team in the aftermath of the riot, gave evidence that officers were going into high-risk situations during the arrests.

Mr Bulsey has always maintained he was trying to defuse the situation, and tried to block the path of alleged ringleader Lex Wotton.

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# Petition opposes ongoing Intervention



A PETITION with more than 33,000 signatures opposing the proposed continuation of the Northern Territory Intervention has been presented to the Senate. The Stand for Freedom campaign, created by Our Generation in partnership with Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), delivered the petition on 21 March.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Les Malezer and Stand for Freedom campaign director Damien Curtis handed the petition to Greens senator Rachel Siewert.

Mr Curtis said the petition called on the Senate to withdraw the Stronger Futures legislation.

"After five years of the failed NT Intervention, Aboriginal communities are at breaking point and cannot withstand 10 more years of top-down policy-making that disregards their human rights," Mr Curtis said.

"It's time for a new policy direction from the Government, in true partnership with Aboriginal people."

That day, all ten Greens MPs stood outside the Senate in support for the Stand for Freedom campaign.

"We stood just metres from the Senate chamber where the Stronger Futures legislation will be debated and voted on in the coming sitting weeks," Senator Siewert said.

"We urge everyone, whoever or wherever they are, to take a photo and show that they too are standing up to this unfair, wasteful and ineffective legislation."



All ten Australian Greens Members of Parliament supported the Stand for Freedom campaign.

# Funds welcomed

## \$1 billion long-term injection praised

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government has announced more than \$1 billion in funding for Northern Territory Aboriginal communities over ten years as

debate continues to rage over its controversial Stronger Futures legislation.

In Alice Springs last Thursday, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced \$719 million in funding for health services, \$619 million for community safety, and another \$443 million for family and children services.

The funding flurry coincides with Labor's plans to extend the Northern Territory Intervention for another decade once the original intervention measures expire in August.

The Stronger Futures legislation, already passed by the House of Representatives, has been the subject of debate in the Senate and is likely to return to the lower house soon for some suggested amendments.

Meanwhile, Labor is pushing forward with its plans, announcing that \$719 million would be spent on primary health care, dental and

allied health services and the \$619 million would go towards community night patrols, remote policing and other community safety initiatives.

"The funding will ensure the NT Government can continue employing 60 full-time NT police officers in 18 remote communities, and build an additional four permanent remote area police complexes in communities," Ms Macklin said.

"The Australian Government will also support the continued operations of the successful Substance Abuse Intelligence Desks (SAID) and Dog Operations Unit which have played a key part in disrupting commercial drug distribution networks from other states into NT Aboriginal communities."

The Minister said another \$443 million would be used to fund

"They recognise that alcohol misuse is still devastating the lives of too many Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory.

"The Australian Government will continue to fund Aboriginal community controlled health organisations and the NT Government to deliver primary health care services, which involves more than 250 full-time staff delivering medical, nursing and allied health services in 80 primary health care clinics.

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) chief executive John Paterson said it was the first time in history that Aboriginal community controlled organisations in any sector had received a funding commitment over such a period.

"Long-term funding has been the absolute desire of Aboriginal people throughout the nation for at least

health outcomes from this historic opportunity, government needs to match this funding with a reduction in the unnecessary red tape that currently plagues our services and detracts from our service delivery capacity on the ground."

The North Australian Justice Agency (NAAJA) and Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS) welcomed the funding for community safety initiatives.

"We congratulate the Commonwealth Government on making a substantial long-term commitment to community safety initiatives, including funding for Aboriginal Legal Services. We see this as an important step in providing better access to justice for Aboriginal people," NAAJA chairperson Dorothy Fox and CAALAS chairperson Robert Le Rossignol said in a statement.

number of criminal matters and 70 per cent in the number of civil matters undertaken by our services.

"We are very pleased to have funding to continue to meet the legal demands of our people. But it is important that both Commonwealth and Territory governments recognise that our services remain chronically under-funded."

Meanwhile, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda welcomed the funding but urged government to work with Aboriginal people.

"As well as long-term funding commitments such as these, one of the most crucial things in improving life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the NT is to listen to them, work with them and to include them in developing solutions to the challenges they face," he said.

Mr Gooda said this significant funding could be more effective in the long term if it was backed up by improvements to the legislation suggested by many organisations.

"Communities have said that they want to work with government to develop solutions to the many challenges they face," he said.

"They've clearly said that one approach

imposed by government will not succeed. They've also said they want protection from discrimination.

"I urge the Government to reconsider the Stronger Futures legislation in light of the many positive suggestions that have been made to improve it, before it comes before the Senate again."

Meanwhile, Indigenous Health Minister and Central Australian MP Warren Snowdon said there had never been such a large funding announcement, in the NT – a total of \$1.4 billion.

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**– AMSANT chief executive John Paterson**



programs for children, parents and youth, and \$221 million would be used to support homelands and outstations.

Ms Macklin said that under a new program, alcohol and other drug treatment workers would provide support in 20 communities as part of local alcohol management plans that would be developed to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

"Aboriginal people have told the Government that tackling the harm caused by alcohol misuse is key to building stronger futures," she said.

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"It is difficult to underestimate the profound impact this will potentially have in enabling our services to engage in long-term planning for improved services and programs that will really make a difference.

"This will also provide significantly improved capacity for planning and retention of our remote workforce that is vital for the stability and further development of our services.

"However, if we are to gain the maximum benefit in improved

"The 10-year funding commitment in this package is ground-breaking. It provides much greater certainty and allows us to plan to ensure we deliver much-needed services to our people effectively.

"We now look forward to ongoing dialogue with the Commonwealth and NT governments on maximising this and future investments in legal services that meet the needs of Aboriginal Territories.

"Since the Intervention commenced we have seen increases of over 30 per cent in the



# \$221m for homelands welcomed, but some say it's not enough

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government has announced it will spend \$221 million over ten years to provide essential infrastructure and services in remote outstations and homelands in the Northern Territory.

And while the long-term funding has been welcomed, some Indigenous and advocacy groups say the funding package is not enough, and that more needs to be done to improve the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

NT Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy said the NT would have a key role in administering the outstation support program with outstation service providers across the Territory.

But Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion was not impressed, saying the NT Government could not be trusted to deliver the services.

Amnesty International, which has been critical of the Intervention and proposed Stronger Futures legislation, also welcomed the funding, but called for a renewed commitment to genuine partnerships with Aboriginal people living on their homelands.

"The two governments need to work alongside homeland communities to identify long-term solutions to ensure their viability," the advocacy organisation said in a statement.

"Over 20 years of research confirm Aboriginal peoples on homelands are able to



NIGEL SCULLION

maintain their cultural identity, are healthier and live longer.

"The inquiry into the Stronger Futures legislation heard overwhelming evidence of concern from Aboriginal peoples wanting to stay on their traditional homelands.

"Amnesty International has outlined the extreme disparity in funding between homelands which support 35 per cent of Aboriginal peoples in the NT and growth towns.

"The vast majority of government



MALARNDIRRI MCCARTHY

spending in the NT continues to only be allocated to people living in growth towns which only make up 24 per cent of the Aboriginal population.

"Amnesty International continues to call for the two governments to implement an overarching plan for homelands to be adequately funded in the upcoming Federal Budget and for any levels of funding for Aboriginal affairs in the NT to be equitably dispersed to reflect where Aboriginal people actually live."

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) national director Jacqueline Phillips said the Government's announcement showed that it had listened to communities' calls for certainty about ongoing funding to essential services beyond this financial year.

"ANTaR is hopeful the Commonwealth Government will announce additional resources for housing, teachers and school infrastructure before the May Budget," she said. "Current infrastructure is inadequate to meet the needs of currently enrolled students, let alone the needs of all eligible students, and must be improved as part of efforts to improve attendance.

"In its pre-Budget submission, ANTaR has recommended \$500 million be invested over the next two years on capital works in remote NT schools.

"An additional \$100 million per year is needed from the Commonwealth Government to maintain the original NT Emergency Response funding for additional teachers.

"Investing in teachers is critical if we are to improve attendance and educational outcomes in remote communities.

"While we welcome the Government's commitment to ongoing funding for Aboriginal homelands, we urge (it) to commit resources for housing in these communities.

"Community-controlled projects have a unique track record of lasting success... Strengthening community governance must be a key part of a long-term community-development strategy."

# NT suicide report findings backed



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has backed recommendations in a report into youth

suicide in the Northern Territory. The 'Gone Too Soon' report, released last Tuesday by a select committee of NT politicians, found specialist police, youth workers and mental health staff were needed in at-risk areas to help stem the high rate of young people killing themselves.

Young people in the NT are 3.5 times more likely than the national average to commit suicide, with Aboriginal deaths accounting for 75 per cent of all child suicides between 2007 and 2011.

Chair of the committee NT MP Marion Scrymgour wrote in the preface to the report of the devastation and pain suicide brings.

"In the Northern Territory, with our many tight-knit communities, the sense of loss and failure can carry across regions," Ms Scrymgour wrote.

The report found that while young Indigenous men are the highest risk group, the number of young Indigenous women committing suicide had increased.

On Wednesday, Ms Macklin said there were serious findings in the report that were of grave concern.

"We will make sure that we make a considered response and also make sure that the additional

Suicide Prevention Coordination Committee, which would incorporate specific strategies for Indigenous communities.

Among its recommendations, the report said NT police should assign youth engagement police officers to all growth towns and remote communities where there were high levels of youth offending, substance abuse, and family or community violence.

the people working at the coalface, with the report saying that the model of youth mental health service provided by headspace – Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation – was 'exemplary' and that it should be copied in remote regions.

"It was heartening to hear of the excellent work being done around the Territory to respond to youth in crisis, such as the initiatives in

to help those of their youth in crisis, to name but a few," she said.

"Nonetheless, more needs to be done to address youth suicide. Too many of our youth are falling through the gaps and not getting the help they need. For too many of our youth, there is not enough hope to protect them from the impulse to end their lives.

"Clearly things need to change if we are to stop losing our young people at their own hands at such a high rate."

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the report was very moving.

"There are so many of our Indigenous young Territorians committing suicide and some in a large part as a result of sustained and ongoing drug abuse, the problems with psychosis, the lack of self-esteem, it is a tragedy," Mr Henderson said. – **AAP, with additional reporting from the Koori Mail.**

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or their local Aboriginal medical service available from [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)

**'Clearly things need to change if we are to stop losing our young people at their own hands' – Marion Scrymgour**



services that we put in place correspond to the recommendations in the report," she said in Darwin.

The report made 23 recommendations, with Ms Scrymgour putting particular emphasis on the need to map and collate data about youth and services to inform funding and priorities; and forming a new NT

It said hospital accident and emergency departments should maintain at least one person with mental health training to conduct suicide risk assessments at all times.

All shires throughout the NT should have youth development and community development officer positions, the report said. Ms Scrymgour paid tribute to

Nguiu and Ski Beach, where the community rallied to turn around some of the highest suicide rates in the world; the work of the Darwin Region Indigenous Suicide Prevention Network, which took the initiative to fill the gaps in suicide support in the region; and the work of the Mt Theo Program, where the Elders of Yuendumu developed diversionary programs



# New Premier confident



QUEENSLAND Premier Campbell Newman has assembled a Cabinet with representation from across the state, allaying fears he will be Brisbane-centric.

Of the 19 ministers named in the former Brisbane lord mayor's Cabinet on Friday, just one has previously served on a government front bench. And three, including Mr Newman, have no parliamentary experience.

Mr Newman is confident he's got the mix right.

"It's a strong, diverse line-up and we've got strong representation for the regions of Queensland as I promised," he said in Brisbane on Friday.

Several days earlier, Mr Newman was sworn in as Premier wearing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag pin on his lapel.

Twelve of his ministers hold seats in Brisbane and the Gold and Sunshine coasts, two are from the Wide Bay and Burnett region, three are from west of

the Great Dividing Range and two come from north Queensland.

Lawrence Springborg, who led the LNP merger and contested two elections as Opposition Leader, has the controversial health portfolio.

While the LNP's shadow cabinet last year included five women, Mr Newman has just three women on his front bench.

The LNP has nominated Sunshine Coast MP Fiona Simpson to be Queensland's first woman Speaker.

The State's new Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier, is Bundaberg MP Jack Dempsey.

Before his election to Parliament, Mr Dempsey was a police sergeant and worked in Aboriginal communities including Palm Island and Mornington Island.

In Opposition, the father-of-five was Shadow Minister for Mining and Shadow Minister for Resource Management.

Speaking in support of several

pieces of legislation related to Indigenous affairs in May 2008, he thanked Indigenous leaders and community organisations for the 'hard work, dedication, professional attitude and enthusiasm' they brought to their communities.

"We are all Queenslanders, but we have to make sure that we go the extra mile to assist people who are disadvantaged," he said.

"As Members of Parliament it is incumbent on us to protect the weak and most deserving in the community. We must do all we can to help our Indigenous brothers and sisters and their future generations."

Mr Newman's Cabinet announcement coincided with the dismantling of several so-called 'super departments'.

The Queensland Resources Council was pleased with the return of a mines portfolio separate to the 'unwieldy' department of environment and resources management. — AAP, with additional reporting by the *Koori Mail*



New Premier Campbell Newman wearing the Indigenous flags pin on his lapel. *Newsphoto image*

# Naden facing justice

By KIRSTIE PARKER, with additional reporting by AAP



THE families of Malcolm Naden's alleged victims are one step closer to finding out what happened to their loved ones. But nowhere near close enough for any real peace of mind.

While their minds are firmly focused on 24 April, when Naden will appear in court via video link, the uncertainty of what still lays ahead is excruciating.

Naden was charged on 22 March with the murder of 24-year-old mother-of-two Kristy Scholes in 2005, two counts of aggravated indecent assault on a 15-year-old girl in Dubbo in 2004 and shoot with intent to murder a police officer at Nowendoc on 7 December last year.

Police are also questioning Naden over the disappearance of his cousin Lateesha Nolan, a mother-of-four who vanished from Dubbo in January 2005, five months before he went on the run. Lateesha's car was found abandoned on the bank of Dubbo's Macquarie River.

During his capture at a bush hut in the state's remote Barrington Tops National Park, Naden was bitten by a police dog named Chuck and taken to hospital for treatment.

Naden had eluded police, acting under Strike Force Durkin, since 2005. Before being apprehended, he was the most wanted man in NSW with a \$250,000 bounty on his head.

Kristy Scholes' uncle Tony Scholes said Kristy's dad David and the rest of the family had been overwhelmed by Naden's capture and arrest.

"We didn't expect it so soon, knowing that it's dense jungle out that way and we'd been in contact with different members of the force and they've been telling us it's a difficult situation to be caught up in," he told Channel Seven's *Sunrise* program.

"...Knowing now that Malcolm Naden's been captured, it makes it much more easier for us to understand what's going to happen next.

"We know that there's going to be a court process and we know that there's going to be legal implications and we will follow this right to the end. We want closure."

Lateesha Nolan's dad Mick Peet, who lives at Bundaberg, was also hugely relieved when police rang him at about two



Malcolm Naden during his arrest in the early hours of 22 March. Photo courtesy NSW Police Media



Kristy Scholes' uncle Tony Scholes, pictured in Sydney earlier this year.

o'clock on the morning of Naden's arrest.

"The police, they just said 'we got him'," Mr Peet, a non-Aboriginal man, told the *Koori Mail*. "The shock...I was speechless, I didn't know what to say. The only thing I

could think of was 'just don't let him go, don't let him slip out'. I was worried he would slip away again."

"Before he was caught, I was afraid he'd be shot or would shoot himself. I always had that on my mind. If that ever happened, that's the end of the story. Now we have to wait for the court to work everything out and the police to make the case."

"It's innocent 'til proven guilty, I have to keep telling myself that... I am just waiting for the day that we can find out what happened, the answers we've been looking for seven years."

"The first thing I noticed when I saw (Naden) on the TV was how white he looked, his chest... he hadn't seen a lot of sunlight. I always said he was a night man and wouldn't move through the day."

Mr Peet said he would like to attend Naden's trial for the charges already laid against him. Most of all, though, he'd like to ask him about Lateesha's disappearance.

"If I looked him in the face, I reckon I'd know straight away if he knew about it. I want him to come forward and tell us if he knows anything."

"If anyone else knows anything, too, I hope they'll come forward. We need to find Lateesha. We need closure."

## Investigation into possible privacy breach

THE NSW Government has launched an investigation into whether accused murderer Malcolm Naden has had his privacy breached, following news stories about a conversation he reportedly had with a prison psychologist.

Last Wednesday, a week after Naden's arrest on a private property near Gloucester in the state's Upper Hunter region, Channel Seven reported that the 38-year-old was on suicide watch in segregation at Goulburn's Supermax Prison, which houses some of the country's worst criminals.

The report said Naden was moved to a more closely monitored part of the jail after a conversation with a prison psychologist prompted fears he planned to self-harm.

"(Naden) was recently asked by psychologists how he felt about being captured," the report said. "The world will soon find out," Naden replied.

### Photograph

The TV network also ran an unobscured photo of a clean-shaven, gaunt Naden, said to have been taken after he arrived at the jail.

The Aboriginal Legal Service of NSW/ACT, which is representing the man who sparked the state's most extensive and expensive manhunt, said that if authorities had any concerns about a prisoner self-harming, the legal service supported appropriate action to prevent it.

"But we do not think it is in a prisoner's best interest that such matters are discussed in the media," a spokesperson told the *Koori Mail*.

For many people, Malcolm Naden's privacy may seem an inconsequential issue, but the Civil Liberties Council of NSW believes it's important.

And a spokesman for NSW Attorney-General and Justice Minister Greg Smith seemed to agree when contacted by the *Koori Mail* last week.

"We share concerns about a breach of privacy regarding this inmate and Corrective Services started an investigation shortly after the broadcast," the spokesman said.



# WA court hearing disrupted in protest



A PERTH magistrate was forced to adjourn his court sitting after supporters of an Aboriginal activist disrupted proceedings.

Herbert Bropho was appearing in the Perth Magistrates Court on Thursday charged with obstructing police and two counts of disorderly behaviour when police moved in to clear an Aboriginal tent embassy on Heirisson Island (Matagarup) on 22 March.

The police prosecutor told the court that Mr Bropho had stood in front of officers and told them, 'This is our land, get back' and had also threatened a member of the public on the island.

A large group of fellow protesters and supporters filed into the small courtroom where Mr Bropho appeared without legal counsel.

As Magistrate Graeme Calder attempted to process Bropho's charges, one man shouted from the public gallery that Mr Bropho was being denied natural justice and others yelled that protesters had done no wrong when police moved them on.

Another person shouted: "We come under the black law. How long do we have to be harassed like this?"

Magistrate Calder told Mr Bropho's supporters they were not there to make some sort of statement and they should keep quiet if they wanted to stay in the court.

When the shouted comments continued he ordered two men to leave, then the court to be cleared.

But when the protesters said they would not leave he was forced to adjourn proceedings.

More court security staff and police officers arrived to maintain order.

When the court reconvened, the magistrate heard Mr Bropho's application to have a bail condition lifted that restricted him from going within 1km of Heirisson Island.

Police opposed lifting the condition, but Magistrate Calder granted it, saying if Mr Bropho did return and cause trouble he could be moved on again by police.

Mr Bropho entered no plea and will appear in court again on 19 April. — **AAP**



**Herbert Bropho during a protest at Parliament House in Perth last month.**  
Photo by Leo Murray

# Concern held for baby

THE distress on the face of activist Shilo Harrison is clear as, holding a friend's baby, she comes into contact with a police horse during the shutdown of the Noongar Tent Embassy at Heirisson Island (Matagarup) central Swan River.

The incident occurred in Perth on 22 March, when the embassy was dismantled for the third time. Those camping at the site insist they won't be removed from their own land.

Ms Harrison, who is pregnant, co-ordinates the Bellotti Support Group, a collective assisting Rex Bellotti Snr and his wife Elizabeth Bellotti in their quest for justice for their son Rex Bellotti Jnr (see separate story on facing page).

Fellow campaigner Marianne Mackay, whose baby Ms Harrison was holding, described the police actions as 'a dog act'.

"They pushed (Shilo) over while my baby was in her arms and all the public can say is what was a baby doing at a protest?" a furious Ms Mackay said last week.

"The baby wasn't at a ... protest, the baby walked away with her mother to avoid the ... police.

## 'Shame'

"No baby was at a protest, we walked off. I gave my baby to Shilo so she would be safe, and the (police) still went over to her — a 14-week pregnant woman holding a 13-week-old baby. Shame on the police force."

Ms Mackay said she would be lodging an official complaint over the incident.

Interim chair of the 'National Unity Government' Michael Anderson said he would ask the United Nations to 'send in peacekeepers' if police continued to use riot squads, mounted police



**Distress shows on the face of Shilo Harrison holding the baby as police move in during the shutdown of the Noongar Tent Embassy at Heirisson Island (Matagarup).** Photo: ALEX BAINBRIDGE/Green Left Weekly

and police dogs against peaceful protesters.

"There is no excuse for the type of aggression shown in Perth last week," he said, describing Alex Bainbridge's photo of Shilo Harrison as 'an iconic image of our struggle'.

"We are calling on our people and supporters to put the cameras in their mobile phones to good use

and to capture as many images as possible of the oppression our people are under and the abuse of police powers," he said.

## 'Evidence'

"Then send the evidence to the tab called 'EVIDENCE' in our Sovereign Union website [www.nationalunitygovernment.org](http://www.nationalunitygovernment.org) and fill out the contact form with as

much detail as possible."

Police later confirmed one excessive force complaint had been made in relation to the incident. They said a number of violent incidents — including one where rocks were thrown from a nearby bridge at a boat, smashing windows and injuring people on board — had been linked to the protest camp. — **With AAP**

# Activists call for compensation



ABOUT 50 Aboriginal rights activists have marched on Western Australia's Parliament to demand a compensation

deal equal to five per cent of the annual gross domestic product of the state's south-west.

Such a deal, according to organisers of the protest, would be worth about \$1.3 billion annually, to be deposited in a special fund and distributed equally amongst the Noongar people of the south-west to settle native title.

The protesters, who marched through Perth on Wednesday before rallying outside Parliament, also want an end to mandatory jail terms for certain offences, including assaulting police and so-called 'three strikes' laws, which they blame for high levels of Aboriginal incarceration.

"We will agree to absolutely no

less than the five per cent perpetuity deal and the changing of the judiciary laws that are inhumane and racist towards our people," organiser Robert Eggington said.

At the heart of the extended protest, which began with the establishment of a tent embassy on the banks of Perth's Swan River in mid-February, is a proposed \$1 billion native title deal between the WA Government and South West Aboriginal Sea and Land Council (SWASLC).

The protesters are against the deal, which they say was negotiated without full consultation and does not represent the wishes of the state's 40,000 Noongar people.

"The \$1 billion will not solve Noongar inequality and will not raise living standards," organiser Iva Jackson-Hayward said.

"It will only support the land council and yet another

organisation that will fail in the same manner as others before them.

"Native title must never be signed away."

Independent Fremantle MP Adele Carles stood outside Parliament in support of the protesters, saying the WA Government had shown a 'complete lack of respect for the traditional owners'.

## 'Disgusting'

She described a recent police raid on the embassy that resulted in a number of arrests as 'absolutely disgusting', and said the Government needed to resolve the issue.

"Government need to get down there and talk face-to-face — these things can be negotiated and worked out," she said.

"But there's a complete failure to communicate."

The protesters also rejected a

Government offer earlier this month of \$2000 ex-gratia payments for victims of the 'stolen wages' regime that subjected Aboriginal people born before 1958 to state-sanctioned financial controls up until 1972.

Opposition Indigenous MP Ben Wyatt described the offer as 'an insult'.

"The terms and conditions that are attached to that offer is outrageous, it's obscene," he said.

Premier Colin Barnett said there was 'no doubt ... Aboriginal people had part of their money taken away and put into accounts' which they never received.

"But at least this Government is recognising that their wages were taken away," he said. "At the same time many of them were provided with accommodation and food at no charge."

Mr Barnett said the offer was in 'good faith', as records on who was owed what were deficient. — **AAP**



# New Bellotti rally as inquiry call ignored

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



THE future of an Aboriginal teenager badly injured when he was hit by a police car in Albany two years ago still hangs in the

balance, with calls for an inquiry into the matter by the West Australian Parliament seemingly being ignored.

Late last year, Perth Greens MP Giz Watson tabled a petition calling for a parliamentary inquiry into the collision with a police four-wheel-drive that left Rex Bellotti jnr without the use of one of his legs, but that call has remained unanswered.

The Bellotti family and supporters rallied at Parliament House on the 6 March anniversary of the crash that maimed the promising young footballer.

The Bellotti Support Group (BSG) rallied again last Monday as an expression of the distress and hardship they're feeling and which they say is typical of that faced by many Noongar families, as highlighted by a recent violent police incursion at the Noongar Tent Embassy on Heirisson Island (Matagarup).

Whadjuk Elders and traditional owners gathered in a show of support for the Bellotti family, who've received no financial help with Rex Jnr's medical bills.

Rex Bellotti Snr said that, as a Christian, he knew he was not meant to worry about his boy, 'but I have a heart and hurt'.

"I don't know how they can go to sleep at night when they do one rule for one lot and make no concessions for another," he said of some of the state's politicians.

"I understand what people say and all those stories we are



Bellotti protesters on the steps of WA Parliament House in Perth.

Photo by LEO MURRAY

hearing, I know what everyone is feeling – we have hearts, we hurt, it's a normal human emotion and reaction to such injustice as is going on out there.

"I want to see changes, I am sick of all the hypotheticals with all these so-called recommendations and all of the lip service we get from all these nice, articulate words they bring to the table."

Mr Bellotti Snr questioned what qualified WA Premier Colin Barnett and his Cabinet to make decisions relating to Aboriginal people and, similarly, police in dismissing the need for forensic analysis of the four-wheel-drive that struck his son.

"Just like the night my boy got run over, the police vehicle never got impounded. If I was to impersonate a police officer with a fake badge I could get up to ten years," he said.

"So, what qualifies those coppers to take up a qualified mechanic, auto electrician, and a panel beater's role – people who go out and learn their trade for five or six years, what qualifies them to make that call, that the vehicle wasn't ever forensically tested?"

Rex Jnr's mother Elizabeth said the community was fatigued by a constant barrage of funerals and injustice, but needed to get behind each other.

"We need to stand as a family and as a people," she said. "Seeing our children victimised and even our men folk. Surely we must be getting sick of all this."

"When are we going to see our leaders stand alongside us? It's about time, surely for shame-sake they must feel something in their hearts?"

Rally participant Coral Penny said it was important for the Noongar community to stand together in the struggle against injustice.

"Police brutality will never stop here, they are using extreme force against our people," she said.

"When I saw what they did to

the people at Heirisson Island the other day – shame – I cried for three days, my heart was broken... they are doing the most inhumane things to us and they must be held accountable."

Human rights campaigner Gerry Georgatos, who MCed the rally, said members of the support group had walked 450km through six country towns and had spoked to 100 people in each town.

"What we've got to do is stay strong, people like myself have got to stand beside my Aboriginal brothers and sisters," he said.

For more information, go to [www.bellottisupportgroup.org](http://www.bellottisupportgroup.org)

## Mum tells of 'never-ending battle'



Rex Bellotti Snr speaks at a rally in Perth last Monday. On the steps in front of him are placards revealing the extent of Rex Jnr's injuries.

**R**EX Bellotti Jnr's story isn't pretty, but it's one his family feels compelled to tell in their quest for justice.

During a rally at Parliament House in Perth last month, the young Aboriginal footballer's mother Elizabeth told supporters how her son died and was resuscitated 15 times after the accident, 'from the time he left Albany to the time he went to Royal Perth Hospital, with all the operations for the draining of blood, and all the stuff they was putting in him, and all the medication he was on'.

"It's only through the grace of God that our son is still here," Mrs Bellotti said.

Support for Rex Jnr following his repeated near-death experiences, and given the stigma of the disfigurement from his permanent injuries, is limited to one hour a fortnight of government-sponsored counselling.

Mrs Bellotti said Rex Jnr's family was 'just trying to take one day at a time and help him through this ordeal because it's changed his life and it's just a never-ending battle'.

Part of the ongoing battle, she confirmed, had been vilification that started when the family took their son's struggle public.

Additionally, she said, there were never any answers or follow-ups from politicians who feigned interest before the cameras, regarding Rex Jnr's condition.

"We don't see any movement at all in this case; there's none and we want to know why. It's not fair on us as a family and we want some answers," she said.

Mrs Bellotti said she and her husband Rex had yet to have a meeting with Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan, despite the officer committing last year to doing so. – Liz Murray



# Women's council formed

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



THE idea for Dindima Inaar Yinaar – National Council of Sovereign Aboriginal Women

had been in the pipeline for four or five years, according to co-founder Zona Wilkinson, but 'it needed its moment'.

And that moment came this year on 28 January, when the body was voted into existence on the final day of the 40th anniversary 'Corroboree for Sovereignty' at Canberra's Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

"Jenny (Munro) and I have been working on this for some time," Ms Wilkinson told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"But it needed its moment. It couldn't just be 'Hey we're going to do this'. It needed our old people to pick the time. Our spiritual connection to the land and our old people from the past picked the time that was right.

"The negativity that was going all around the world with what happened with (Prime Minister) Julia Gillard... (our old people) were saying to us 'This is time for you to stand up'. And that's how I felt.

"And when you stand up, a lot of people stand up behind you, that perhaps wouldn't otherwise, because they need that support."

And the momentum is growing.

Dindima Inaar Yinaar (which

The National Council of Sovereign Aboriginal Women's office at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra is in a caravan donated by Wiradjuri artist Brook Andrew from his installation *Travelling Colony* which was featured at Sydney's Carriageworks earlier in the year.



means 'Strong Black Women, Strong Black Girls united under the starlight of the Seven Sisters') now has an office set up at the Tent Embassy in Canberra, with Wiradjuri artist Brook Andrew donating one of his brightly-decorated caravans from his installation work *Travelling Colony*, featured at

Sydney's Carriageworks earlier in the year.

Ms Wilkinson, who is an artist and ceramicist, is currently creating the council's flag.

Co-founder Jenny Munro said they were in the process of getting Sydney women on board.

"We're talking to women in

Bankstown, even though the logical base is Redfern because that's where the Tent Embassy came from, because they've got income management out there and there's a lot of opposition to that," she said.

"We want to support all our women, all our communities."

Ms Munro said the national



Jenny Munro (left) and Zona Wilkinson.

council had a mandate to work towards establishing a black Parliament.

"The Government treats (the Tent Embassy) as a protest site," she said.

"It's not treated the same as any other embassy. There's no diplomatic immunity. It's like a replay of 1972; the racist government is using violence to try and bring the Embassy down."

Ms Munro said that with Aboriginal embassies now in Brisbane, Perth, and in Portland, Victoria since January, it was time to focus on Melbourne, Darwin, Adelaide and Hobart.

"It is our birthright to invoke our sovereignty. It doesn't matter what red-neck Australia says," she said.

# Wages offer anger



CONDEMNATION of the West Australian Government's response to Stolen Wages

continues to flow, with the Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Ben Wyatt adding his voice to the criticism.

Early last month, WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier announced the Government would pay a maximum of \$2000 to Aboriginal people who had their wages stolen. Eligible to apply are people born before 1958 who can prove they lived at a government Native Welfare settlement and were subject to income control, where Aboriginal people had up to 75 per cent of their wages taken and kept in trust accounts by the Government. Descendants are not eligible to apply.

"The entire offer was abysmal, not only was the offer itself of \$2000 confused and inexplicable but the conditions attached were an insult," Mr Wyatt said.

"The requirement of a six-month limit, the fact that descendants could not apply

## 'I think it's a disgrace...'

By RUDI MAXWELL

SUSAN GILLESPIE grew up in the Moore River Settlement. When she was a few months shy of 16, she was sent to work on a farm.

"I worked for nothing, got no money," Mrs Gillespie said.

"I did housework, tidying around the house, go out milking the cow, but house duties mostly. I got nothing; the boss said that they banked the money, but I got no money, nothing."

Last month, the West Australian Government announced it would pay \$2000 to Aboriginal people whose wages were kept from them in a complex web of trust accounts, a

practice known as Stolen Wages.

"I think it's a disgrace. I'm 84, not a spring chicken, and it would be good to get something back," Mrs Gillespie told the *Koori Mail*.

"I think it's unfair. We were only young, we knew nothing about those sorts of things."

Ngarinyin Elder Pansy Nulgit was also sent to work at a station. She was just 13 when she began working at the main house.

"I did cooking, washing, housework, just working for clothes and blankets," Ms Nulgit said.

"(A bit later) we got wages of five pound, to one pound.

"We don't know how much we got.

I never got to school, did my learning in the bush."

Ms Nulgit worked at the station for more than 10 years until she had her first child, Sally, in 1957.

"I was given a little bit of money, but I wouldn't know what the value of that money would be," she said.

"I was still working in the big house, the manager's house, making beds, washing dishes, scrubbing the floor, ironing the clothes for the manager and his wife, setting the table. They would give us bread and tea.

"I worked for four managers, they were all good, looked after us, treated us well. I had the day off on Sundays."

and the fact that the Government has not opened up its archive for descendants of victims simply means that the Government designed a program that deliberately seeks to narrow the number of people who could apply."

Mr Wyatt said that were Labor in power, they would make access to records much easier.

"I have already said that if

we were the government we would, like NSW in particular, allow access to state government archives, in respect to any record of trust accounts, to allow people who had wages stolen examine records to assist them in applying for redress, and we would certainly open the period for a minimum of two years," he said.

Greens MLC Robin

Chapple criticised the Government's offer in Parliament.

"We all know this issue has been an historic injustice that has been dealt with by the 2008 report 'Reconciling the Past'," Mr Chapple said. "It is an injustice that has been dealt with in the Senate inquiry.

"This has been a significantly important issue to Indigenous people in

Western Australia and Australia. The ministerial statement was, in my view, mean-spirited and an obfuscation of the responsibilities of this Government and past and future governments on this issue.

"The amount of \$2000 being made available to Aboriginal people born prior to 1958 and who are still living is an absolute

nonsense. How can any minister of the Crown actually believe that \$2000 will in some way make reparation for the injustices done to people who had 75 per cent of their wages stolen?

"It deals with neither the interest, nor the value of those dollars in today's terms. If we take into account the 2008 report and the Senate inquiry recommendations, and indeed what has been achieved in NSW, the offer falls dramatically short."

Mr Chapple said that although he thought the NSW scheme wasn't much better, at least it was offering \$11,000.

"Our \$2000 is absolutely paltry, it will not even pay for a funeral," he said.


"It will not compensate people for the loss of that money, the interest that could have been earned on that money, or indeed even reflect the value of that money in today's wages.

"I think it was an appalling announcement, and I do not think it goes nearly far enough, and I think the Minister should hang his head in shame."

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# TSI disaster appeal



QUEENSLAND'S Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) has appealed a civil tribunal's decision not to sack the police officer who headed the failed rescue of an immigration patrol boat in the Torres Strait.

Five people died when the 6.5-metre *Malu Sara* went down on a 74km voyage between Saibai and Badu islands in October 2005.

Rescue co-ordinator Sergeant Warren Flegg was later found to have failed to pass on information about the sinking vessel to authorities.

Coroner Michael Barnes found Sgt Flegg was partially to blame for the 'totally avoidable disaster', saying he had shown incompetence.

Sgt Flegg later received a suspended demotion after accepting an internal charge of improper conduct.

The CMC last year applied to the


Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) seeking orders for Sgt Flegg to be sacked, but was unsuccessful.

It has now launched an appeal against QCAT's decision, lodging papers with the tribunal last week.

QCAT is yet to set a hearing date for the appeal. — **AAP**

## Icon delivers for bridge 'hero' Joan

By DARREN COYNE



TAREE Aboriginal woman Joan McDonald has the perfect middle name to signify her birthplace – Bridgette.

You see, Ms McDonald was born in the middle of Sydney Harbour Bridge in the back of an ambulance on 5 August, 1958.

She recently took part in the 80th birthday celebrations for the bridge, and, in doing so, began thinking again of the paramedic who delivered her.

"At the time I was born we were living in a few places. Welfare were still taking Indigenous kids from their parents so our father kept us one step ahead," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"We were living in farmhouses, abandoned buildings and even in a cave along Henry Lawson Drive near the Georges River in Sydney.

"The ambulance driver who delivered me obviously had some empathy for mum and dad, and he and his wife even wanted to adopt me.

"Obviously my parents said no but he made sure I was okay. He supplied all my nappies, clothes and milk for the first year of my life.

"I don't know the gentleman's name but I've always wanted to thank him. I don't know if he would even be alive."

Ms McDonald, who volunteers at the Gangga Marrang Arts and Cultural Centre in Taree, told a workmate about the story of her birth a few months ago.

"A couple of months prior to the

birthday celebrations, she rang up to find out if anyone else had been born on the bridge," Ms McDonald said.

"I didn't even know that the bridge was having a birthday but they got in contact and asked me to be involved.

"I had to send my birth certificate, which states 'born in ambulance on Sydney Harbour Bridge' to prove my story."

On 19 March, Ms McDonald joined other bridge 'heroes', all of whom have a special connection to the famous landmark, in climbing to the top.

At the summit, they enjoyed a performance by the Sydney Symphony, which played *Fanfare for the Common Man*, a piece by Aaron Copland about the common man being a hero.

### Representing the mob

Ms McDonald was the only Indigenous representative among the group. "I was up there representing the mob which is a bit ironic as I am an Indigenous person born on the icon of Australia," she said.

"And as far as we've been able to find out, I am the only person to have been born on the bridge."

Known as the 'Grand Old Dame' of Sydney, or more colloquially 'The Coathanger', the bridge was officially opened to traffic on March 19, 1932, joining the harbour's northern and southern shores for the first time.

It was an ambitious project that took eight years to complete, with construction of the 1149-metre (3770-foot) span claiming the lives of 16 men.



Joan McDonald is pictured fourth from the left among other heroes who scaled the Sydney Harbour Bridge to celebrate the icon's 80th birthday.



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# 'It looked like an atomic bomb had hit...'



Back, from left, Latoya Eggmolesse, Genevieve Murphy and Renee Edwards with Beattie Crescent children who were terrified by the winds.



Robyn Kennedy, holding baby Marlia, 2, with her partner George Morseu and children Myhtia, 6, and Karhys, 3.

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



A MINI tornado which hit Townsville last month had Indigenous families fearing for their lives.

Winds of around 110km/h caused plenty of damage to trees and infrastructure when the tornado struck about 5.10am on 20 March. It lasted just 10 minutes but left a damage bill of \$20 million, with debris scattered over a wide area, some roofs missing, powerlines down and fallen trees everywhere.

But luckily nobody died.

The big blow started near Magnetic Island and then headed across the Townsville suburbs of Garbutt, Pimlico, Aitkenvale and Vincent.

The storm path was 500m wide and 2km long and was formed by southward movement of a low-pressure trough across Townsville from the north. Compounding matters was 150mm of rain that fell in the 24 hours until 9am that day.

One of the worst-affected areas was Beattie Crescent in the suburb of Vincent, where more than 50 per cent of the residents are either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

## Hazardous

Renee Edwards, 25, lives in one house in Beattie Crescent where fallen trees and powerlines made the area hazardous.

"Outside my house was a large tree which knocked down powerlines," she said.

"I thought we were going to die. At first the wind started whistling and then I heard things outside snapping around us. It was horrifying."

# Tornado terrifies families

Ms Edwards, who comes from Mount Isa, described the experience as the most terrifying minutes of her life.

Torres Strait Islander man George Morseu, his partner Robyn Kennedy and their four children Myhtia, 6, Lachlan, 5, Karhys, 3, and Marlia, 2, live just four doors away and they also feared for the worst.

Mr Morseu said that when he walked outside after the winds stopped, Beattie Crescent looked like a war zone.

"I thought we were going to die," he said, his words echoing those of Ms Edwards.

"There were powerlines down and big trees across the road. When we came outside we didn't know if they were live wires with electricity."

Many phone lines went down during the tornado, preventing residents' relatives from around Australia contacting them after hearing about the extreme weather on national television or radio.

Two people in that category were former Mount Isa woman Genevieve Murphy, 34, and Latoya Eggmolesse, 27, who rushed around to Beattie Crescent to check on Ms Edwards.

"I heard about the tornado and had to come around to check on some family members who live in the street," Ms Murphy said.

"It looked like an atomic bomb had hit or a cyclone had been here."

## Danger areas

This writer received many calls by mobile phone from Indigenous people from interstate who wanted to check if their relatives were in the danger areas.

By 7am, the SES had received 38 calls for assistance in Townsville. Police closed off Beattie Crescent to enable SES and council workers to start the huge clean-up. The army was brought in to help.

Roads around Townsville were severely potholed and the *Koori Mail* saw council maintenance workers Jason Doolan, Dale Cartwright and Willie Tonuia on the job along Leopold Street in Aitkenvale.

"It was very severe, the storm, and we have lots of work to do," Mr Doolan said.

The area was declared a natural disaster zone and emergency relief funding was activated, providing cash payments to affected families and individuals.

Many people who spoke to the *Koori Mail* said the tornado affected them more than Cyclone Yasi, which hit north Queensland early last year.



Genevieve Murphy, left, and Latoya Eggmolesse, centre, arrive at Beattie Crescent to be met by friend Renee Edwards.



Preparing to fill potholes are, from left, Townsville Council workers Dale Cartwright, Jason Doolan and Willie Tonuia.



# Mer transfer hot topic

By ALF WILSON



A PUBLIC meeting held in Townsville last week to discuss the transfer of the Mer Island Reserve often became heated.

More than 30 Cairns, Townsville, and Mackay-based Meriam people attended the meeting, convened by the Mer Gedkem Le Torres Strait Islanders Corporation (MGLTSIC) – the Prescribed Body Corporate for native title on Mer Island – at the Oonoonba Community Hall on Friday.

The corporation had urged all Meriam community members to attend as the State Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is working towards the reserve being transferred this year.

Government officers provided information on management of social housing as part of the transfer of Mer (also known as Murray Island), the traditional home of the late Eddie Mabo, who won High Court of Australia recognition of native title in 1992.

As the local government authority, the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) currently manages social housing.

Amongst those who attended Friday's meeting were Bob Kaigey, Bethel Bani and Daisy Lui from Cairns, and Townsville woman Mamam Martin.

## Important issues

"These are very important issues for Murray Island," Mr Kaigey said.

The audience heard the State Government needed an agreement from the traditional owners for a 40-year lease over all existing social housing and, where agreed, vacant land for new social housing. But no such lease can be signed until there's an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) in place.

Members of the audience raised questions about land disputes, payment of rent, and who would pay rates if a transfer was agreed to.

After any transfer to MGLTSIC, land would become inalienable under the *Torres Strait Islander Act 1991* and held by the corporation.

The meeting heard about two possible models for management of social housing on Mer once the transfer goes through.

Under the first, the corporation would manage tenancies, oversee the upkeep of houses, and carry all related administrative and financial issues.

Under the second model, the corporation would agree to issue the State Government a social housing 40-year lease under which such responsibilities would fall to the State.

The Federal Government has recognised the need for additional housing in remote Islander and Aboriginal communities, signing a partnership with the Queensland Government known as the National Partnerships Agreement of Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH).

## Construction

To spend NPARIH funding on construction of new housing and maintenance and upgrades of existing homes, the State Government must obtain a 40-year lease from the PBC.

The meeting heard the State had been negotiating with the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) for social housing for other island communities.

These negotiations are advanced and the meeting heard there was potential for a similar ILUA to be used on Mer.

If agreed to, the State would conduct a survey of every existing dwelling in consultation with the corporation to ensure that boundaries were agreed on the land around each.

With construction of new houses under the program, the State would ensure that infrastructure, water, sewerage and roads are included in the work.

The meeting heard that the benefits of the 40-year lease model included payment of lease rent of \$800 a year to the corporation subject to CPI increases.

The State would pay TSIRC the rates component of the social housing with none paid by the PBC. And it would sign tenants to new agreements and collect rents while paying dwelling insurance.



● Left: Bon Kaigey, Bethel Bani, Mamam Martin and Daisy Lui who attended the at-times heated meeting in Townsville. "These are very important issues for Murray Island," Mr Kaigey said.

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# Prayers before acknowledgement in Senate



THE Australian Greens have lost a bid to change Senate procedures and have Indigenous acknowledgement of country come before morning prayers. Leader Bob Brown moved a motion

in the Senate to reverse the current order of the president's morning ritual. The motion was defeated 36-9 on 22 March. The House of Representatives acknowledges Aboriginal people before the daily prayers. Greens leader Bob Brown later

expressed his disappointment with the move. "The Senate is alone amongst parliaments, councils and public meetings around Australia in not beginning proceedings with acknowledgement of first Australians," he said in a statement.

The arrangement had been set by the president without reference to the Senate. "It's really a confirmation that British customs prevail over modern Australia's recognition of our own culture in the Senate," Senator Brown said. – AAP

# Workshop looks at changing climate

By CHRISTINE HOWES



GIMUY Wallubarra Yidindj peoples in Cairns last week hosted a three-day international workshop on climate change mitigation by local communities and Indigenous peoples.

Eighty participants including climate scientists and representatives of United Nations bodies shared in more than 40 presentations identifying current and emerging opportunities for Indigenous peoples and local communities to contribute to climate change mitigation.

The meeting heard many Indigenous peoples and local communities were actively involved in innovative solutions to climate change based on traditional knowledge, such as reducing emissions through fire management techniques, adopting renewable energies in their territories, and engaging in resource management projects that reduce pressure on natural resources and enhance local adaptive capacity.

"This meeting examined the current and potential contribution of Indigenous peoples and local communities to climate change mitigation, as well as the impact on Indigenous peoples and local communities of mitigation efforts," said Govindan Parayil, vice-rector of the United Nations University (UNU), which co-convened the workshop.

Cairns traditional owner Henrietta Marrie, who also works for the Christiansen Fund which helped to support the meeting, said it was a great honour to host such an important meeting.

"This workshop is basically exploring how Indigenous people can be engaged in the whole climate change mitigation discussion at the United Nations framework for climate change prevention level," she said.

## Crucial

"And I think it's crucial that Indigenous voices are heard within the UN arena and particularly this one in terms of mitigation.

"The discussions I've heard have been very informative, giving some really great examples of just how Indigenous people globally are working with their own people, working with governments, working with institutions, but particularly working with their



Participants in a three-day climate change workshop held last week in Cairns. Photo by CITT WILLIAMS

own community."

National Indigenous Climate Change Steering Committee chair Rowan Foley, who is from Badtjala country around Fraser Island, said the meeting was a step in the right direction.

"People throughout the world are interested in what we're doing here in Australian with carbon farming," he said.

"And we're learning from other projects throughout the world, so it's about joining up with other Indigenous peoples.

"But, primarily, we see it from the Australian perspective where we're developing a carbon scheme that suits our cultural requirements rather than having one imposed on us."

Patrick Anderson, from the Forest Peoples' Program in Jakarta, Indonesia, said there was a need for indigenous people to band together.

"What I brought to the conference is that the indigenous people in any culture should band together who are affected by mitigation; their rights of their lands aren't respected by the state already," he said.

"The state doesn't respect those rights, so it's going to be difficult without creating more human rights issues and without creating more problems for Indigenous peoples.

"What I took away, and was

very inspired by, was the stories from Aboriginal Australia where communities had control of their lands now and they're able to return to switch their land management practices and their excellent approaches for climate mitigation."

Northern hemisphere visitors shared their issues and similar frustrations with government and historical factors.

Tero Mustonen is the head of his village in Finland – he is a Finn, not Sami – and said they were trying to find ways to work with scientists who were concerned about melting permafrost.

"That's going to mean that millions of tonnes of additional greenhouse gases, which are currently trapped in that permanently frozen soil, will be released to the atmosphere, and this is already taking place," he said.

## Message

"I think the message is that one of the things we'll have to deal with are the past damages.

"We have to just stop now and try to heal our communities, come to terms with the damages that have taken place in order to be able to face climate change and the various impacts it's going to have on herring fishing, hunting.

"This is all really a part of a

larger colonial process that has taken place in the Arctic."

Director of the Foundation for Sustainable Development of Altai (FSDA) in the Altai Republic of Russia Chagat Almashpv said the people in his region had problems with melting glaciers.

"We are working on different projects to give stimulation to reinforce old traditions like living in mountains, forests and migrate there because it is our culture," he said.

"What is useful is while we're here we share our different visions from Indigenous local communities and we just found a lot of similarities everywhere, just like one dominant country imposing their structure, how to solve problems with climate change.

"As my colleague from Finland noted that we heard the voice of Aboriginal people over here, colonialism is happening in Russia, still is going on in our minds, in our structures, in our conferences.

"Our rights, our cultures should be more recognised, not just in some aspects, but everywhere."

Frustrations were just as evident in the West.

Acting Director of Circumpolar Relations at the Council of Yukon First Nations in Canada Bob VanDijken said he came from one of the areas most affected by climate change.

"Temperatures are increasing most rapidly, so it's affecting infrastructure, housing," he said.

"We are seeing areas where there's changes in migration patterns, changes of species.

"There's a variety of methods dealing with the climate change mitigation issues at a community level, which is fascinating to me and I think very relevant.

"For the past five or six years our government is walking away from the issue so it's good to see things that could be done at a community level and actually accomplish things."

Secretary of the Inter-Tribal Council in South Dakota Bob Gough said it was about not only adapting to changes on the way, but changes already here.

## Differences

"All of the sessions have been great, and it has really opened my eyes further to the differences Indigenous peoples face around the world dealing with this global issue, but doing it in the particular context of their own national laws, national situations," he said.

"They're bringing their own culture to bear, some of these environmental ecological questions and the creativity and the resilience that indigenous peoples have and the wisdom they can bring to the process I think is tremendous, in particular, the way of traditional ecological knowledge and processes."

Manager of the Bana Yarralji Ranger Service, north of Cairns, Marilyn Wallace said changes were needed.

"I believe we need to make changes and with our indigenous knowledge it is very important to be working collaboratively with the scientists," she said.

"All knowledge is very important. I have enjoyed the four days of this workshop and being part of the decision-making."

Mrs Wallace took some of the international visitors to her country, near Cooktown, after the workshop.

"To see what we are doing through our point of view, things like we are starting to design our own seasonal calendar and implementing our own way of traditional knowledge of seeing our four seasons changing," she said.

"It's important that we educate others about how we see it from our perspective, and it's very important to incorporate those two knowledges and work in partnership for the future."



# World award to NITV journalist



NITV News video journalist Ramahn Allam has taken out the first ever World Indigenous Journalism Award (WIJA) for his series on the proposed Kimberley Gas Hub in Western Australia.

In doing so, Mr Allam edged out eight other finalists, with entries from Taiwan, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Canada, Hawaii and Norway.

He told the *Koori Mail* that it was an honour to be recognised by his peers, and that he was inspired to tell stories from an Indigenous perspective.

"We need more Indigenous people in the media telling Indigenous stories and that's why this recognition from around the world is great," he said.

Mr Allam's five-part series examined all aspects of the controversial project at James Price Point, north of Broome, and was filmed on location in October 2011.

As a video journalist, Mr Allam was responsible for every aspect of the story production, from conducting the interviews and writing the script, to filming all his own footage, recording the sound, and editing the finished product.

"I was up there for about four or five days, shooting from Broome, to James Price Point and down to Perth," he said.

"The focus was on the split in the community over the Woodside/Browse development and how traditional owners



NITV News video journalist Ramahn Allam at work behind the camera.

had signed on and others hadn't."

Mr Allam also explored the Kimberley Land Council's role in the process as well as speaking with protestors trying to stop the gas hub.

The eight-member judging panel described his work as 'an excellent piece for a video journalist'. "The reporter made great use of limited resources and took the time to speak with many different interviewees, to take a well-rounded look at this issue," the panel said.

"This entry provides a nice paradigm of reflection; the storytelling melded mainstream journalistic approaches with Indigenous perspective and

thoughts into a well-crafted story."

The award, by the World Indigenous Television Broadcasters Network, was presented at its biennial conference in Guovdageaidnu, Norway.

NITV news presenter and executive producer Natalie Ahmat accepted the award on Mr Allam's behalf.

"This series was the work of one incredibly hard-working journalist, and we are just so proud to have Ramahn as a member of the NITV News team," Ms Ahmat said.

NITV News NT correspondent Dan Bouchier was also honoured, receiving a special recognition award for a story on Amnesty International chief Shaili Shetty's visit to the Central Australian community of Utopia.

Reflecting on his role, Mr Bouchier said being a solo video journalist was a double-edged sword.

"You have to do everything yourself and there is no other person for support but then that can afford you a different level of intimacy with the people you are speaking with," he told the *Koori Mail*.

The WIJA is the first international journalism award dedicated to presenting Indigenous perspectives through journalism in television and audiovisual media. Nine contributions were chosen as finalists, with entries coming from Taiwan, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Canada, Hawaii and Norway.

## Two years for GenerationOne



GENERATIONONE has had a birthday. Two years ago, the organisation – which aims to help end Indigenous disparity in one generation – launched a television advertising

campaign with young Aboriginal people talking about their life's ambitions.

It was the brainchild of billionaire miner Andrew Forrest, who bankrolled GenerationOne and drummed up corporate support and interest, to augment an earlier initiative, The Australian Employment Covenant, which aims to produce 50,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians.

Spokesperson Tania Major said GenerationOne had contributed to a national conversation on Indigenous employment through consultation, research and policy development.

Chief executive of Group Training Australia Jim Barron said GenerationOne's vocational employment and training centre policy supported employers taking on Indigenous employees.

"The policy highlights the need to approach training and employment in a targeted way, not training for training's sake, but finding a job prospect and helping people to gain the right training and skills to fulfil the role," he said.

The GenerationOne website provides links, policies, case studies and information for Indigenous job-seekers, employers and people seeking general information about cultural awareness and some of the issues confronting Indigenous Australians.

For more information visit [www.generationone.org.au](http://www.generationone.org.au)

### Notice to all Noongar people – Yued



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:

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**Application name:** Vera Warrell & Ors and State of Western Australia & Ors (**Yued**)

**Federal Court File:** WAD6192/1998

**NNTT File No:** WC97/71

**Location:** The area subject to this application is located in the south west of Western Australia and covers an area of about 29,253.825 sq km as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of Shires of Chittering, Coorow, Dalwallinu, Dandaragan, Gingin, Goomalling, Moora, Toodyay, Victoria Plains and Wongan-Ballidu, and City of Wanneroo.

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

- Fanny Shaw (Jubitch), daughter of Boolabung
- Balumara
- Jury Wongan, mother of Ricardo Wallowallo
- James Stack and Mary Taylor
- Alfred Taylor and Sarah Ilbichan
- Utonga and Yuroba
- Paul Jetta and Mary Theresa Warbuk
- George Shaw and Mary Ann Bailapon
- John Calinga and Upona
- Mindemurra and Menberan
- Edward Wilkes and Cecelia Munderan
- Madeegro (William Worrel) and Sarah
- Mary Ellen/Helen Tainan and Patrick Yappo of Culham
- Sarah Bundaran of Wyenning and white settler John Ryder
- Alice Taylor and Tommy Nettle
- Edith Jarrahah and George Anderson
- Mary Wirbina and Joannes Macpherson
- Henry Indich and Elizabeth Tjulbian
- Jindinyer and Mongal/Mingal
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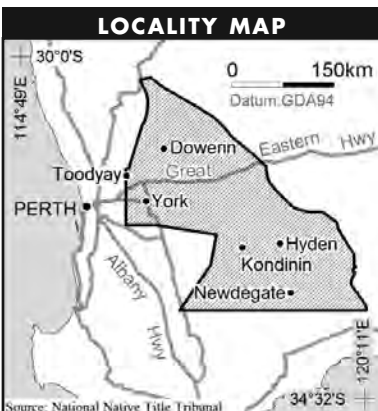
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**Application name:** Alan Jones & Ors and State of Western Australia & Ors (**Ballardong People**)

**Federal Court File:** WAD6181/1998

**NNTT File No:** WC00/7

**Location:** The area subject to this application is located in the south west of Western Australia and covers an area of about 114,448 sq km as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of Shires of Beverley, Brookton, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Cunderdin, Dalwallinu, Dowerin, Dumbleyung, Goomalling, Kellerberrin, Kent, Kondinin, Koorda, Kulin, Lake Grace, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Narrogin, Northam, Nungarin, Quairading, Ravensthorpe, Tammin, Toodyay, Trayning, Victoria Plains, Wagin, Westonia, Wickepin, Wongan-Ballidu, Wyalkatchem, Yilgarn and York.

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

- Tommy Yarran + Mary Jane Kickett
- Winmar, an Aboriginal woman + Edwards, a European man
- William 'Bill' Humphreys + Susan White
- Tirban, an Aboriginal woman of Northam + a European man
- Frederick John Blurton + Mary Anne Juberan
- Thomas William Kickett + Mary Mellett
- Jack Nelson + Ada Foss
- George Borndrilditch Riley + Elizabeth Smith.

**Data statement:** Claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

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## Submit your ideas on saving water

### NSW Murray-Darling Basin Environmental Works and Measures Feasibility Project

The NSW Office of Water is working with local Murray-Darling Basin communities to identify projects to save water for the environment or achieve Basin Plan environmental objectives using less water. This initiative is part of the NSW Murray-Darling Basin Environmental Works and Measures Feasibility Project funded by the Australian Government and has two parts:

- Part A - \$2 million to conduct feasibility assessments on eight State identified projects
- Part B - \$1.2 million to assist the community to identify viable local projects.

The Office of Water is calling for proposals to help deliver or use water more efficiently. Environmental works and measures proposed can include piping stock and domestic water channels, rescheduling the delivery of irrigation water to reduce evaporation and seepage, or new infrastructure to flood a wetland more efficiently.

The water saved will help meet the new sustainable diversion limits for NSW catchments proposed in the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's draft Basin Plan.

#### How to make your submission

The submission form is available at the Office of Water website [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au) under Water management > Water recovery > Environmental works and measures. Lodge your submission by:

Email [information@water.nsw.gov.au](mailto:information@water.nsw.gov.au)

Fax (02) 4224 9730

Mail NSW Office of Water PO Box 53 Wollongong NSW 2520

Enquiries should be directed to Frances Wood (02) 4224 9745.

#### Submissions close Friday 18 May 2012

More information at [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1800 353 104

[www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)



Department of  
Primary Industries  
Office of Water

# Elders say they'll fight mining plan

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL Elders in northern New South Wales say they'll

mobilise community support for their anti-mining message, after meeting with the statewide land body over its hopes to explore the region for gas and petroleum.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) sparked a flurry of protests when it announced last month it had applied to the State Government for three exploration licences; one covering a 368,340 sq km area near White Cliffs, one covering a 47,040 sq km area south-west of Grafton, and a third covering a 1330 sq km area outside Murwillumbah.

The umbrella body for more than 100 local Aboriginal land councils throughout the state, NSWALC conceded the applications represented 'a paradigm shift' in its activities but said they had the potential, if granted, to greatly enhance the economic fortunes of Aboriginal people in those areas.

It is negotiating with a major developer who it has so far declined to name.

Last week, NSWALC chief executive Geoff Scott fronted a meeting in Lismore to hear Elders and other community representatives vent their frustration at not having been consulted before the applications were lodged, and the potential for any eventual related mining activity to involve extraction of coal seam gas (CSG) via fracking. A major community-driven campaign has continued to draw attention to the negative impacts of the controversial practice, including potential contamination of water bodies if accidentally permeated by toxic gas.

Senior Bundjalung woman and grandmother of 11 Patsy Nagas said after last week's meeting that about 60 of the 70 people who attended were opposed to the direction being taken by NSWALC.

"Everyone had a say and they were all virtually of the same mind; they were all against it," Ms Nagas told the *Koori Mail*.

"We've been protesting now for at least a year against coal seam gas. It's just a 'no' decision from us.

"Geoff Scott said something at the meeting about petroleum... I don't know



Kyogle Elder Patsy Nagas.



NSWALC chief executive Geoff Scott.



Bundjalung man Reg King.

anything about the petroleum so can't really comment there, but it's still mining to me, which I don't want to happen.

"This is both an environmental and cultural issue; they want to come through land that is the spiritual country of people around the north coast."

Ms Nagas said she knew the exploration licence applications did not necessarily equate to mining – there are no guarantees they'll be granted. And she said it was good that Mr Scott had spoken to community members soon after the announcement.

"But my issue is that Geoff Scott hadn't talked to anyone

up in this area first," she said.

"Let me reiterate that the man himself personally doesn't want coal seam gas mining; he has a job to do.

"His idea is that it might as well be blackfellas who get the licences, because they'll care more about what happens to the land, but I'm still against.

"I don't see Aboriginal beliefs co-existing with mining anywhere. Mining not only destroys country, it also destroys the spirit of the land.

"We're going to fight to the end. It's not just the Aboriginal people who are fighting it. I can honestly say that 75 per cent of this community of Kyogle and this whole district are against coal seam gas and mining."

Another Bundjalung Elder opposed to the NSWALC's attempts to use mining to potentially 'get a seat at the table' in terms of economic development was Lismore-based Reg King.

He attended last week's meeting too, to ensure his voice was heard.

Earlier, he told the *Koori Mail* that he didn't want CSG mined on his country because of the damage it had caused in other countries like America.

"All the sickness it will cause, our land will be worth nothing," he said.

"All of our bush food will be gone.

"I tell you, I'll move out of the area if it's signed and sealed, and this is my own country! I'm a Cubawee boy. I was born and bred here.

"They never told us what was going on. This is not the Aboriginal way.

"I'm calling on all of my people to stand up and be counted. The dollar is the root of all evil. I'm very upset about this."

Mr Scott told the *Koori Mail* there was little opportunity to consult communities before lodging the applications, literally a window of just a few hours.

However, he said NSWALC wanted to hear what local communities had to say on the subject and they would be listened to.

Ms Nagas said she had invited organisers of a local anti-CSG group to her local Gugin Gudduba land council at Kyogle, 'so they can further educate my people as to why we have to stand against this'.

"I'm doing this for our young people. They need to learn now about environmental destruction before it's too late," she said.



## APPLICATIONS OPEN 16 APRIL 2012

Applications are invited from suitable organisations, groups and local emerging artists to apply for Monash Community Grants funding for projects to be held within Monash from January 2013 to December 2013.

### Application Forms and Policy & Guidelines will be available from 16 April 2012 at the following locations:

Civic Centre (Glen Waverley), Oakleigh Service Centre, Council's Libraries, or visit [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)

Application Enquires:

Community Grants ☎ 9518 3531 or 9518 3649

Arts Grants ☎ 9518 3569 or 9518 3567

Please attend one Information Session and Grants Writing Workshop

Date	Time	Session	Venue
Monday 16 April 2012	2:30pm – 4:30pm	Community & Arts Grants Information Session & Grants Writing Workshops.	Clayton Community Centre. Clayton Theatre. Cooke Street, Clayton
Tuesday 1 May 2012	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Community & Arts Grants Information Session & Grants Writing Workshops.	City of Monash, Civic Centre. Function Room. 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley
Thursday 3 May 2012	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Community & Arts Grants Information Session & Grants Writing Workshops.	City of Monash, Civic Centre. Function Room. 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley
Thursday 31 May 2012	10:30am – 5:30pm	All day Grants Clinic. Drop in at anytime to receive assistance with your submission.	Monash Civic Centre. Meeting Rooms 1 & 2. 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

MONASH COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE 5.00PM MONDAY 12 JUNE 2012



# 'Hero' Vilma wins award

By RUDI MAXWELL



VILMA RYAN received a NSW Seniors Week award for her lifetime's work fighting for justice for Aboriginal people. But the feisty Wiradjuri woman believes few people would have heard of her if it weren't for her granddaughter Kerrie-Anne Maunder.

Ms Maunder is studying to become a primary school teacher at the University of New England in Armidale and in NAIDOC Week 2010 gave a speech about an 'unsung hero', her grandmother.

"She was the one that won the award for me, she did me proud in the article, every time I read it I cried," Mrs Ryan told the *Koori Mail*. "She's going to go all the way, that one."

"My daughter Janelle is also a high school teacher. It's education that's going to make better ways for our people, going to make them proud."

"We were dirt under white man's feet and we felt it, but educational sovereignty is the way, with sovereignty we can open up all these other doors that have been closed to us."

Mrs Ryan, who now lives in Lismore, northern NSW, but spent most of her life in Sydney, said her life changed after the late activist Charlie Perkins visited the women volunteers at Murrawina Preschool in Redfern after he returned from the Freedom Ride in 1965.

"Charlie inspired the rest of us, and we did a march down to Canberra – we became his little helpers," she said.

Mrs Ryan was one of a group of people who started Pemulwuy High School, the first Aboriginal high school in Australia, in Newtown in 1991.

## Olympic relay

In 2000, Mrs Ryan carried the Olympic torch in the torch relay.

"I had the torch in one hand and the little Aboriginal flag in the other, I'd had it tucked down my bloomers, then officials came and took it away, but I had another one," she said.

Mrs Ryan has seen many changes for Aboriginal people in her life time, but believes there is still much to be done. "You see more teachers in school, and kids proud of being who they are, and where they came from and painting Aboriginal flags in schools," she said.

"The thing is, when white man first came here and said the land was unoccupied, that's a load of crap, our people have been here for 68,000 years and survived under our own ways."

"Even bush tucker is coming back on the scene, which is great, trying to build pride again."

Last week, Mrs Ryan travelled to a ceremony in Sydney to accept her award.

"My daughter Rhonda Ryan ran up on stage and put an Aboriginal flag on my shoulders and a photo of Charlie Perkins too. I'm getting a DVD of the ceremony and I can't wait to see it," she said.

"I'd said all along that it was a load of a crap, a hoo-haa, with a rehearsal, lining up with lots of people, so I asked my daughter and she took me out. I felt like that until I got the award and went back to the hotel room, with my friends and family and then it really hit me."

"Honestly, it was unreal, there was a lot of tears and a lot of laughter. Spiritually, that's what it's about, this is why we're still here today, because our ancestors are steering us all to be proud of our culture and who we are."

"Because family is built in all of us, and spirit. My grandfather was an initiated man, he always said, 'Don't you be naughty because those old fellas are watching', and he'd point up in the sky."



Seniors Week Achievement Award winner Vilma Ryan with her daughter Janelle Maunder, granddaughter Kylie and great granddaughter Nya.



Transport  
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## Aboriginal Heritage

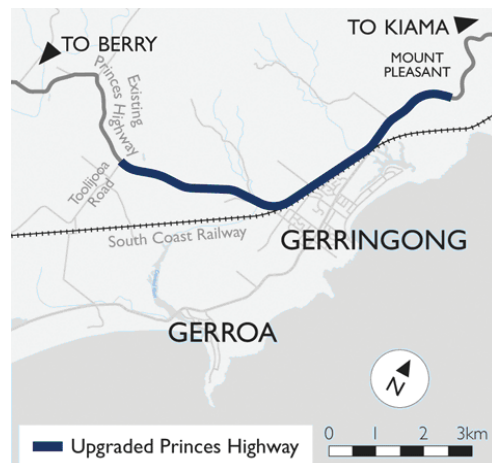
### Princes Highway Gerringong Upgrade

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Princes Highway, Gerringong Upgrade to register to be consulted. Existing stakeholders will not need to re-register.

To register your interest, please contact:  
Agnes Donovan,  
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor  
PO Box 477, Wollongong NSW 2520  
Or call 02 4221 2767

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by  
**Thursday 5 April 2012.**

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the Princes Highway from Mt Pleasant to Toolijooa Road.



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



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Services for Australian  
Rural and Remote Allied Health

## Applications for the 2012 NAHSSS Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scholarship open on the 29 March and close on 30 April 2012.

**SARRAH invites all eligible Allied Health Professionals to submit an application.**

### NAHSSS Allied Health CPD

Supports practicing allied health professionals to attend continuing professional development activities that take place in the second half of 2012 (1 July – 31 December). Aboriginal Health Workers with a certificate IV or above qualification are eligible for this Scholarship. For information on other eligible professions, selection criteria, and the on-line application visit the Continuing Professional Development Scholarship page on the SARRAH website ([www.sarrah.org.au](http://www.sarrah.org.au))

### Short Courses up to \$3,000

Can include workshops and courses that take place over one day, or longer, the activity cannot be part of a formal tertiary qualification.

### Conferences up to \$1,500

Can include discipline specific conferences and forums, Scientific Meetings and multidisciplinary events.

### Non Award Single Unit Study up to \$2,000

Most universities allow students to enrol in non award units of study. It may suit those who only want to gain skills in a specific area or, for those thinking about undertaking postgraduate study in the future.

### Clinical Placements up to \$2,000

This supports qualified allied health professionals to undertake a short clinical placement to improve their clinical skills.

SARRAH is committed to "closing the gap" and encourages Aboriginal Health Workers to apply.

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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



**Charlene Wunungmurra**  
Youth Sport and Recreation Officer  
Gapuwiyak, NT

**Favourite drink?**  
Coke.

**Favourite food?**  
Fried rice.

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Emu and roo.

**Favourite music?**  
Pop.

**Favourite artist?**  
Jessica Mauboy.

**Favourite movie?**  
*Welcome to the Jungle.*

**What are you watching on TV?**  
The news.

**What are you reading at the moment?**  
Newspapers like *NT News* and the *Koori Mail*.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Darwin.

**If you could have three people around the campfire for a yarn, who would you choose?**  
Some of my relatives who have passed away, people that I miss.

**What do you like in life?**  
Sport.

**What do you dislike?**  
People fighting.

**If there was one thing you could do to improve the lives of our people, what would you do?**  
I'd give the kids more fun things to do, like sport and toys to play with.

## Quote



**'We were dirt under white man's feet and we felt it, but educational sovereignty is the way, with sovereignty we can open up all these other doors that have been closed to us.'**

— NSW Seniors Week award-winner, Vilma Ryan

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## Unquote

## Don't be blinded by the money

While it might seem somewhat ungrateful to question the billion dollar announcements from the Federal Government last week, given the repeated calls for more long-term funding to address Indigenous disadvantage in the Northern Territory, a cynic might well question the Government's timing and intent.

With the Government's proposed Stronger Futures legislation the subject of continuing protests across the nation, it would appear that Ms Macklin and her cohorts are hoping that the dazzle of perceived pots of gold might momentarily blind the legislation's critics ... and keep them quiet for a while.

Of course, it would be difficult to argue that \$221 million to support Aboriginal people living on their homelands is not welcome, or that \$719 million for health services is to be sneezed at. Then there is the \$619 million for community safety, and \$443 million for family and children services .... already your eyes are probably a little glazed even trying to imagine all that cash in its physical form.

And that's exactly the point. People understand improved health, they appreciate a decent roof over their heads, and a quality teacher standing before their children.

What they can't understand is why governments appear fixated on constantly telling them ... the tax payers, the land owners, the citizens ... what a great favour the politicians are doing in allocating funds to fix the woes of our world, much of them created by



decades of neglect by governments.

Quite frankly, while it is comforting to know that funding will be available for at least ten years, the questions remain as to its expected effectiveness given that the proposed legislation remains hugely unpopular in communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda was diplomatic in welcoming the funding, but again took the opportunity to urge the Government to work in partnership with Aboriginal people.

"As well as long-term funding commitments such as these, one of the most crucial things in improving life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the NT is to listen to them, work with them and to include them in developing solutions to the challenges they face," he said.

Mr Gooda quite rightly said the funding could be more effective in the long-term if it was backed up by improvements to the legislation suggested by many organisations.

We hope the Federal Government listens and eventually moves beyond funding allocations alone and gets on with building real partnerships with Indigenous Australians.

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# Subverting the colonial camera

By DARREN COYNE

TASMANIAN photographer Ricky Maynard is a great believer in magic. Not the type of magic you might see on a stage, with a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat, but the magic that appears on a piece of paper in a darkroom, after hours... weeks ... and in some cases a lifetime of waiting for exactly the right time to press down on the shutter.

It's the magic of a photograph that captures the character, history, and ultimately the very essence and timelessness of its subject.

And in Maynard's case, that subject is always something very dear to him ... the Indigenous peoples and landscapes of Australia.

Maynard was a young man of 16-years-old when he left Tasmania to play AFL football in Melbourne after being recruited by Hawthorn.

Needing a job, he answered an ad for a darkroom assistant and in doing so, discovered the passion that was to captivate and influence his life.

"It became pretty evident that it was what I wanted to do with the rest of my life," Maynard told the *Koori Mail* from his home on Flinders Island.

"There was a magic and power to it and it kept me interested."

These days, many thousand blinks of the camera shutter later, the 58-year-old is widely regarded as a master of his craft.

His works are held in the collections of the National Gallery of Australia, the National Museum of Australia, and many other state galleries and museums, and have also been shown overseas.

## Alternative focus

Their display is testament to Maynard's success in subverting the colonial camera, and in doing so, providing an alternative Indigenous focus on history.

Such success, of course, takes time.

"When I did the portraits of the Wik people in Arukun I was there for several weeks but it wasn't until the last three days that I did the pictures," he said.

"I concentrated on building friendships and getting people actively involved in the picture making.

"I used to carry picture books around because it's important to show people what you do and why, and they can see how the work will be shown to the world and people really appreciate that.

"If I'm representing them then I tell them that they must present themselves as they want to be seen.

"I say this is your picture as much as mine."

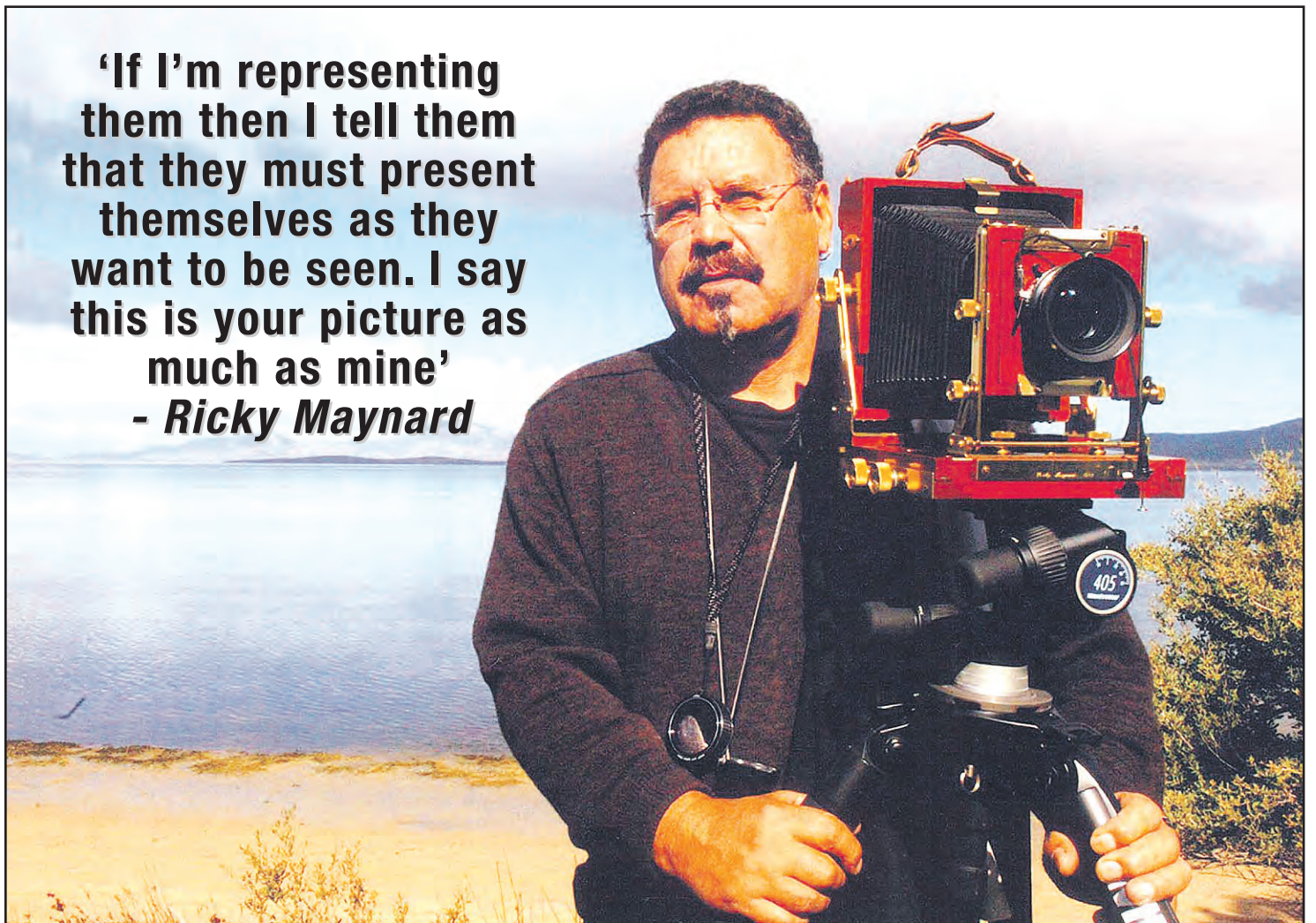
Maynard's approach to documentary photography is governed by ethical standards that are absent in the photographs of Aboriginal people taken during the various stages of colonisation.

"Documentary photography is a highly ethical field which deals with approach and representation and seeking the truth," he said.

"That appeals to me.

"Rebelling against the colonial camera I gave myself the task to correct it because we have to be the story-tellers and represent ourselves for who we really are."

**'If I'm representing them then I tell them that they must present themselves as they want to be seen. I say this is your picture as much as mine'  
- Ricky Maynard**



ABOVE: Ricky Maynard at work with his bellows-style camera. BELOW: A portrait of the late Gladys Tybingoompa, the Wik Elder who famously broke into a spontaneous dance with clap sticks outside the Federal Court following its decision to grant Wik people native title over 6000 square kilometres of crown land on Cape York Peninsula in Queensland.



"In my younger days I travelled a lot, doing projects for major galleries but also community projects, so I have spent time in communities all over Australia."

Those travels took Maynard into the prison system of South Australia; he has worked with recovering addicts from the mean streets of St Kilda; photographed his own people carrying out their traditional mutton-bird hunt; and ventured into the homes of Indigenous people throughout Australia.

For now he is content to be home in Tasmania, although the call-up to front up at a new exhibition opening still has a welcome ring.

"This exhibition (*Ricky Maynard: Portraits of a Distant Land*) has been touring Australia

for four years and has been very successful.

"It's great to get out to a lot of regional areas like Broken Hill, Port Macquarie and over the west coast of Australia.

"I get a phone call and never know where I could be going."

This week, Maynard will be in Queensland, where his work is on display at the Brisbane Powerhouse from 2 April to 7 May.

The six photographic series by Maynard 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).

"At the end of the day some of these pictures can have a timeless effect. They last in history," he said.

"And while there is an incredible amount of work that goes into the picture making itself, ultimately I wouldn't do it any other way."

"I've had a wonderful life and there are so many little tracks I've been down in Australia.

"Our life should not be about earning money. You should set yourself a task and a purpose and see it through.

"I could have turned commercial and worked in a studio but you make your decision and stick to it.

"Your life work should be done with

passion and because I've been doing it long enough, and maybe because I still believe in it so much, a lot of galleries are picking them up.

"These are the pictures we'll leave behind, so it's important that they go into those state galleries and art collections.

"And at any time I can go back to any of those small communities and have a cup of tea. I have memories of some fantastic people and I've always considered myself very lucky in that way."

## Men's health

Once his current exhibition duties are complete, Maynard will return to his latest project – a series of portraits of Aboriginal men to raise the profile of the issue of men's health and wellbeing.

"I've long been concerned about the lessening role of men in family and community life," he explains.

"There are real reasons why Aboriginal men have suffered and continue to suffer," he said, pointing to the Northern Territory Intervention as an example of the media's misportrayal of Aboriginal men.

"The way men have been portrayed, we know it's not true but the wider Australian public doesn't see that.

"This will be a local project, but like deaths in custody, it's a national issue.

"I'll be putting that face to humanity, trying to change perceptions."

Once again, the photographic magician is about to weave his magic.



# Shame, Super Woman!

**S**O the other day I got this text message from a family member. It wasn't a text telling me some goss. How sad. It wasn't a text telling me about the mischief their crazy kid got up to. Such adventures! It was a text saying 'hey sis, sorry to ask but could you loan me a few dollars to buy some food? I got nothing here'.

Bless my family member. She typed 'loan'. Must be her phone's auto correct because I'm sure she meant 'give'. This one has never paid back any of the other 'loans' I have ever given them! So funny.

After I recovered from the

shock of her phone's auto correct, I picked myself up off the floor and texted her back.

I innocently asked 'Why don't you ask that good man of yours for a loan?'

I waited a few minutes. And I waited a bit longer. No good, after about ten minutes, her reply came back. Gee, she really took her time!

I clicked open her message and all she wrote was 'Nah! That's shame!'

I stared at that message with a quizzical look in my eyes. Shame? What's shame about asking your man for some dollars for a feed? This girl was broke. She didn't

even have two five cent pieces to rub together! Yet she was 'too shame' to ask for help off her boyfriend; off her lubba. She looks after his kids when he asks, she deals with the baby mumma drama and they are Special Friends.

Still she didn't feel comfortable asking him for twenny dolla! I think that's proper 'shame!'

I think I know why she was reluctant to ask for money. She is a Super Woman who can do everything for herself and doesn't need no man to help her, Thank You Very Much. She is a survivor and she is fiercely independent!

She is a single mother who has fought with Centrelink, got rid of the useless 'friends' in her life, has set up her own little house and now has a nice boyfriend. For her to ask him for money to buy food must make her feel bad in some way.

The way I see it, is if you need help, ask your partner for a hand! All of their 'I love youse', cuddles on the lounge and hours listening to your life story don't fill your belly!

Let your partner really give to your life by helping you when you really need it. All Super Women know when to receive help!



**Ms KOORI LOVE**

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## Answers to our Edition 522 Crossword. How did you go?

### ACROSS

- Registrar
- Emu
- Canoe
- Your
- Cherry
- Muckaty
- Nova
- Mouse
- Sovereign
- Tjapukai
- Stone

### DOWN

- Walker
- Fence
- Shame
- Dog tags
- Namok
- Close
- Clever
- Coolamon
- Magpie

## Heritage Act, 1977

### Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:  
Ingleburn Military Heritage Precinct and Mont St Quentin Oval, Campbelltown Rd, Ingleburn on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 2 May 2012.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing)

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534, or Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565.

Heritage Council of New South Wales  
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#### Queanbeyan Showground, 19 – 41 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

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# Our brain-teasers

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## Koori Mail Wordsearch

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## Koori Mail Crossword

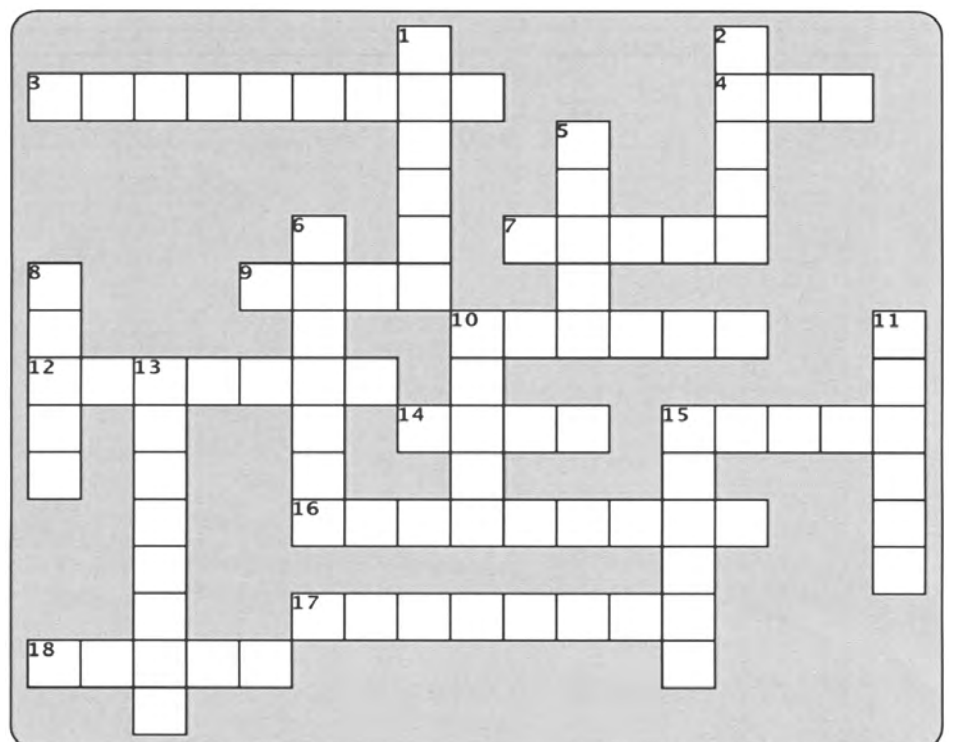
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## Keep pushing to close that gap

WHY should an Aboriginal baby be more than twice as likely as other Australian babies to die before their fifth birthday?

Six years ago when the fact that Indigenous peoples were dying more than ten years younger than other Australians was highlighted, tens of thousands of people started demanding action from the government, through Close the Gap – the largest ever campaign to achieve Indigenous health equality.

National Close the Gap Day is a good time to reflect on what has been achieved. Closing the Indigenous life expectancy gap now has support from all major political parties, \$1.6 billion of funding, and the Government has agreed to work on a national plan in partnership with Indigenous Australians.

We urge the Government to ensure that this partnership is a genuine one, as only



**Australian band Eskimo Joe with netball and football captains at Rumbalara Football & Netball Club in Victoria. From left, Stuart MacLeod, Josh Wanganeen (Captain), Kavyen 'Kav' Temperley, Sarai Atkinson (Captain) and Joel Quartermain. Picture by Richard Kendall/OxfamAUS**

when Indigenous people are involved in designing and delivering policies will the health gap be closed. The momentum to

close the Indigenous health gap must not be lost because we, like so many Australians, want to see an end to this

national disgrace.

**ESKIMO JOE  
MISSY HIGGINS  
JOHN BUTLER**

## An open letter to the Federal Government Suspension of human rights

HOW can a Federal Labor Government countenance the suspension of human rights for Aboriginal Australians?

One can understand the Howard Government's invasion of the 73 remote Aboriginal homelands as implementation of conservative Liberal policies of assimilation, but the support of the anti-human rights Howard plan by Labor is unfathomable.

Since the Northern Territory Intervention was introduced in 2006, there has been a big increase in mining exploration licences issued for Aboriginal lands. The Coalition may have used 'The Little Children are Sacred' report as a pretext for taking control of these lands to give mining companies easier exploration access.

Another possible ulterior motive of governments is to force Aboriginal people to become 'Westernised' by crowding different language groups/nations together in towns where they'll fight amongst each other until some are assimilated and others jailed.

The Intervention has achieved small gains – ie food on home tables, less humbugging, at great cost – ie in dignity, self-determination and dollars. Treating Aboriginal adult populations as brainless children has caused the same harm that (former Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd apologised for.

Self-determination must continue to be an option for Aboriginal people who so choose it. Integration –

chosen, not forced – is a way forward for many. Assimilation is scarcely an option, but solutions are about choosing from many options.

Homelands are a way of keeping Aboriginal traditions alive and vigorous. Visitors to Australia value what our governments can't – ie the ancient, thriving culture of our First Peoples.

Please don't subscribe to the Americanisation of Australia. I entreat you to admit you've erred, get out of the remote communities but make sure they have all the resources restored that you appropriated.

Get rid of the government business managers, probable spies for governments, and generously give their power to the responsible, intelligent Aboriginal community leaders.

If we as the dominant group don't show we believe in Aboriginal people's integrity and leadership, how are they to get respect from their own people?

To (Prime Minister) Julia Gillard, (Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin, anyone, I entreat you to really listen with your hearts to what so many intelligent, caring individuals are saying about this disgraceful Intervention.

The holistic health and wellbeing of Aboriginal peoples is vital to who we are as a nation. Do the right thing, Julia, as you are so fond of saying.

**ELSA STORY  
Wollongong, NSW**

## Tas outrage over forest deal

IT'S outrageous to see the Tasmanian Premier hand picking groups with interest in land management, conservation and development to be involved in the state's forest peace deal and excluding Aborigines from the discussions.

When decisions are being made in relation to the management and use of our land, Aboriginal involvement and input is essential.

The land that these groups are making decisions about has always been ours, and the trees that grow on that land have always been ours, yet we have been totally shut out of the discussions.

We wrote to the Premier a month ago requesting support for Aboriginal involvement, our request has been ignored.

In the meantime, Aborigines are being sidelined while our land and

resources are being carved up by non-Aboriginal interests.

We are outraged that the aspirations of Aboriginal people to be re-associated with our lands through input into these discussions have been ignored.

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

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

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

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## Butchulla Man

(For my brother  
Ian Wheeler)

Butchulla Man,  
Proud and Strong,  
Through you, our ancestry,  
Will live on.  
Deep in your heart,  
Our culture strives,  
Through Butchulla Man,  
Our heritage survives.

By L WOOLLEY  
Submitted via  
www.koorimail.com





Letter writer Kado Muir. File photo by LIZ MURRAY

# Appalling WA actions must be addressed

The following is an extract from a social media posting forwarded on 22 March. It was addressed as an open letter to all West Australian parliamentarians as well as the media.

"Today we witnessed a most appalling display of insensitive State-sanctioned violence and intimidation against Noongar traditional owners exercising their Sovereign rights to enjoy spiritual and cultural communion with the spirit of their ancestral leader Yagan on the sacred site that is Marta Garup.

Yesterday we saw the State Government issue fresh compulsory acquisition orders for James Price Point after the courts ruled their first attempt to take the land was not legal.

Western Australia is a state that steals thousands of dollars in wages from Aboriginal people for over half a century then offers to compensate that theft with a measly \$2000 ex-gratia payment.

It is a state that if an Aborigine should die without a will then their possessions by law becomes the property of the State.

Each of these legally sanctioned crimes are supported through laws and policies that offend the very notion of a civilised society, yet no one is held to account while Aboriginal people, especially our men, continue to be arrested and imprisoned – in my home region of the Goldfields at a rate of 16 per cent of our population.

If there is any common decency in this society that we (Australians) are so proud to praise, then why is no-one holding (WA Premier) Colin Barnett and the Government of Western Australian to account for what amounts in a civilised society to be crimes against humanity.

## Forwarding to MPs

I am forwarding this on to you as a Member of Parliament to ask you to take immediate action in addressing this gaping disparity in the situation of Aboriginal people here in Western Australia.

You as a Member of Parliament are elected to enact laws and govern for the benefit of ALL West Australians. However, it appears that in the case of Aboriginal West Australians, you, as a Member of Parliament, are complacent in your powerlessness to do anything that substantially improves the situation of Aboriginal people in this state.

This is not a new development – it has been a constant feature of the political landscape since William Dampier made his observations that 'Aborigines are the most miserable people he has ever encountered'.

That observation has proven prophetic since Aboriginal West Australians have indeed become the most miserable people in this State, largely through the implicit and explicit actions of parliamentarians and then those very same members then choosing the path of least resistance when dealing with substantive matters of importance to Aboriginal people, matters that may improve the levels of common decency afforded to us.

The actions of this current Government is building into a disgraceful record of campaigning to undermine the rights, freedoms and indeed human dignity of Aboriginal Western Australians.

Paternalistic comments from our Premier, 'You've had your say, now go home', comments by the Police Commissioner 'Every time we go out there, we are costing the taxpayer \$20,000' and I know the complacent perspective of each of you along the lines of 'What can we do?'

Aboriginal West Australians are fed up. We are fed up with your lack of action, your pandering to the lowest common denominator when dealing with us.

The absolutely appalling and disgraceful ex-gratia settlement of only \$2000 for all the money stolen from hard-working Aboriginal people of this state, money stolen so that their descendants could never aspire to accumulating assets or wealth to improve their lives, and your excuse, 'We lost the records!' Lost the records indeed, this doesn't stop your State Solicitors Office in finding enough information to undermine Aboriginal West Australians in their attempts to substantiate recognition of native title rights.

The appalling record of this Government unfortunately is not alone. Governments of every persuasion since Governor Hutt in the 1840s have chosen to ignore, oppress and undermine any semblance of human rights being afforded to Aboriginal West Australians.

This must change, and it must change on your watch.

You are the duly elected Member, elected to enact laws and govern for the benefit of all West Australians.

If you choose not to take action, then we as the Aboriginal people of Western Australia can only assume that you are choosing to enact laws and govern for the benefit of the Settler Society.

I am an Aboriginal person, I am fortunate to have a level of education that allows me the ability to critically examine issues of importance to my people and our wonderful state and nation.

We are all in it together, we cannot undo the wrongs of the past, but we, each and every one of us, are accountable for our actions today.

What will be your legacy? Handballing the Aboriginal problem to future generations of West Australians – or will you be recognised as the Parliament that made a decision to effect positive change in the lives of Aboriginal people in Western Australia that allowed us as the First Peoples to live in harmony with the millions of Settler Peoples who now live on our lands?

KADO MUIR  
Leonora, WA

EDITOR: This is a shortened version of Mr Muir's letter

## Need a lift?

Do you have trouble getting to appointments, shops or social events?

No matter your age, come and talk to us about your ideas for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander transport service we're setting up.



## Come along for a workshop and lunch at:

**Boomanulla Oval, Narrabundah**  
9am–1.30pm, Wednesday 4 April, or

**Northside Community Centre, Dickson**  
9am – 1.30pm, Wednesday 11 April

Benny Hodges from Wis-Wei Consulting is facilitating the workshops.



RSVP by Monday 2nd April by ringing Maurice Walker 6205 9106, so we can organise catering, childcare and a lift if you need it.



**ACT**  
Government



# Mundine and uranium

WARREN Mundine, Labor Party member and co-convenor of the Australian Uranium Association's Indigenous Dialogue Group, has been promoting the nuclear industry recently. In the process he turns a blind eye to the industry's crude racism – problems that ought to be core business for the Indigenous Dialogue Group.

Mundine says that Australia has 'a legal framework to negotiate equitably with the traditional owners on whose land many uranium deposits are found'.

Rubbish.

He ought to have noted that legislation was passed specifically to exempt the Ranger uranium mine in the Northern Territory from the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*. And that in all states and territories other than the NT, traditional owners have no right of veto over mining or other developments whatsoever.

Mundine could have mentioned the legacy of uranium mining in the Wiluna region of WA, to pick one of many examples. Uranium exploration in the region in the 1980s left a legacy of pollution and contamination. Greatly elevated radiation levels have been

recorded despite the area being 'cleaned' a decade ago. Even after the 'clean up', the site was left with rusting drums containing uranium ore. A sign reading 'Danger – low level radiation ore exposed' was found lying face down in bushes.

In August 2000, co-ordinator of the Wiluna-based Maruwayura Aboriginal Corporation Steve Syred said that until 1993, many people were living 3km from the spot where high radiation levels were recorded. Syred told the *Kalgoorlie Miner* newspaper that the Aboriginal community had unsuccessfully resisted uranium exploration in the area in the early 1980s. Since then many people had lived in the area while the Ngangganawili Aboriginal Corporation was based near the contaminated site. Elders still hunted in the area.

Another example ignored by Mundine: Just recently, the NSW Government has passed legislation which excludes uranium from provisions of the *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and thus strips Aboriginal land councils of any say in uranium mining.

And another example: Mundine

ought to have noted that last year's amendments to the *SA Roxby Downs Indenture Act 1982* retain exemptions from the *SA Aboriginal Heritage Act*. Traditional owners were not even consulted. The SA Government's spokesperson in Parliament said: "BHP were satisfied with the current arrangements and insisted on the continuation of these arrangements, and the Government did not consult further than that."

## Broader pattern

That disgraceful performance illustrates a broader pattern. Aboriginal land rights and heritage protections are feeble at the best of times. But the legal rights and protections are repeatedly stripped away whenever they get in the way of nuclear or mining interests.

Thus the Olympic Dam mine is largely exempt from the *SA Aboriginal Heritage Act* and any mines in NSW will be exempt from the *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act*. Legislation was passed specifically to exempt the Ranger uranium mine in the NT from the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*. Native title rights were extinguished with

the stroke of a pen by the Howard Government to seize land for a radioactive waste dump in South Australia.

And Aboriginal heritage laws and Aboriginal land rights are being trashed with the current push to dump in the Northern Territory. Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson's *National Radioactive Waste Management Act* overrides the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*, sidesteps the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*, and allows for the imposition of a dump on Aboriginal land even in the absence of any consultation with or consent from traditional owners.

As David Ross, director of the Central Land Council, noted in a 14 March media release: "This legislation is shameful, it subverts processes under the (*Aboriginal*) *Land Rights Act* and is clearly designed to reach the outcome of a dump being located on Aboriginal land in the NT, whether that's the best place for it or not."

These patterns are evident in other countries. North American indigenous activist Winona LaDuke told the Indigenous World Uranium Summit in 2006: "The

greatest minds in the nuclear establishment have been searching for an answer to the radioactive waste problem for 50 years, and they've finally got one: Haul it down a dirt road and dump it on an Indian reservation."

The situation is scarcely any better than it was in the 1950s when the British were exploding nuclear bombs on Aboriginal land.

Which brings us to another of Mundine's blind spots. He could have mentioned the latest 'clean up' of the Maralinga nuclear test site, which was done on the cheap. Nuclear engineer and whistleblower Alan Parkinson said of the 'clean-up': "What was done at Maralinga was a cheap and nasty solution that wouldn't be adopted on whitefellas land."

It's difficult to avoid the conclusion that Mundine's allegiances to the ALP and to the uranium industry outweigh his allegiances to Aboriginal Australians.

**Dr JIM GREEN**  
National nuclear campaigner  
Friends of the Earth,  
Australia



**WOULD YOU RATHER:**

- A) Be a few minutes late for the family lunch?
- B) Speed, hit a pole and make your wife a paraplegic?

**CHOOSE WISELY.**

*Dr. Brian Owler. Neurosurgeon.  
Westmead Hospitals.*

**THESE HOLIDAYS, DON'T RUSH.**







## News from Ashfield Council

### Ashfield ClubGRANTS 2012 now open

Community groups and non-profit organisations in the Ashfield Local Government area are encouraged to apply for funding for community projects and services under ClubGRANTS (previously CDSE scheme).

Proposed projects must be community based and benefit the residents of the Ashfield local government area. Eligible groups must be non-profit and incorporated.

For more information, phone Ashfield Council on Tel: 9716 1843 or 9716 1841 or visit the Council's website [www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au).

**Applications close at 5pm, Friday 27 April 2012.**

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### MEETING NOTICE WADI WADI TRADITIONAL OWNERS

## Native Title Services Victoria Ltd extends an invitation to all Wadi Wadi Traditional Owners

**DATE:** Saturday 14 April 2012 commencing at 10am and finishing at 5pm.

**LOCATION:** The Grain Shed 2-8 King St, Swan Hill.

**PURPOSE:** This meeting has been organised by Native Title Services Victoria Ltd to discuss matters relating to the Wadi Wadi. In particular traditional owners will be given an opportunity to determine how the Wadi Wadi traditional owner group is described and who is eligible for membership of the Wadi Wadi as they pursue their native title rights and interests in the context of the Wamba Wamba, Barapa Barapa and Wadi Wadi peoples' native title application (V6005/2000) and negotiations with the Victorian Government under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic).

If you identify as a Wadi Wadi traditional owner and would like to attend this meeting please contact Rhonda Dye at NTSV on 1800 791 779 for more information.

## MORE THAN FLORA AND FAUNA PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION!

**Major reforms are needed to the laws that manage Aboriginal culture and heritage in NSW.**

The current laws that cover the management of Aboriginal culture and heritage in NSW (primarily the *National Parks and Wildlife Act*) are failing to protect Aboriginal culture and heritage and has lead to the wide-scale destruction of the state's rich Aboriginal heritage.

**10,000 signatures are needed to ensure that this important issue can be debated in the NSW Parliament!**

**The Petition asks that the NSW Government:**

1. Legislate to recognise Aboriginal peoples as the rightful owners of Aboriginal culture and heritage in NSW,
2. Ensure international human rights instruments, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, underpins legislation on Aboriginal culture and heritage, and
3. Ensure that a genuine process is undertaken to reform Aboriginal culture and heritage laws, including consultation with all Aboriginal communities in NSW.

### Take action now!

1. Visit the 'More than Flora and Fauna' page of the NSWALC website at [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)
2. Download the 'Petition' and print copies
3. Ask your friends, family, neighbours and community to sign the petition (NSW residents who are over 18 years old only)
4. Post the original completed petitions to NSWALC at: Policy & Research Unit - NSWALC, PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

**Please return signed petitions to NSWALC by the end of April 2012.**

### MORE INFORMATION

To request an action pack, please contact the NSWALC Policy and Research Unit on: Phone: 02 9689 4444 or Email: [policy@alc.org.au](mailto:policy@alc.org.au) or Website: [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)

**OUR CULTURE IN OUR HANDS**



## Obituary

# A leader, teacher and healer

**M**R Kunmanara Peter was taken from us suddenly.

Mr Peter was born around 1940 in the bush near Shirley Well, Fregon Community in the APY Lands, in the north-western region of South Australia.

His mother was called Kunpirinyi and his father shared his name.

He was given ngangkari powers (healing hands or traditional healer), from his grandfather Peter, who worked as a stockman as well as a ngangkari. He learned the skills of a ngangkari by studying the work of his three grandfathers, father and other family members who were ngangkari, as they healed people.

He went to school at Ernabella mission.

As a young man, he worked as a stockman at Kenmore Park Station. Mr Peter loved the life of the stockman and throughout his life was well known for being immaculately dressed in his impressive cowboy shirts, boots and hats.

Mr Peter married Dulcie Mintji and they had two sons, Winitja and Clive. Sadly he lost his oldest son in a car accident in the 1990s. Later his wife passed away while on dialysis in Alice Springs; with Mr Peter always close by in her last months in hospital.

From his two sons he had many grandchildren. He has a large extended family in the APY lands and many relatives in his Coober Pedy, Oodnadatta, Oak Valley, Yalata and Ceduna.

In the 1970s and 80s when Anangu were fighting to regain their land, Mr Kunmanara Peter worked hard to establish services at Kaltjiti Community. He was chairman of Irintata Homelands for many years, as well as the Community Development and Employment Program (CDEP) mayatja (leader, supervisor, community adviser). He worked in the first store at Fregon and also at the school, where he made sure all the children turned up every day.

He worked as a ngangkari throughout his life and he had a long-standing and strong relationship with the Nganampa Health Council and its Fregon Clinic.

### MR KUNMANARA LANGKA PETER

1/1/1940 - 3/2/2012

**Born:** Shirley Well, Kaltjiti (Fregon) Community

**Died:** Stuart Highway south of Alice Springs

**Pitjantjatjara Elder, Ngangkari (Healing Hands), Teacher and Leader**

**Fregon Community, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands SA**

In 1999 he began working full-time as a ngangkari for the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council with his friend, Aboriginal Elder and ngangkari, Mr Andy Tjilari. They were the first in Australia to work as full-time ngangkaris.

Mr Kunmanara Peter was very

the medical fraternity nationally and internationally, and believed that the best health outcomes for Aboriginal people would be achieved through collaboration between mainstream medicine and traditional healers.

Mr Kunmanara Peter developed a strong relationship with the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association and supported Indigenous doctors and medical students, travelling with them to Canada, New Zealand and Hawaii, to meet Indigenous doctors from many countries. He also travelled to Canada and Alaska to find out about petrol sniffing in other Indigenous communities.

In 2004, he was acknowledged as a 'gold medallist' by the National Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health. In 2004, he received special mention for his outstanding contribution to Australian culture within the publication *Anangu Work - Anangu Way: Traditional Healers of Central Australia* produced by the Centre for Australian Cultural Studies, Canberra.

In 2009, he received the Mark Sheldon Prize from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, as well as the Dr Margaret Tobin Award for excellence in mental health service delivery.

In 2011 a group of ngangkari, including Mr Peter, were awarded the International Sigmund Freud Prize from the City of Vienna, at the World Congress of Psychotherapy.

His wisdom and deep compassion and understanding of the benefits of strong Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relationships at a spiritual level gave him universal appeal across cultural and national boundaries.

Mr Kunmanara Peter was an especially important man for Anangu, with his vast knowledge and culture and for his role as a master of mediation and reconciliation or 'kalypalpai' - bringing people together. His loving spirit - 'kurunpa mukulya' - his kindness, compassion and generosity spread out beyond his own family to everyone he met.

He is survived by his son, Clive, and wife, Marita, and their children.



proud to be a ngangkari and was responsible for a major shift in the broader understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal traditional healing as a result of his public speaking and educational work.

Mr Kunmanara Peter believed very strongly that the best way to help Anangu with health problems was through ngangkari, doctors and nurses working together.

He was widely respected in



# Building job hopes



A QUEENSLAND Aboriginal building company is hoping a new strategic relationship with a leading Australian contractor, service provider and project developer will help address job inequity and poor work retention rates within Aboriginal communities.

First Nations Construction (FNC) Pty Ltd was developed by a consortium of Indigenous business owners working in the construction industry.

It is currently undertaking building works in Cherbourg and is in the process of tendering on a community centre in the same community.

Last week, FNC took an 'exciting' major step by signing a relationship agreement/joint venture agreement with Leighton Contractors around the design, management and construction of Indigenous housing.

They're hoping the agreement will provide job outcomes and economic opportunities for Indigenous people while meeting the need for culturally appropriate and environmentally friendly housing design, maintenance and sustainability.

FNC director Suzanne Thompson said the company had affiliations with many Indigenous organisations and people.

"Many of our directors and staff have either lived on or have a direct link to many of the Aboriginal communities throughout Queensland and also other parts of Australia," Ms Thompson said.

"We know, understand and empathise with the plight many Indigenous communities face and this is the reasoning behind the formation of our company.

"We all have the intrinsic motivation to instil pride, self-belief, respect and self-determination so as to enhance and create autonomy and self-reliance in communities."



First Nations Construction directors, from left, Jack Watson, chair Kenneth Georgetown, Brent Bligh, Suzanne Thompson, Jim Locke, Gavin Bligh, Paul Allen and Terence Watson with their relationship agreement. Photo: Naomi Moran

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## The Line Art and Poster Competition



Australian Government

The Line – Respect Each Other is a national campaign promoting healthy and respectful relationships.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 8-14 are invited to submit an original artwork for the The Line – Respect Each Other 2012 Art and Poster Competition.

- **Prize:** Win a trip to Hobart with one parent or guardian during NAIDOC week with accommodation and \$500 spending money
- **Theme:** Healthy and respectful relationships
- **Entry forms:** Pick up an entry form at school or download from [www.australia.gov.au/respect](http://www.australia.gov.au/respect)
- **Closing date:** Artworks and entry forms due by 5pm (Eastern Standard Time) 30 May 2012.

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# Message Sticks festival at



Casey Donovan performed songs from her Mama Cass tribute show.  
Photo: Joseph Mayers

# Culture, pride from the heart!



Clarence Slockee, Emma Donovan and Kevin Lucas all smiles during the Message Sticks opening night. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Kaye Belleair checks out her ASIO surveillance photo during the Message Sticks opening night. The festival featured an exhibition of many photos of Indigenous people deemed to be 'persons of interest' by the Australian security service. Photo: Joseph Mayers

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



WATCHING the Dancestry performances on the opening night of Message Sticks – the annual festival at the Sydney Opera House celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and knowledge keepers – Aunty Millie Ingram told the assembled crowd that she was 'so proud'.

She praised the dancers for keeping culture strong, and reflected on the mission days, when practising culture could result in threats of arrest.

"To think that this was stopped for decades and decades and generations and generations," she said.

"When we lived in Redfern in the 1950s and 60s we had to hold our musical entertainment in the gyms and private homes. We weren't allowed any place else. And today we are in one of the most iconic places in Australia – the Sydney Opera House."

Aunty Millie also paid tribute to Message Sticks artistic director Rhoda Roberts who has been appointed as the new head of Indigenous programming – the first dedicated position of its kind at the Sydney Opera House.

She said that if there were a list of national Aboriginal wonders, Rhoda Roberts would definitely be on it.

Ms Roberts then delighted the crowd by kicking off her shoes and joining the dancers from Yuin Ghudjargah, the Bungul Dancers and Jannawi Dance Theatre in an energetic finale, before the formalities continued inside.

In their speeches, Sydney Opera House executive producer Jonathan Bielski and Ms Roberts both paid tribute to Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale from Blackfella Films who had curated the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival in previous

years. Now in its 13th year, and with a multi-arts focus, Message Sticks 2012 featured live performance, music, dance, talks and an exhibition, in addition to a weekend of film screenings.

Mr Bielski said that while Indigenous programming at the Opera House might have waxed and waned in the past, Ms Roberts' appointment showed definitive commitment.

"As long as I have any say around this joint... this is what we will be doing. We'll be backing Rhoda and what she wants to do," he said.

"The future with Rhoda is very tantalising."

Ms Roberts paid tribute to all those Elders who had paved the way.

"So many Elders have stomped that ground for us," she said.

"We want to make this house for everyone. We do want our mob coming in and feeling welcome. This is our place as much as for any other Australian... we're going to make our mark on it and we're going to share our culture."

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the art of storytelling was something that all Australians could learn from Indigenous culture.

"I think we should celebrate the things that bind us together as Australians. Our Aboriginal culture – you cannot find this wonderful culture any where else on the planet," he said. "It's something that should excite us and bind us together whether you are Aboriginal or not, and Message Sticks does that in a very powerful way."

The formalities wrapped up with Sydney Opera House staff joining Ms Roberts in singing a Gadigal welcome song.

"We ask you to look at country. Stand and listen as we have smoked, welcomed and cleansed you," Ms Roberts said as she introduced the song. "We do it from our hearts."



Aunty Millie Ingram giving the acknowledgement of country.



# the Sydney Opera House

Jannawi Dance Theatre performers during the Message Sticks opening night. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Vicki Van Hout and Darrell Sibosada during the Message Sticks opening night. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Performers on the Dancestry grounds. Photo: Joseph Mayers



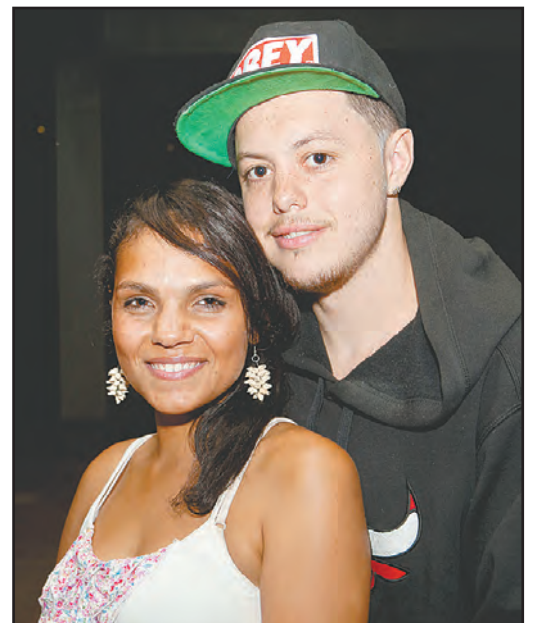
Elder Millie Ingram, Jonathan Bielski, of the Sydney Opera House, Message Sticks artistic director Rhoda Roberts and NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Vibe Australia's Gavin Jones with actor Luke Carroll. Photo: Joseph Mayers



From left, Medika Thorpe from Move It Mob Style, Carla McGrath, Kyleigh Gordon and Corey Grech. Photo: Rachel Scollay



Rarriway Hick and Corey Webster. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Dancers from Yuin Ghudjargah, Jannawi Dance Theatre and the Bungul Dancers performed on the Dancestry grounds on the boardwalk of the Sydney Opera House as part of the opening ceremony. Photo: Rachel Scollay



Indigenous School Based Trainees, Lakaree Smith, Amelia Murray, Selene Dennis, Mikaila Bark, Dana Duke, Amber Jackson and Belinda Jackson with Casey Donovan. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Andrea Aparicio and her daughter Delica. Photo: Rachel Scollay



# TVGUIDE

4TH APRIL TO 17TH APRIL



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## WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL

12:00 Gulpiril: One Red Blood PG (Documentary)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Island Music PG (Documentary)  
11:45 Turn Back PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Black Tracks Imaginative PG (Documentary Series)  
1:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Opinion Piece Wave Hill Home NC (Current Affairs)  
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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)  
8:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Making of Samson & Delilah M (Documentary)  
10:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)

## THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

12:00 My Home, the Block PG (Documentary)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Making of Samson & Delilah M (Documentary)  
1:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Courting With Justice 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
8:30 Embedded With M (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Wind PG (Documentary)

## FRIDAY 6TH APRIL

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
1:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)  
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 in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Unforgivable Blackness PG (Documentary Series)  
10:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
11:30 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)

## SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

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 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
11:00 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)  
1:30 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)  
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Big Girls Dont Cry PG (Documentary)  
8:00 From Sand to Celluloid M (Documentary)  
10:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
10:30 In This World M (Drama)

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## SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

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 Up In The Sky G (Documentary)  
9:00 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)  
9:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
10:00 More Than Legends PG (Entertainment)  
11:00 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Living Black NC (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Malcolm X PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHIES PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Bigfella PG (Documentary)  
9:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)  
11:30 My Tehran For Sale PG (Drama)

## MONDAY 9TH APRIL

1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)  
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)  
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
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 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Unforgivable Blackness PG (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 In This World M (Drama)

## TUESDAY 10TH APRIL

1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Crossing The Line G (Documentary)  
11:00 Mer Rkrwe-akert G (Documentary)  
11:30 Here's My Hand G (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Moose TV PG (Series)  
1:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Intervention 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
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 NC (Current Affairs)  
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
10:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)

## WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)  
1:00 Talking Broken 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Burning Daylight PG (Documentary)  
8:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Whispering in our Heart PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 2011 Koori Knockout Documentary PG (Documentary)

## THURSDAY 12TH APRIL

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
10:30 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)  
2:00 Destiny In Alice 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
8:30 Embedded With 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 Wind PG (Documentary)

## FRIDAY 13TH APRIL

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 More Than Legends G (Documentary)  
11:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)  
11:30 4 Wheel Dreaming PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
1:30 Island of Lies 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary)  
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 Unforgivable Blackness PG (Documentary Series)  
10:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)  
10:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)

## SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

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 My Mother My Son PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Doc)  
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
11:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)  
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)  
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Whispering in our Heart PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)  
7:30 Cookin' at Jack's PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Bits of Black Business M (Documentary)  
10:00 The Last Wave PG (Drama)  
11:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)

## SUNDAY 15TH APRIL

12:00 Volumz PG (Kids)  
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 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
12:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)  
6:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
6:30 Malcolm X PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc Series)  
8:30 Pioneers of Love PG (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
10:30 Tongan Ninja M (Drama)

## MONDAY 16TH APRIL

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)  
11:00 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Yamaji Man 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)  
8:30 The Murder of Emmett Hill PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)

## TUESDAY 17TH APRIL

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)  
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)  
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
10:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)  
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11:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Destiny In Alice 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary)  
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 NC (Current Affairs)  
9:30 Opinion Piece PG (Current Affairs)  
10:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)



## BAREFOOT SPORTS

Join Brad Cooke, Luke Carroll and David Peachey on the couch as they give you all your Indigenous sports news and updates from around the country. Weekly on Thursday from 7.30pm AEST.



# Disability network starts



THE First Peoples Disability Network will provide a strong voice for the 37 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability, according to FPDN executive officer Damian Griffis.

The network, launched in Sydney last Friday, will act as the peak organisation to represent people with disabilities, their families and carers.

Mr Griffis told the *Koori Mail* the launch was a historic moment.

"It's taken 13 years to build this organisation into a national peak organisation to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with disabilities," he said.

"The board is made up entirely of Aboriginal people living with a disability so they all come to the table with personal experience."

Mr Griffis said FPDN would 'advocate robustly for the promotion and protection of the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with disabilities to ensure their equal participation within their own communities and the wider Australian community'.

## Ten-point plan

"We are also developing a ten-point plan for the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with disabilities to ensure this policy meets the unique needs of Indigenous Australians," he said.

Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities Senator Jan McLucas launched the network at Yaama Dhiyaan in Sydney after a welcome to country from Uncle Lester Bostock.

"It was a fantastic turn-out for the launch," Mr Griffis said.

He said the national body was made up of state networks which had individual memberships, and which came together to form the national model.

"There are networks in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales and we're aiming to get a Northern Territory network going, as well as in Western Australia," he said.

Mr Griffis said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities were amongst the most disadvantaged Australians, yet the vast majority remained at the periphery of the disability service sector.

"The focus on Aboriginal people with disability has been from a health perspective," he said.

"Whilst primary health care is essential, it has come at the cost of recognising the social aspects of Aboriginal disability.

"This has meant that discrimination against Aboriginal people with disability remains firmly entrenched.

"The general well-being of Aboriginal people with disability has not improved in any meaningful way. It is time to bridge the disability gap in Australia."

## Greens criticise Muckaty claim



THE Greens have attacked a claim by Federal Government lawyers that Canberra can force a nuclear waste dump on Muckaty Station in the Northern Territory, even if the land's traditional owners were incorrectly identified. Greens nuclear policy

spokesperson Scott Ludlam said the argument put by the Commonwealth's lawyers showed the Government's total lack of regard for the rights of NT traditional owners.

"It is repellent that the Federal Government has argued that if it is found a land council gave the Government incorrect information about the traditional owners of Muckaty Station it would not invalidate the Government's 2007 approval for a dump there," Senator Ludlam aid.

"This is a correct reading of the appalling ALP legislation that should never have passed the Parliament.

"The Government has argued their new radioactive waste law requires only that a land council present evidence of who the traditional owners are – not that the evidence be accurate.

"We fought that law for two years with good reason, and we will step up our actions against this unbelievably unjust and arrogant tactic from the Government."



At the launch of the National Committee of the new First Peoples Disability Network were, from left, Uncle Lester Bostock (seated), Aunty Maureen Logan, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities Senator Jan McLucas, Gayle Rankine (seated), Josephine Judge-Rigney, Len Clarke, Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, John Baxter (seated), Disability Discrimination Commissioner Graeme Innes, Damian Griffis and Byron Albury (seated).



Australian Government  
Office of the Registrar of  
Indigenous Corporations

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations in breach

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations listed below have not lodged their 2010–11 reports with the Registrar. This means they are in breach of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* or related legislation. Reports are due by the end of December each year.

Failure to comply may result in the deregistration or prosecution of the corporation.

Please contact 1800 622 431 if you need help with your reports or if you believe the corporation has already lodged its 2010–11 reports.

Anthony Beven, Registrar of Indigenous Corporations



ICN	Corporation name
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4230	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Gold and Gloves Sports & Recreation Club
1900	Aboriginal Corporation of Employment and Training Development
2065	Amangarra Aboriginal Corporation
3529	Amawurra Aboriginal Corporation
535	Anhelke Aboriginal Corporation
7319	Apmar Ahareng-arenkenh Aknganenty Aboriginal Corporation
3653	Badimia Land Aboriginal Corporation
7412	Bagot Aboriginal Corporation
3070	Bampi-Mi Aboriginal Corporation
7012	Bardi and Jawi Niimidiman Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
1179	Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation
2742	Beetaloo Aboriginal Corporation
3738	Belang Aboriginal Corporation
694	Bobieding Aboriginal Corporation
4552	Bunbudi/Bilinarra Aboriginal Corporation
593	Burringurrah Community Aboriginal Corporation
7292	Burrumburru Aboriginal Corporation
1808	Buttah Windee Aboriginal Corporation
7226	Capital Development Aboriginal Corporation
3381	Carnarvon Community Patrol Aboriginal Corporation
7282	Cassowary Coast Sporting for Youth Indigenous Corporation
4435	Central Queensland Yumpla Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Men
1379	Chile Creek Aboriginal Corporation
4200	Clermont - Sandy Creek Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
4401	Clifton Indigenous Family Enterprise Aboriginal Corporation
3336	Collie Aboriginal Corporation
7428	Coral's Retreat Aboriginal Corporation
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1588	Dillinya Aboriginal Corporation
1032	Djarrung Aboriginal Corporation
4731	Djildjurd Aboriginal Corporation
7103	Dordluk Aboriginal Corporation
7217	Dundjubar Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation for Social Justice
7146	Dunjiba Kungkas Aboriginal Corporation
2895	Erre Aboriginal Corporation
1864	French Family Aboriginal Corporation
4784	Gamilaroi Trading Aboriginal Corporation
1585	Gawooleng Yawoodeng Aboriginal Corporation
7182	Giingan Bari Indigenous Corporation
1999	Gkuthaarn Aboriginal Corporation
4163	Gnardumunn Aboriginal Corporation
678	Gnowangerup Aboriginal Corporation
4566	Gnujuring Festival Aboriginal Corporation
3681	Goobiny Aboriginal Corporation
7235	Goolarabooloo / Millibinyarri Indigenous Corporation
306	Gular Aboriginal Corporation
952	Gular CDEP Aboriginal Corporation
1245	Gulumonon Aboriginal Corporation
2508	Gum Hole Aboriginal Corporation
56	Gumbangerri Aboriginal Corporation
7256	Gunbalanya Aboriginal Corporation
7315	Gunda Gunda Aboriginal Corporation
3015	Gunda-ah-Myro Aboriginal Corporation
3782	Hotham River Nyoongar Aboriginal Corporation
4010	Inner Island Kulkalgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation
779	Iragul Aboriginal Corporation
4557	Jagurru Sports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
4714	Jajee-warda Aboriginal Corporation

ICN	Corporation name
1503	Jardamu Womens Group Aboriginal Corporation
4577	Jaycos Beach Aboriginal Corporation
7208	Jerrboongun Indigenous Corporation
4698	Jinna Nudpi Aboriginal Corporation for Arts
880	Jundah Aboriginal Corporation
7459	Jungalla Giniy widji Aboriginal Corporation
7373	Kakadu Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation
4572	Kardalarkun Aboriginal Corporation
3739	Karntimarta Aboriginal Corporation
805	Katanning Aboriginal Corporation
4529	Kaurareg Traditional Elders Aboriginal Corporation
3277	Kempsey Koori Artists Aboriginal Corporation
2646	Kewulyi Aboriginal Corporation
4260	Kokatha Lands Council Aboriginal Corporation
2613	Koko Muluridji Tribal Aboriginal Corporation
419	"Kootana" Women's Centre Palm Island Aboriginal Corporation
413	Kupungarri Aboriginal Corporation
2636	Kurripi Aboriginal Corporation
7436	Kurtjar Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation
7060	Lall Bay Puran Aboriginal Corporation
4681	Lander River Aboriginal Corporation
1649	MAAMBA Aboriginal Corporation
1197	Mac Silva Centre Aboriginal Corporation
2261	Mackay Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Alternative Care and Foster Care Services
2841	Maddarr Aboriginal Corporation
199	Mallingbarr Aboriginal Corporation
4290	Manbarra Nanggarra Wanggarra Aboriginal Corporation
4477	Maningrida Homelands Parents Group (Aboriginal Corporation)
3635	Manowan Aboriginal Corporation
7219	Marlarthunoo Aboriginal Corporation
2969	Marrgoon Aboriginal Corporation
2188	Mawurri and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation
3640	Mersey Leven Economical Aboriginal Corporation (MLEAC)
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3654	Millwarparra Aboriginal Corporation
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2507	Mrangalli Aboriginal Corporation
4773	Muluuri Aboriginal Corporation
3080	Mungalmiba Aboriginal Corporation
7101	Mura Mabai Ghauw Buai Torres Strait Islander Corporation
2013	Murwangi Community Aboriginal Corporation
4653	Muthi Muthi Nation Aboriginal Corporation
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3863	Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation
3831	Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation for Land
55	New England Aboriginal Corporation
2674	Ngadalargin Aboriginal Corporation
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4337	Ngarluma Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
7414	Nguui Ullintjinni Aboriginal Corporation
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2062	Nindethana Aboriginal Corporation
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4497	Nyamarrang Burr Aboriginal Corporation
2391	Oombulgurri Community Store Aboriginal Corporation
7254	Orange Aboriginal Corporation for Women
7259	Palm Island Rodeo Indigenous Corporation
2281	Palyalatju Maparnpa Aboriginal Corporation Health Committee
4316	Pamayyu Aboriginal Corporation

ICN	Corporation name
4315	Pappin Family Aboriginal Corporation
4578	Parjala Yawarra Aboriginal Corporation
7441	Pepper Corn Avenue Indigenous Corporation
2727	Puyurru Aboriginal Corporation
1198	Redfern Aboriginal Corporation
7440	Sandhills Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs (Aboriginal Corporation)
3504	Snowy Mountains Elders Aboriginal Corporation
3201	The Aboriginal Corporation of West Coast Cape York Peninsula Traditional Land Owners
442	The Arrernte Council of Central Australia Aboriginal Corporation
467	The Gooddo Aboriginal Corporation for Day Care
1282	The Health Worker Aboriginal Corporation
4353	The Holy Child Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation
4428	The Malana Group Aboriginal Corporation
7310	The Mitchell River Traditional Custodians Advisory Group Aboriginal Corporation
3101	The South Coast Indigenous Aboriginal Corporation
4404	Townsville Thuringowa Region Indigenous Men's Aboriginal Corporation
7174	TWAL Justice Indigenous Corporation
3076	Twin Hill Aboriginal Corporation
3430	Urdlu Walpunha Aboriginal Corporation
4324	Urimbirra Aboriginal Corporation
3748	Waanyi Nation Aboriginal Corporation
7129	Wagiman Land and Cattle Aboriginal Corporation
4489	Wagoongalier Aboriginal Corporation
2413	Wakamin Tribal Aboriginal Corporation
7241	Walbunja Aboriginal Corporation
3636	Wallamara Aboriginal Corporation
7007	Wamba Nilgee Burru Ngardu Aboriginal Corporation
2649	Wandjibynds Aboriginal Corporation
4705	Wangkumarra Aboriginal Corporation
4696	Wanjahnin Women's Aboriginal Corporation
4695	Wanparta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
2972	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation
2400	Watiyawanu Artists of Amunturrnga Aboriginal Corporation
825	Werne Ngai Karan Aboriginal Corporation
7011	West Coast Aboriginal Corporation Enterprise Network
319	Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation
369	White Eagle Aboriginal Corporation
229	Williejuddara Aboriginal Corporation
2997	Winganjie Blue Water Aboriginal Corporation
7265	Winjamanu Store Aboriginal Corporation
822	Winjan Aboriginal Corporation Mandurah
4468	Wirliyajarrayi Cattle Aboriginal Corporation
7329	Wurdagulli Goolingnae Indigenous Corporation
991	Wurrkleni Aboriginal Corporation
1886	Yaamba Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Men
3134	Yaburara and Coastal Mardudhunera Aboriginal Corporation
3946	Yellagundgimara Aboriginal Health Council Aboriginal Corporation
2041	Yubulyawun Aboriginal Corporation
671	Yuenmanda (Elder Clan Women) Aboriginal Corporation
1475	Yuibera Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
1773	Yulga Jinna Aboriginal Corporation
3545	Yuyung Nyannung Aboriginal Corporation

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for an up-to-date list.

This list was last updated on 28 March 2012.





The NSW Environmental Trust invites applications to the  
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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.

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**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](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au)

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# Scrymgour to quit politics at NT election



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous woman to become a government minister has decided to quit politics at this

year's Northern Territory election.

NT Member for Arafura Marion Scrymgour said it was a tough decision but 'the time is right to look at other opportunities'.

Ms Scrymgour said she would continue to advocate for the people of Arafura right up until the election.

She said she would withdraw her pre-selection nomination and the ALP would select a new candidate for the seat of Arafura.

The MP made her announcement on the Tiwi Islands to coincide with the Tiwi football grand final.

"The grand final brings Tiwi people together and I wanted to be with so many of the people I have worked so closely with when I announced my decision," Ms Scrymgour said.

"I will also be getting out into other key centres in the electorate including Maningrida, Gunbalunya and Jabiru to explain my decision.

"I have spent the last few months talking to my family, my colleagues and my electorate.

"Being the Member for Arafura has been an honour and I have enjoyed it immensely."

Ms Scrymgour has been a member of the NT Legislative Assembly since 2001, and served as the Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern



**Marion Scrymgour, who has announced that she will resign at the next NT election (file photo).**

Territory from November 2007 until February 2009.

As such, she was the highest-ranked Indigenous person in government in Australia's history. She was also the first Indigenous woman to be elected to the NT Parliament.

In January 2008, she was appointed Acting Chief Minister of the NT while the incumbent Paul Henderson was on holiday for two weeks, becoming the first Aboriginal government leader in Australian history.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson paid tribute to Ms Scrymgour, saying she had been a tireless advocate for the

people of Arafura.

"She always put her electorate first and will be a tough act to follow," Mr Henderson said. "Marion should be very proud of her achievements.

"From when she first became a minister introducing innovative legislation which has helped slash petrol-sniffing rates, through to her current work tackling youth suicide.

"As Australia's first Indigenous woman to become a minister she leaves a very proud legacy and she will continue to be an inspiration, especially to young Indigenous women."

# Gas hub notices re-advertised



THE West Australian Government has re-advertised notices of intention to compulsorily

acquire land in the Kimberley for a \$30 billion gas hub after the original notices were ruled invalid by the Supreme Court.

WA Chief Justice Martin ruled in December that the notices to take land and extinguish native title at James Price Point were unlawful because they did not contain a description of the land required.

New notices of intention to

take the land were advertised in the *Koori Mail* newspaper on 21 March, a spokesman for Lands Minister Brendon Grylls confirmed.

The Kimberley community has been divided over the proposed gas hub and protesters have had an ongoing battle with Woodside Petroleum over its plans to build the liquefied natural gas precinct 60km north of Broome.

Traditional land owners Neil Patrick McKenzie, from the Jabbar Jabbar people, and Phillip James Roe, from the Goolarabooloo people, went to

court over the three original notices to take the land.

After the court ruled in their favour in December, Premier Colin Barnett said the judgment was not a major setback and would not hold up the development.

Woodside, the WA Government and the Kimberley Land Council have signed a deal over the hub that would see \$1.5 billion in benefits going to the region's Aboriginal people over 30 years.

A final investment decision by Woodside and its joint venture partners is expected later this year. — AAP



Department of Planning  
and Community Development

## Expressions of interest from Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

### What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and is the first Aboriginal Council created under Victorian law. It is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners. The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians to protect, preserve and enjoy Victoria's rich Aboriginal cultural heritage.

### The Council's principal functions involve:

- making decisions regarding the registration of Aboriginal parties (RAPs)
- advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage

### To be eligible to be a Council member you must:

- be resident in Victoria
- demonstrate traditional or familial links to an area in Victoria
- have extensive knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria
- have demonstrated the ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal Victorians
- have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

### Please send your written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria, to:

Secretariat to the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council  
GPO Box 2392  
Melbourne Victoria 3001

Or via email: [vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au)

For further information, please telephone Maria Pizzi, Manager  
- Secretariat to the Aboriginal Heritage Council on (03) 9208 3280.

**Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 18 April 2012.**

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## Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program 2012-2013 Funding

Organisations are invited to apply for funding of \$333,000 per annum to June 2013 to provide temporary supported accommodation and mobile support under the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program in Cairns.

The funding is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults participating in the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or living in vulnerable arrangements that may hinder or prevent their participation in the program.

Information packages are available from  
[www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au) or by contacting (07) 4036 5400.

**Applications must be lodged by 4pm Monday 23 April 2012.**



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# New WA marine park is welcomed



THE establishment of a new marine park on Western Australia's south-western coast has been welcomed.

The Ngari Capes Marine Park will cover about 124,000ha, from Geographe Bay south to Augusta.

The Conservation Council of WA says the new park covers one of the most important marine environments in the state.

"We welcome the release of this new marine park that will bring many benefits to the community and is a

substantial step forward for conservation in this very important region of Western Australia," council marine co-ordinator Tim Nicol said.

He said the pressure was now on the Federal Government to 'do their bit to protect this iconic coastline'.

"Creating new marine sanctuaries to complement those created by the State Government and stopping forever the threat of oil drilling off Margaret River will ensure this region has the protection it deserves," he said.



Young and old on hand during the smoking ceremony at the Brisbane Sovereign Embassy.



Signage surrounding the embassy camp at Musgrave Park.

## Brisbane embassy opened

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



Uncle Selwyn Johns (Selly J) was a special guest speaker at the opening, yarning about the history of Brisbane blackfellas and the importance of the new embassy.



THE Brisbane Sovereign Embassy at Musgrave Park has been officially opened, with sovereign owners hosting a gathering for neighbouring clan

groups, community members and organisations on 24 March.

They'd been invited to wear black, yellow and red worn 'loud and proud' to the Cordelia Street site and to 'be part of history in the making in your own back yard'.

A welcome and smoking ceremony was followed by a corroboree, music performances, bush tucker, arts and crafts and sovereignty workshops where people could 'learn about the issues, ask questions, get answers'.

The gathering was preceded by an 'instruction' from embassy representatives for the Queensland Government to recognise Aboriginal tribes.

"The Sovereign Embassy Brisbane is on a statewide campaign to acknowledge all tribal nations to

treaty with the local Yaggara people and with each other," they said in a statement.

"All original sovereign nations who become part of the National Unity Government will be encouraged to challenge, within the domestic courts of the invader society, to seek a declaration by them confirming that our sovereignty cannot be dealt with within their jurisdiction.

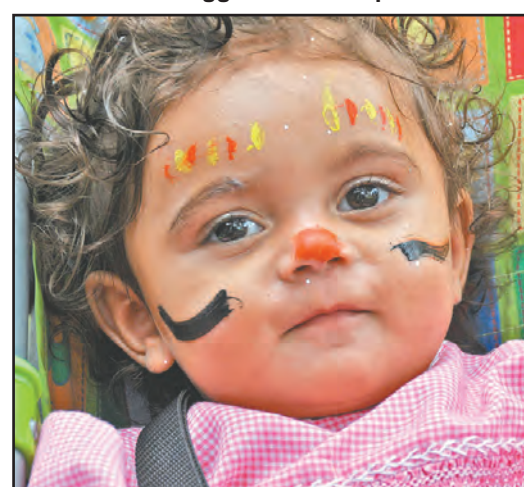
"We have been lied to, cheated, deceived and imprisoned just because we were Aboriginal people, all in the name of 'protection'. We have been kept in a welfare state and refused economic development that will enable us to become financially independent."

The group said the desecration of Aboriginal sacred sites and obstruction of tribal hunting rights contravened international human rights resolutions.

● A Gomerioi Sovereignty Council meeting is planned for Moree this Friday, 6 April. The meeting will be held Miyay Birray (under the big tree), Endeavour Lane in Moree. For more information call Gwenda Stanley on (0412) 620 136.



Nunukal Yuggera Dancers perform.



Young Mayani Coolwell, a proud Murri at the Embassy opening.



Lighting of the Sacred Fire.



Gomerioi Dancers perform.





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## Funding for Resource and Strategic Projects 2012

### Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) Program

Submissions for WELL funding are invited from eligible organisations that wish to develop a resource or strategic project that supports adult language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) training across one or more industry sectors.

Resources can include training materials that support:

- a nationally endorsed Training Package;
- industry relevant LLN assessment and reporting methods; or
- professional development resources for industry trainers/assessors aligned with Training Packages.

Strategic projects must have national scope and can include:

- the development of LLN plans for a particular industry or industry group; or
- the development and implementation of a national model or strategy to integrate LLN into workplace training with a cross-industry focus.

Application forms, guidelines and other relevant information are available on the WELL website at [www.deewr.gov.au/well](http://www.deewr.gov.au/well).

For further information, please contact the WELL Resource Coordinator on (02) 6240 7498.

Applications must be submitted electronically through WELL Online, which can be accessed through the WELL website.

Resource project applications must be received by 5pm AEST, Monday 16 April 2012.

Applications for funding for strategic projects will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Please Note: The Tertiary Cluster of the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations is transitioning under a machinery of Government change to the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

[www.deewr.gov.au/well](http://www.deewr.gov.au/well)



National Congress co-chair Jody Broun (centre, front), with forum applicants Todd Fernando, Blake Tatafu and Tenisha Lawrence.

# Have your say, says Congress



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples says proper community discussion is needed to achieve constitutional change.

And its co-chairs have called for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to 'talk about it in our homes, schools, organisations and communities'.

Co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer were members of the panel that delivered recommendations to the Prime Minister to change the Constitution.

"The final report was an honest reflection of what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people told us all around the country," said Ms Broun.

"Congress and the views of our

members contributed to and shaped that final report.

"...Our peoples must be informed so they can decide if they support any future referendum."

Ms Broun said Brisbane Indigenous Media Association, 98.8FM and Congress would host the first of many local community forums on the subject of constitutional change in Brisbane on 3 May.

#### Youth forum

And Congress will hold its first national youth forum for about 100 Congress members in June.

"We must all have a say and play a part if this is to become a people's movement for an equal Australia that also prohibits discrimination based on race," she said.

## Collins named new deputy chairperson



NORTH Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency CEO Priscilla Collins is the new deputy chairperson of the National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS).

Her appointment has been welcomed by NATSILS acting chairperson Gerry Moore.

"Priscilla comes with over 25 years' experience as a strong and passionate advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Australia, working in the public sector as well as on a number of boards, committees

and councils," he said.

"Priscilla's ... expertise in Aboriginal legal services makes her an invaluable member of the NATSILS."

Ms Collins said she was looking forward to her new role.

"NATSILS will continue to be the national voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and law and justice reform in Australia," she said.

"As the NATSILS, we are collectively committed to being the leader and principal representative on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law and justice reform."



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NovaSkill senior field officer Andrew Hutchinson, Coal & Allied Aboriginal relations specialist Cate Sims and NovaSkill senior Indigenous employment officer Wayne Cook.

# Land management focus for program



THE Aboriginal community is in line to become directly

involved in managing mining company land under a new program in NSW's Hunter Valley.

Major miner Coal & Allied, in partnership with NovaSkill, has launched the program in the coal-rich Upper Hunter region.

The miner says the program will initially provide 200 hours of paid work experience for up to 24 Aboriginal participants, and a project co-ordinator position currently being advertised for the role of managing the program.

Coal & Allied Aboriginal relations specialist Cate Sims

said the program was 'an exciting initiative that came about in response to feedback from the local Aboriginal community'.

"Aboriginal stakeholders in the Upper Hunter expressed a strong desire to get more involved in work that would contribute to retaining or rehabilitating the cultural and environmental values of the land," she said.

"This will enable us to work in partnership with NovaSkill to deliver a training and development program that will support the community in achieving these goals."

Local Aboriginal business owner Laurie Perry, of the Gringai clan of the Wonnarua people, said he was excited about the opportunities the program would bring to the

Upper Hunter Aboriginal community, such as giving back a sense of ownership to caring for country.

Mr Perry is managing director of Yunaga Mine Services Pty Ltd – a local Aboriginal-owned enterprise that provides a range of environmental and land management services to the mining industry.

"This program is going to provide work experience, skills development, and potentially create employment to benefit a number of people in the greater Upper Hunter region," he said.

"It is a unique opportunity to work in the mining industry and I look forward to seeing the benefits that it brings to Coal & Allied's environmental and land management plans."

# Lawyers call for Taser ban



THE Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) has called for a national judicial inquiry into the use of

Tasers, capsicum spray and other potentially lethal police weapons, following the death of a 21-year-old Brazilian student in Sydney.

ALA national president Greg Barns said Tasers – stun-guns that use electric shocks – continued to be rolled out in Australia since 2001, despite deaths being directly linked to their use.

"A mentally ill NSW man died

of a heart attack in the first death in 2002 after threatening police with a frying pan. A scathing report from the NSW Ombudsman came six years after the event," he said.

## Weapons

"Another mentally ill man, Adam Salter, was shot and killed in 2009 by a police woman yelling, 'Taser, Taser, Taser'. Mounting evidence shows confusion may have come from carrying too many weapons, including a firearm and a similarly-shaped Taser on her waist.

"Then there was the Alice

Springs man in 2009, who died after both a Taser and capsicum spray were used to subdue him following a domestic dispute.

"A Queensland man died last year, after being Tasered up to 28 times. A Crime and Misconduct Commission report on Queensland Police Taser use last year, found Taser-related injuries were increasing despite safety concerns, yet more Tasers were being issued to general duties police.

"Tasers continue to be promoted by police and politicians as a safe alternative to hand guns, but clearly they are not."



## Request for Tender

General Practice Education and Training Limited (GPET) manages the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) and Prevocational General Practice Placements (PGPPP) programs on behalf of the Australian Government.

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The Australian General Practice Training Program (AGPT) includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training and GPET is seeking to engage the provision of research expertise on:

*Building Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Education and Cultural Mentoring Capacity.*

The information for this tender is available on the GPET website: [www.agpt.com.au](http://www.agpt.com.au).

For more information please contact Jodie Fisher on (02) 6263 6740 or [jodie.fisher@gpet.com.au](mailto:jodie.fisher@gpet.com.au).

The tender closes on Friday 27 April 2012 at 5.00 pm (AEST).

GPET is committed to reconciliation through its Reconciliation Action Plan.



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## STOLEN GENERATIONS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are part of the Stolen Generations that were taken to Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home, Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Training Home, Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Home or Parramatta Girls Home and would like to participate in a documentary please call:

**1800 263 881**

The documentary will include the history of the homes, the policies that affected Aboriginal people and the Apology. There is a focus on what the Apology meant to the Stolen Generations and the healing benefits (if any) that came from the Apology. The film allows the Stolen Generations to express their feelings and tell their story on what happened to them and why. The film will research all aspects of the Stolen Generations to ensure an accurate depiction of the history, times and ramifications to people's lives.

The film will also encompass the 100 year commemoration of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home. This event will be held on **Saturday 11th of August 2012** in Cootamundra. If you are a former resident or a descendant of a former resident and you would like to attend, please call the number above and register your interest.



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# Big Doris, Big Apple

## Celebrity spotting – New York-style

By ANGELINA HURLEY\*

**M**AN, I love travelling. A trait my parents have always referred to as if they were donning me with a traditional name: AKA 'The one who runs away'. I get excited about all the facets of travel. From the initial thought of it, to the actual experience of being wherever I end up.

I love planning, packing, flying (the most), changing currency and time zones, experiencing different cultures and languages, exploring and discovering.

When hitting a new destination I always want to experience all it has to offer and what it's most famous for.

So when landing in New York I wanted to experience the usual – pizza, good coffee (haven't found any yet), bagels, snow, shoes, riding the subway, visiting art galleries and museums, seeing theatre shows, going out dancing and seeing good music (OMG!), laugh out loud at funny comedians (Deadly!) and... running into famous people.

### Celebrity Spot No 1 – Ricky James the bus driver?

Not New York I know, but a 96.9°F (36.1°C) day in Austin, Texas. Hot enough for some much-needed



Legendary Divinyls frontwoman Chrissy Amphlett on stage. File photo, Newpix

Inset: Chrissy Amphlett and Angelina Hurley catch up. Yes, really.

margaritas and a swim in the local pool.

After totally indulging in both, I was still a bit dazed as I jumped on the bus to head home. I rummaged my pockets for quarters for the fare. I was searching for the last one needed when a deep voice said 'Just one more, sugar'.

I looked up and was greeted by a brother with a big white smile, and an immaculately braided and beaded head of hair. Feeling a bit like Hunter S Thompson I smiled broadly back. Is that Rick James?

What happened to him after his singing career stopped? Did he end up driving buses in Austin, Texas? I don't know. I'm from Australia.

I got home and Googled him. Brother Rick passed away in 2004. Dawwwnt RIP Rick! Nah, it wasn't him.

### Celebrity Spot No 2 – Rachel and Tim

It was pissing down rain in New York City as I set off to go to class at NYU. I stood on the corner of Broadway and 8th waiting for the lights to change. Everyone on the street was hidden under *Matrix*-style attire. Dark suits, dresses, pants, jeans, boots, coats etc.

A really skinny chick beside me stepped off the sidewalk. Looked like she was trying

to hide under her umbrella while hailing a taxi. Maybe she was just trying not to get wet? Big Doris Murri looked sideways at her as she jumps in the cab. I caught her profile as she closed her umbrella. Rachel? I look at the guy next to me.

Womba Murri ends up talking out loud (shame job). "Rachel!". The guy next to me, "Rachel who?" "Griffiths! The Aussie umm, Australian actress, Rachel Griffiths."

He shakes his head at me with the look of stupid tourist on his face. Nah, it wasn't her.

I reached NYU, dripping water everywhere as I wandered a hallway looking for my classroom. The floor I was on was empty and silent. I was on the wrong floor.

At the far end of the hall a tall man appeared. As he walked towards me his face was hidden inside an oversized hood. His pace fastened. The spirit of Neo (Keanu Reeves) took over me. Get out of there, Neo. Quick!

It felt like everything was happening in slow motion. I turned around and headed towards the lift. The man was walking faster. Murri is bashing the down button at the elevator. The man turns the corner into the foyer. The elevator doors opened. I jumped in.

The man walked straight passed the lift and flicked the hood off his head. Tim? Is that Tim Robbins? I blocked the elevator door with my hand and stick my head back out. Before the man hit the stairwell, he looked back at me. I turtle necked it back inside the elevator. Damn, I should have taken the blue pill. Nah, it wasn't him.

Okay, so now you're thinking that Murri is just too bustin' to see a celebrity. Well, just you wait.

### Celebrity Spot No 3 – Chrissy

Not so long after arriving in New York last year, I got a lovely invitation to go see an Aboriginal art exhibition. Solid!

I head out into a hot night and ride the

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# Enrol, Indigenous people urged



Indigenous people are being urged to enrol to vote.



THE AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission has renewed its efforts to encourage more Indigenous people to vote as part of its '2012 Year of Enrolment' campaign.

The campaign celebrates 100 years since the right and responsibility to enrol became enshrined in law, and 50 years since all Indigenous Australians became entitled to vote in Federal elections.

As part of the campaign, a DVD on the history of the Indigenous vote has been launched which features the personal accounts of various Indigenous leaders on the value of voting.

The *Louder than one voice* DVD includes animation and six case studies and can be viewed via the AEC YouTube channel.

As well, next month young Indigenous Australians will gather in Canberra to take part in a week-long National Indigenous Youth Parliament. They'll discuss ways to promote enrolling and voting within their communities.

Electoral Commissioner Ed

Killesteyn said the two electoral milestones provided an opportunity to draw attention to the ongoing challenge of ensuring all Australians have the chance to exercise a key democratic right and responsibility – to enrol to vote.

"Today, an estimated 1.5 million eligible Australians are not enrolled and if an election was held they could miss

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out on their vote – that's equivalent to having an extra 15 electorates or another state the size of Western Australia," Mr Killesteyn said.

"There are currently just over 14 million people on the electoral roll. The AEC makes extensive efforts to remind people to enrol, and stay on the roll, but roll numbers are not increasing at the same pace as the

eligible population, a trend evident since the 1990s."

Mr Killesteyn said the 50th anniversary of the right of Indigenous Australians to enrol and vote was very significant.

"The AEC is marking this anniversary through several initiatives under the banner of its Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP)," he said.

"The IEPP's goal is to help close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage, and in practical terms it includes 25 field staff delivering face-to-face electoral education Australia-wide."

The commissioner said the AEC would be running a number of activities this year to remind people of their

electoral rights and responsibilities and to check and get their enrolments up to date.

They will include a mid-year AEC mailing to Australian households together with a public relations and online advertising campaign. The 100th anniversary will also see a commemorative postage stamp issued later this month by Australia Post.



# dreaming :)

● From facing page

subway with a mob of New Yorkers to Brooklyn. We arrive at a rather happening event. There is deadly art, deadly people and deadly conversation galore.

It was really hot in the gallery and just as Murri started looking for a drink, a door in the back of the gallery opened. A woman holding a small glass of wine came in. Hmm, where did she get that I wondered? Then, just before I could stop her I realised – OMG! It's Chrissy Amphlett!

I froze. I went back to my friends, "Hey, it's Chrissy." My US friends didn't know who she was.

"Chrissy Amphlett, she's a famous Australian singer. She was one of my idols during high school (and still is)."

Being the product of parents who were teenagers during the golden age of 60s rock 'n' roll, I have always loved it. I love all rock chicks.

My parents telling me that I wanted to be 'Turner Turner' when I grew up – ie Tina Turner (I didn't pronounce it correctly at the age of two or three).

Anyhow, here I was chatting away to Chrissy! I was too embarrassed to tell her that my friends and I used to constantly get put in detention for turning up to class dressed like her.

Where was my DeLorean? So I could travel back to the 80s and shove it up the nose of the bullying girl who hated me in high school. Suck on this Shazza... ya scrag! Yep, it was she.

## Celebrity Spot No 4 – Hugh, Deb and Mariska

Sometimes in your life you get the chance to hob nob, big note, and be a flash black. Not that that's what I was doing, or ever do actually, but on this occasion I was lucky.

On invitation to another deadly do, I was enjoying a very delicious breakfast – ie pancakes, French toast, fruit and coffee, when who walks in but Hugh Jackman and Deborra-Lee Furness.

Everyone at my table including myself were trying so hard not to dorie, hey. You know, you look at each other and even the migloos start playing that eye/face game.

Chinese whispers of 'It's Hugh and Deb' travelled the table. Just when I wanted to turn around, the fulla across from me says 'Oh my god, it's her too'.

Jane Mansfield's daughter! I turned around to watch Mariska Hargitay float past me, and float she did. What a beautiful woman. Far out!

Anyhow, I hung around long enough to meet the very lovely Deb and have a quick chat. Also to be congratulated with a kiss on my cheek, on the upper left hand side of my face, towards my Fulbright achievement by the gorgeous Wolverine. Exhale! I tried not to wash it for days. Yep, it was they.

## Celebrity Spot No 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,11 – Famous people galore

New York is filled with opportunities to see celebrities. There are so many deadly shows and events going on.

I've seen people like Ricky Gervais, Michael Moore, Annie Leibovitz, Angela Bassett, Harry Belafonte and more. 'ere this big doris has had her eyes peeled for her favourite celebs since she landed.

It's no secret amongst my family and friends that my obsession for Ben Harper and Lenny Kravitz has existed since they have. Of course I am going to look for them!

So if you think that I am going to stop referring to them in my writings, so that I can live in the hope of meeting them one day, you are sadly mistaken. Lol!

As my friend in the UK said, 'Oh for God's sake Ange, hasn't that fetish been going on for 20 years?'. Answer: 'Yes, and so?'

Anyhow, I have reached one of these goals and seen Lenny at Radio City Music Hall. Even from a distance, it was worth it.

Now only Ben evades me.

Only once have I chanced across the possibility. While walking through the East Village, a brother the spitting image of Ben strolled passed me. Murri freezes like a frilly lizard. Only one second shy of someone performing CPR and me flatlining, my heart continues beating.



Aussie celebs Hugh Jackman and Deborra-Lee Furness. File photo, AAP Images



You'll meet him one day, Big Doris Murri ... US singer Ben Harper. Newspix Image

He had the same face, same hair, same body, same style, same smile. He disappeared into the subway station. Was it Ben Harper? Would Ben be riding the New York subway?

I don't know. I'm from Australia.

Nah, it wasn't him. :(

● This story is dedicated to Australia's deadliest rock chick Chrissy Amphlett. Wishing her all the strength, love, happiness and good health in the world. *All the Boys in Town* – <http://youtube/c53mr1IDPHA>

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# Judge says native title bar too high



A FEDERAL Court judge has taken a swipe at native title laws, saying traditional ownership was too hard to prove, took too long and led to

disputes. Speaking at a special outdoor hearing of the Federal Court in the town of Mataranka on 21 March, Justice Paul Finn found native title rights existed over the area.

He said the consent declaration meant the Najig and Guyanggan-Nganawirbird people had native title over parts of the town and waters.

In a commentary after formally announcing his decision, Justice Finn criticised the way the Native Title Act had operated in the past.

"Some judges, and I include myself amongst them, consider that the bar to successful proof of a native title claim is being placed too high," he said.

Justice Finn said native title law had also led to the fragmentation of claims and 'unnecessary and unproductive disputes' within Indigenous communities.

"Ten years has passed since you first made your claim," he said.

"That is a long time to wait and too long until your claim is finalised."

But Justice Finn said things were changing.

"We are thankfully getting closer to an environment in which co-operation, goodwill and reasonable accommodations are misplacing distrust, hostility and onerous requirements of proof," he said.

The consent determination over



KIM HILL

Mataranka meant the Government and Indigenous people were able to agree to the native title rights without the need for a court trial.

Speaking to media afterwards, Northern Land Council CEO Kim Hill said the problems with the Native Title Act were something governments needed to address.

"It is a frustrating process where families are versus families, where governments in the past have divided and haven't recognised Aboriginal people," he said.

Northern Territory Environment and Heritage Minister Karl Hampton said he agreed with Justice Finn's criticisms and he would contact his colleagues about expediting future native title claims.

"The bar has been set in many ways very high," he said. – AAP

# Settlement is 'a win-win'



THE Northern Land Council (NLC) has welcomed an in-principle agreement between Aboriginal traditional owners and the Northern Territory

Government last month that will allow recreational fishers access to the inter-tidal waters of a large tract of the Daly River.

The in-principle agreement is the first negotiated settlement for inter-tidal waters following the historic Blue Mud Bay High Court decision in 2008.

NLC CEO Kim Hill said the proposed deal represented a win-win outcome for traditional owners, recreational anglers and fishing tour operators.

"This is an agreement that ensures the views and concerns of the Malak Malak traditional owners were sincerely considered and provides certainty to the recreational fishing sector," he said.

"Recreational fishers won't need individual permits to fish the Daly

River, while traditional owners will now be equipped to play a key partnership role in enforcement and environmental monitoring through a new marine ranger program.

"The NT Government realised that traditional owners didn't want a one-size-fits-all approach to settlement of the Blue Mud Bay High Court decision and I commend it for its commitment to goodwill negotiations which ensured the local aspirations of traditional owners were met."

Mr Hill said the NT Government had adopted a regional approach during the latest round of Blue Mud Bay settlement consultations, and he expected more agreements to follow.

Mr Hill said the in-principle agreement would be considered for approval by the NLC's full council at its June meeting.

He said negotiations with traditional owners of other inter-tidal waters, including the lower reaches and mouth of the Daly River, would continue over coming months.



# Senator airs IBA claims



TWELVE staff at Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) allegedly spent a day at a Gold Coast theme park at taxpayers' expense, Federal Parliament has been told.

Liberal senator Bill Heffernan made the claim regarding the Government-funded organisation, which helps Aboriginal people create wealth and develop business enterprises, in the Senate on 22 March.

Senator Heffernan read to the Parliament a letter dated 10 March from an anonymous IBA staff member addressed to several people including Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and her department.

He cited the letter as saying: "I write as an employee of IBA for many years and with the support of staff who are prepared to put their hand up as whistle blowers to expose alleged misuse of funds, conflict of interest and the interference in administration at IBA by its chairman."

Senator Heffernan told the chamber the writer said there was a sense of relief in the organisation when a recent Senate estimates hearing sought to establish the facts surrounding a claim 12 IBA staff spent the day at Movie World on the Gold Coast at taxpayers' expense.

The writer also raised concerns about Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Cairns receiving millions of dollars in funding, when independent advice found it was 'a marginal proposition at best'.

"These matters warrant serious investigation," Senator Heffernan read from the letter.

## Document

Senator Heffernan said he had a four-page document that he didn't have enough time to read into Hansard and had been refused permission to table in the Senate. "There is no joy in being a whistleblower," he read from the letter. "That is the only way for our voice to be heard and for attention to be ultimately given to ensuring the resources of IBA are spent wisely."

Senator Heffernan said the writer also warned of a possible 'witch hunt' within IBA once the claims were known.

IBA chief executive Chris Fry gave evidence at a Senate estimates hearing in February.

At the hearing, Liberal senator Nigel Scullion asked Mr Fry if he was aware if 12 members of his staff had visited Movie World during a planning meeting on the Gold Coast last October.

"None whatsoever," Mr Fry told the hearing. "I was there for in excess of a day and it was not on the agenda; I am not familiar with that."

Senator Heffernan told the chamber the letter writer said they had written to the Senate Clerk and the Australian Federal Police Commissioner requesting they investigate Mr Fry's evidence 'where it is alleged he lied to the committee'.

Comment was being sought from IBA.

A spokeswoman for Minister Macklin dismissed the allegations as a 'letter from a disgruntled employee'. "The Minister expects all the agencies in her portfolio to maintain high standards of accountability and transparency," she said.

The spokeswoman said the anonymous letter about IBA had been sent to several ministers and to the press.

"The Minister has asked her department to look into the matters raised in the letter and to provide advice in relation to the allegations," she said. — AAP



Djunbunji participants in the GBRMPA's 'Eyes & Ears Training' workshop, back from left, Ken Kyle, Damon Mundraby, Jabulam Mundraby, Daniel Kyle, facilitator Brian Singleton and trainer Paul Simonsson. Middle, from left, Basil Mundraby (on couch arm), Laurissa Mundraby, Javen Mundraby and Giles Mundraby (also on couch arm). Seated in front are Jeff Arneth and Leon Wallis.

# Workshop helps rangers better protect country

By CHRISTINE HOWES



RANGERS in far north Queensland have taken part in an 'Eyes & Ears Training' workshop, arming them with more knowledge to protect their country — including turtles and dugongs — across the Great Barrier Reef.

The course, hosted by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), focuses on supporting rangers to become potentially better witnesses when they come across offenders on their land and sea.

GBRMPA Indigenous community compliance liaison officer Brian Singleton said most rangers took on the role to look after country, not to become compliance officers.

"This is not something which has come about because somebody sent a clip to the 7.30 Report," he said, in a reference to a program aired on ABC TV last month exposing inhumane treatment of turtles and dugongs by rogue hunters.

"These programs are part of a long-term commitment to working with Aboriginal communities and ranger groups who have a got an interest in the marine park."

"Training is basically to help ranger groups and community people to become better witnesses so when they come across an incident they know what sort of

information that they should be gathering, photographs that they should be taking and the people they should be reporting it to.

"It's just general stuff for community people whether they go out camping, fishing or as a ranger going out on patrol and come across an activity which they don't know is legal or illegal."

"Whether it's a commercial activity — netting, fishing, crabbing or trawling — this sort of training gives them the ability to collect certain information that may be useful."

country was Bjumbumji, or East Trinity Reserve, located along the Yarrabah Road, south of Cairns.

"This is the only two-day course where they tell us what to do and how to get records and keep accurate record of anything going on," he said.

"It's a long road, but just take the first steps, be good."

Mr Mundraby said part of the rangers' work was to monitor activity around turtle and dugong hunting.

"There's a lot of negative media at the moment but before colonisation there was no issue about turtles getting limited and dugongs getting limited," he said.

"We make sure that evidence and information is collected and gathered and make sure the truth is out there, not sensationalism."

"It's going to help because we might be the ones who are going to put it out there in a positive way."

Mr Singleton said

knowledge gleaned from the course would also help groups to build relationships with other agencies, which would be of use with development agreements and management plans.

"GBRMPA operates on a multi-agency compliance program, we try to encourage the communities to develop the same sort of relationships with other agencies that they may need to work with in the future," he said.

**'These programs are part of a long-term commitment to working with Aboriginal communities and ranger groups who have a got an interest in the marine park'**

"Most groups don't have any authority. Most rangers become rangers to look after country, not to become compliance officers (but) this sort of training gives them a better knowledge and understanding of compliance, how the court systems work, how statements are done, the right way to approach people out on the field without being aggressive or getting themselves into trouble."

Participant Giles Mundraby said his



# Land Rover helps drive Palm literacy

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



THE days of Palm Island's Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) workers pushing a trolley to deliver books in the rain are over, thanks to the donation of a new set of wheels.

The Land Rover company has provided the charity with a Freelander 2 to assist its staff on community outreach programs, focusing on giving Australian Indigenous children a brighter future through education.

Sydney-based Land Rover Company PR manager James Scrimshaw and CFF CEO Sonya Stephen were in Townsville last Thursday for the presentation of the vehicle.

Also on hand at the Pallarenda beach were Palm Island CFF program co-ordinator Daphne Lawrence, community liaison officer Nazareth Youngblutt, her son Genai Youngblutt, 12, and Khan Cummings-Sturt, 5.

"We are so excited. This will make life so much easier (on Palm). It is amazing," Ms Stephen said.

"Land Rover has given us the mobility to drive literacy and school achievement rates in the right direction.

"We consistently attempt to engage with all sectors of the community and, given the size and geographical dispersion of the population, it is critical that we have motor vehicle access to be able to link with the whole of community."

Mrs Youngblutt said she had to walk and push a trolley carrying books – often in the rain – for important literacy education.

"Once, the wheels fell off the trolley. This will make things so much better," she said.

The vehicle donation will assist CFF's



From left, Genai Youngblutt, Nazareth Youngblutt, Daphne Lawrence and Khan Cummings-Sturt at front with the new Land Rover coming to Palm Island.

Palm Island staff to increase the education outcomes of more than 500 school-aged children and enable them to conduct their daily activities and education programs more efficiently and effectively.

The CFF was established in 2007, with an aim of helping to bridge the education gap between Indigenous and other children. It has since focused its work on Palm Island, one of

the largest remote Indigenous communities and the fourth most disadvantaged community in Australia.

Founder and director, Olympic gold-medallist Cathy Freeman, has a strong personal connection with Palm Island as her mother and grandmother were born there.

The Land Rover will be delivered to Palm Island by barge next week.

## Foster carers needed in the Kimberley



MORE Aboriginal carers is among the goals of a new recruitment drive for foster carers in the East Kimberley region of Western

Australia. The drive aims to overcome a major shortage of carers in the region.

WA Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said there was a real need for Aboriginal carers.

"Being a foster carer can be personally fulfilling as you provide a safe, supportive home for a child in need of a caring environment and we need more carers," she said.

"There are 101 children in foster care or out-of-home placements across the East Kimberley and about 75 foster care families, but the district currently needs more people to apply."

The East Kimberley District takes in Kununurra, Wyndham, Halls Creek and remote communities such as Ringer Soak, Balgo, Mulan, Billiluna, Warmun and Kalumburu.

Kununurra's Aimee and Barry Trust have been carers for five years, and say it's a worthwhile contribution in their community.

"It's such a fulfilling role," Mrs Trust said.

"It's a big privilege and we don't regret our decision to help in caring for the children."

The couple have looked after at least eight children during the five years.

● For more information, go to <http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au>

# New seating platform at ancient meeting place

By MARGARET SMITH



ON the shores of Sydney's Cooks River last month, Indigenous and other people came together for the opening of a special meeting place near an old midden site, dated 4500-years-old by the Australian Museum.

The new seating platform has been financed by Marrickville City Council, in consultation with the Aboriginal Consultative Committee. Its design features shellfish, baskets and fish traps and words used by the original inhabitants, including Barani (yesterday), Guwagu (today) and Barrabugu (tomorrow).

Aboriginal Elders Jenny Thompson and Euphemia Bostock were on hand to welcome the guests. Ms Thompson told those gathered some of the midden's history. She said it was high up on the river banks because the river was wider in the past than it is now.

"Aboriginal people collected shell fish and whatever they caught, placed them on this midden. It's so fine, simple and beautiful. We have a responsibility to take care of this part of the country," Ms Thompson said.

Those present were invited to plant trees around the meeting place, and to enjoy a barbecue while the sunset glowed.

Afterwards, Marrickville mayor Morris Hanna told the *Koori Mail* the council



Aunty Euphemia Bostock, Nardi Simpson and her son Luke Gordon and niece Hawaiiiki Te Peeti at the new Marrickville seating platform.

had worked closely with the local Aboriginal community and valued their input.

### 'Source of life'

"The Cooks River environment was a source of life for Aboriginal people, it provided food, shelter, materials and inspired their art," he said.

"This new seating is an opportunity for the community to enjoy the surrounds of the Cooks River, while acknowledging the history and culture of the Cadigal Wanggal people."

Kendrick Park was chosen as the site for an Aboriginal interpretation project as part of major foreshore restoration works and the Kendrick Park master plan.



**Catchment Management Authority**  
Hawkesbury-Nepean

### Aboriginal Community Meeting – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10 am to 12 noon at **The Gully, Gates Ave Katoomba**.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to John Lennis on (02) 4725 3046.

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**Catchment Management Authority**  
Hawkesbury-Nepean

### Aboriginal Advisory Committee Members

Applications are sought from Aboriginal Community members, living within or having connection to the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (CMA) area, to become a Member of the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The geographic area covered by the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA extends from Goulburn to Putty from Lithgow to Gosford.

The broad role of the Committee will be to advise the CMA on priority natural resources and cultural heritage issues for Aboriginal communities, and to act as a conduit for the exchange of information between the CMA and local Aboriginal communities.

Membership of the Committee will reflect the diversity of skills, experience and 'grass-roots' knowledge held by Aboriginal people. Membership will also reflect the geographical cross-section of Aboriginal organisations and individuals across the CMA region as well as gender and age balance.

For an Information Package and Application Form, contact John Lennis on 02 4725 3050.

Applications close Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

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## Celebrating 40 Years Anniversary June 2013

If you are a past or present student or had ANY association, in any capacity, with the College, over the years, at Thebarton, North Adelaide, Largs Bay and Port Adelaide, we would like to hear from you.

Tell us, in your own words, what it meant to be involved with Tauondi. Even better, send us a photo of yourself, too.

We are working on a fortieth anniversary booklet so the more contributions, the better the booklet.

Please forward your comments and photos to [fortieth@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:fortieth@tauondi.sa.edu.au)



**Australian Government**

Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

### REQUEST FOR TENDER

To establish a Training and Resources Panel for the Financial Management Program

Tender No. FaHCSIA/12/736

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs invites suitably qualified organisations to tender for the provision of services under a Financial Management Program Training and Resources Panel.

The Panel will deliver services across Australia as follows:

Sub-panel A: Delivery of Accredited Training

Sub-panel B: Delivery of Non-Accredited Training

Sub-panel C: Development of Resources including Tools and Materials

The delivery of the above services will be for a term of three years, with two further optional one year periods.

Tender documentation may be obtained from the AusTender website at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)

Tenders close at 2pm (EST) on 27 April 2012.

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**Australian  
Human Rights  
Commission**

### National Anti-Racism Strategy – Have your say

You are invited to make a submission on the development of a new National Anti-Racism Strategy for Australia.

The aim of the Strategy is to promote a clear understanding in the Australian community of what racism is and how it can be prevented and reduced.

The Australian Human Rights Commission is leading the development of the Strategy. We want to hear from you about the most effective ways of addressing racism in Australia.

You can participate by attending a public meeting, completing the online survey or responding to the questions in the discussion paper. The Commission will translate submissions received in languages other than English.

For information go to: [www.humanrights.gov.au/antiracism](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/antiracism). If you do not have access to the internet please phone (02) 9284 9600 or 1800 620 241 (TTY).

Submissions and contributions should be received by 11 May 2012.

The Australian Government committed to developing a National Anti-Racism Strategy as part of Australia's multicultural policy, The People of Australia. It is anticipated that the Strategy will be launched in July 2012 and implemented from 2012 - 2015.

For more information contact:

[antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au)



Goodlife Health Clubs chief executive Greg Oliver, Australian Institute of Personal Trainers chief executive Kylie Fahey, scholarship recipients Zac Appo and Lowana Keyworth, Fitness Australia chief executive Laretta Stace, Australian Institute of Personal Trainers director Kevin Kalinko and Aboriginal Elder Carol Curry.

# Scholarships the perfect fit for pair

By DARREN COYNE



TWO young Indigenous people have received scholarships to become

personal trainers.

Queenslanders Lowana Keyworth, of Redbank Plains, and Zac Appo, of Varsity Lakes, each received \$5000 from the Australian Institute of Personal Trainers (AIPT) to help with their studies.

The scholarships provide them with free tuition in Certificates III and IV in the discipline of fitness, enabling them to start their careers in personal training.

AIPT offered the scholarships to the Indigenous sector nationally to assist in breaking the cycle of poverty for the recipients and to address the chronic disease that afflicts Indigenous

communities all over Australia.

Ms Keyworth, who is also studying a Bachelor of Nursing at the Queensland University of Technology, told the *Koori Mail* that she had always had a passion for fitness.

"I've always enjoyed Pilates, yoga, running and walking, and athletics and soccer have always been my main sports," she said.

"I enjoy being fit and I'd like to help other people and give something back to my community."

### Thrilled

Mr Appo was also thrilled to receive the scholarship, telling the *Koori Mail* he was looking forward to being able to 'help my people'.

"I've always been into fitness, and have played rugby league, and I like to help people. With personal training I will be paid for it," he said.

"I've got a mate who has

just started a gym and I'm hoping to help out there."

As part of their scholarships, they will be supported with teaching resources, provided with a local mentor, gain experience working in gymnasiums and learn how to work with clients.

They will be trained in anatomy and physiology, designing and delivering gym and exercise programs, health assessment and screening, client motivation and quality service, occupational health and safety, risk management and business essentials including marketing.

The scholarships also include course materials and continued student support.

AIPT has recently partnered with Goodlife Health Clubs. Starting this month, selected Goodlife Health Clubs will offer courses in Certificate III and IV through AIPT.

# Ex-directors face charges



TWO former directors of a New South Wales south coast Aboriginal organisation have been charged with fraud-related offences.

Shane Newton Carriage, 33, and another yet-to-be-named man face charges of fraud and using a false document to obtain a financial advantage.

The former directors of the Gudhuga Training and Employment Aboriginal Corporation were charged after an investigation by the NSW

Police and Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

Gudhuga is based in Moruya and provides training and employment services for Aboriginal people in the Moruya and Batemans Bay areas.

Until 2009, the corporation managed a Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) program. It was called Cobowra CDEP Aboriginal Corporation at the time. It's alleged that on 10 November 2010, Mr Carriage, along with a 29-year-old Moruya

man, sold a vehicle that belonged to Gudhuga. The \$10,000 proceeds of the sale were paid into a bank account of Walbunja Aboriginal Corporation which was controlled by the two men. It is alleged the men later withdrew the proceeds from Walbunja's bank account and used them for their own benefit.

Charges against Mr Carriage have been adjourned to 16 April at Batemans Bay Local Court.

The other man is on bail and due to appear in Moruya Local Court on 13 April.



# Youth turns out for 3on3 at Echuca



THE Victorian border town of Echuca hosted more than 70 teams at the Vibe 3on3 event held there on 21 March.

The event featured a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo.

Event producer Mayrah Sonter said AFL star and *Marngrook Footy Show* host Ronnie Burns was a role model for the event, and rappers D-BOY and DJ Riverboy were popular with the youth.

"There was massive competition in the Breakoff – with 30 boys and 30 girls – and all of the dancing was awesome," she said.

The Dhungala Dancers performed at the opening, and Uncle Rick Ronnan gave the welcome to country.

The local organising committee included chairperson Kevin Williams, the Njernda Aboriginal Corporation and the associated Aboriginal medical service as well as the Jimmy Little Foundation.



From left, George Atkinson, Edward Bryant, Ronnie Burns, Tristan Miller and Wilfred Stewart from Shepparton High School at the Echuca Vibe 3on3. Photo by Andrew Rosenfeldt, courtesy of Vibe Australia

# Sam sees her future

By RUDI MAXWELL



FROM a young age, Sam Alexander has been intrigued by crime TV shows like *City Homicide*, but she is finding the real life experience of

working with the prison system even more interesting.

"Learning what I get to learn is amazing, and there's a whole intriguing side to going into jails, and taking calls from families and children, sometimes it's very surreal for me," she said.

Last year Ms Alexander, a Darug woman from Emu Plains in Western Sydney, enrolled in a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice by correspondence at Griffith University. The same week she started, she took steps to follow a long-held ambition of working for Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW).

Every week for 18 months, Ms Alexander called CSNSW Aboriginal employment and careers officer Charley Boyter and asked about the Indigenous cadetships for undergraduate students.

When a position came up she applied and is now working in the Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit, which oversees CSNSW policy and systems about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and inmates and supports individual staff with personal issues.

"I was determined to get in. I was probably a real pain in the backside but, by being so persistent and maintaining contact, I demonstrated that I really wanted this job," she said.

"I really enjoy helping people, help facilitating change and I didn't just want a job; I wanted a career."

Ms Alexander has macular dystrophy, a degenerative eye condition that can lead to blindness. Last year, aged 20, she was forced to give up her driver's licence.

"I got to my green Ps so I was pretty lucky. I almost got my full licence," Ms Alexander said. "It was really hard, but then I took a huge turn in my life and decided I wanted to go to uni and really make something of myself."

Ms Alexander is passionate about addressing the inequities between Aboriginal and other people in Australia and



Emu Plains woman Sam Alexander ... "I was probably a real pain in the backside but, by being so persistent and maintaining contact, I demonstrated that I really wanted this job." NewsPix image

about rights for people with disabilities.

"The first thing is education," she said. "I would like to see a country where there are no bridges between education for Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people."

"There are lots of barriers to employment when you're vision-impaired, or have another disability. There's a lack of opportunities, you have to dig for what you want."

"With Aboriginal heritage and vision-

impairment, there are two angles of discrimination and I'd like to promote those, particularly where they sort of cross over."

"I don't like injustice. I think everyone should be equal, regardless of heritage, race, religion, disability."

"Unfortunately there's a minority who think of a typical Aboriginal person as having a lack of education, being on Centrelink benefits and it's the same with vision-impairment. People think you have a

lack of confidence and a low IQ. I'd like to help change those stereotypes."

In her role at Corrective Services, Ms Alexander found – unexpectedly – that she is learning more about herself as well as the job.

"I love it, I love everything about it, I'm just learning so much," she said.

"I've learnt a lot more about my culture, all about Aboriginal culture, things that I never knew, that relate to my childhood when I reflect back."

"In my upbringing, my parents divorced when I was about 11, and I went to live with my mother's parents, then a document I read said it wasn't uncommon for Aboriginal children to live with their grandparents and I thought 'Oh that's me, I could relate to that' – little things like that, it gave me an explanation as to why that worked for me."

Ms Alexander is finding her studies stressful but enjoyable and has chosen Aboriginal electives because she wants to work with Aboriginal offenders.

Being accepted into the cadetship program with Corrective Services inspired Ms Alexander to learn to use a cane, something she had previously resisted.

Before she began her new job, Ms Alexander and a mobility instructor from Guide Dogs NSW practised the route to the office on public transport so she had one less anxiety on her first day.

"That's the hardest thing, learning to cane. It's still hard but it's getting easier," she said.

"Hopefully by my 22nd birthday in April I'll be able to go down by myself, if I've memorised the route."

"It's hard though if something's happening at Central station and I don't come out at the same platform. I've had to try and memorise 15 different platforms, know how many stairs, whether to go left or right."

Ms Alexander plans to continue working with CSNSW after she graduates and completes her cadetship.

"Charley (Boyter) giving me the opportunity to participate in this cadetship is the best thing that's happened to me since my sight went," she said.

"I put off learning to use the cane but now I have a reason to use it. It's helped me gain independence and confidence."



# Support base for enterprises



ABOUT 90 people were in Alice Springs last month for the official launch of the Desert Peoples Centre (DPC) Social Enterprise Hub – better known as the 'Desert Hub'.

The Desert Hub is designed to act as a catalyst for social entrepreneurship and enterprise, supporting new ideas, helping to sustain ventures and tackle other challenges faced by people in desert regions.

The hub was launched by Desert Peoples Centre chair Harold Furber and Commonwealth Bank senior executive Tristan Landers.

Hub manager Jason Quin highlighted initiatives for this year, including its sand-box, catalyst and venture programs.

The following day, about 50 people gathered to share expertise across social impact, social procurement and social finance areas.

A highlight was when local desert people shared their experiences in operating bush food, tourism and health social enterprise ventures in this region.



Tristan Landers, left, of the Commonwealth Bank, and Desert Peoples Centre (DPC) chair Harold Furber officially launch the DPC Social Enterprise Hub.



Marie Ellis gave a Welcome to Country.



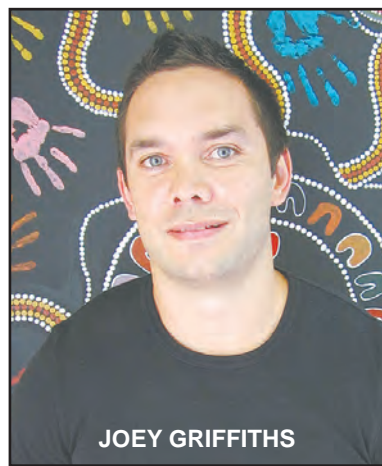
The launch opening session.



LEFT: Desert Hub manager Jason Quin highlighted a number of new initiatives for the 2012 including its sand-box, catalyst and venture initiatives.

RIGHT: Ian Trust spoke at the launch.

Photos courtesy of Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT)



JOEY GRIFFITHS

## Former league player a youth worker



FORMER St George Illawarra five-eighth Joey Griffiths says he's keen to kick some goals as a youth

worker for the Murrumbidgee Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The 29-year-old said his new role was the opportunity he had been searching for to make a real difference in the lives of Aboriginal youth in his home town.

"I grew up around Newcastle and went to school in Metford and Maitland," Mr Griffiths said.

"I then moved to Sydney to play rugby league for St George Illawarra Dragons for a few years.

"It was because of football that I became interested in youth work."

As a professional player, Mr Griffiths became involved in the youth mentor programs and clinics which the football club held with local kids.

He said he enjoyed these activities so much that when he retired from professional football, he set about making it his new full-time career.

### Education officer

Mr Griffiths worked as the Aboriginal education officer at Rutherford High School for four years before moving over to the land council.

"This job will give me the chance to get out and about in the local community and meet kids from all over the district," Mr Griffiths said of his new role.

"I hope to be able to make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal kids in my community."

He said three initiatives were ready to be rolled out in conjunction with local schools and sporting groups – an Aboriginal cultural dance class as part of Rutherford High School's sports program; a mentor program between Newcastle Knights football players and at-risk Aboriginal students, and a free weekly homework centre for high school students.

"We've got a busy year ahead, but it will be worth it if it makes a positive difference to the lives of this community's Aboriginal youth," Mr Griffiths said.



# Law firm launches action plan



LAW firm DLA Piper launched its Reconciliation Action Plan

(RAP) recently, committing to building relationships and opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations.

Chair of DLA Piper's diversity committee Tony Holland said he hoped the RAP would provide opportunities for collaboration.

"We all have an important role to play in the nation's efforts to see reconciliation achieved in Australia," he said.

"As a firm, we are committed to diversity, fostering cultural understanding and

supporting our communities, particularly those suffering injustice in our midst."

DLA Piper lawyers provide pro bono support for the Arts Law Centre's Artists in the Black program, and the firm's BreakThrough initiative, developed in partnership with The Smith Family, has assisted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with work skills and participation in the annual Garma Festival in Arnhem Land.

● Pictured left: DLA Piper partners with the Arts Law Centre. Shown here is solicitor Joanna Mansfield with Pepai Carroll, of the Ernabella Arts Centre.

Photos by Iain Morton, courtesy of Anangu Arts

## Two new directors welcomed



RECONCILIATION Australia (RA) has welcomed two new directors.

Peter Nash is the Australian chairman of KPMG and holds positions on KPMG's Global and Asia Pacific boards, and Joy Thomas is a senior policy adviser and manager of the Australian General Practice Network Member Engagement Strategy.

At RA's first board meeting for 2012, held in Sydney on 23 March, co-chairs Dr Tom Calma and Melinda Cilentio said Mr Nash and Ms Thomas were excellent additions to the directorship.

"Their strong and diverse backgrounds in corporate and government affairs will strengthen and complement the work we do – particularly for Reconciliation Action Plans and constitutional reform," Ms Cilentio said.

Mr Nash said he was honoured to join the organisation.

"Reconciliation has always been very significant to me and I look forward to working with corporate Australia on this important issue," he said.

Ms Thomas echoed those sentiments.

"Throughout my career in policy and government, I have always been committed to making a difference," she said.

"I look forward to making a contribution along with other directors of the board of Reconciliation Australia in sharing the vision of reconciliation with the broader Australian community."

RA's board of directors now consists of six Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander members and four other Australians.

# GrainCorp has the 300th RAP



ONE of Australia's largest grain suppliers, GrainCorp, has become the 300th Australian

organisation to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

And, in line with the findings of a recent report by Reconciliation Australia (RA), GrainCorp chief executive officer Alison Watkins believes the new plan simply makes good business sense.

"We already employ around 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people and we have a strong respect for the contribution they make to our business," Ms Watkins said on 23 March.

"This number swells to be around 10 per cent of GrainCorp's total employees in regional areas during the harvest period.

### Relationships

"We're proud of the relationships we have built with Aboriginal communities throughout Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria and we want to build these

relationships to create more opportunities."

GrainCorp has more than 2000 permanent employees across six countries and up to 4000 casuals each harvest.

The company's RAP includes a number of tangible actions the business will focus on between 2012-2014, including a pilot employment program at Newcastle Port in partnership with Yarnteen, steps to retain and develop existing Indigenous employees by late this year, a procurement strategy which includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers that

maximise benefits to their communities, and community partnerships and sponsorships.

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said it was great to see a large company with a strong rural footprint publicly committing itself to build mutually respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We know that respectful relationships are the key to creating sustainable opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – and their communities," Ms Armstrong said.



From left, Henry Phillips, Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong, GrainCorp CEO Alison Watkins, Nigel Hart and Warren Phillips. Father and son Henry and Warren are employed at GrainCorp's operations at Duaringa in Qld.



# Healthy living key message in new show



AUSTRALIA'S newest Indigenous TV health show series has been officially launched in Sydney.

*Move It Mob Style*, a 30-minute Indigenous dance-based youth, health and fitness program, was launched late last month at the South Sydney NRL Rabbitohs home club, Souths on Chalmers, in Redfern.

The event, which coincided with National Close the Gap Day, attracted a crowd, including Tribal Warrior chairman and CEO Shane Phillips, and Redfern social worker Vic Morgan.

Sixteen centres around Australia were visited during filming for the *Move It Mob Style* 20-program series, which was produced by Vibe Australia.

Program dancers and production crew also attended the launch, as well as series producer Shona Devlin.

*Move It Mob Style* features top Indigenous dancers, including Albert David, Ghenoa Gela,

Medika Thorpe, and Sani Townson, along with local dancers from each community visited.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon congratulated all those behind the program.

He said *Move It Mob Style* was a positive program coupled with a strong health message.

"I hope programs like this will help improve the health of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for life," Mr Snowdon said.

"We know the messages we receive while we are kids are the lessons we take with us throughout our lives."

*Move It Mob Style* executive producer and Deadly Awards founder Gavin Jones said that sharing stories and connecting through dance was at the centre of Aboriginal culture.

The series is hosted in the studio by rapper Brothablack and Naomi Wenitong from hip-hop group The Last Kinection.

It is screening on ABC3 TV at 12.30pm weekdays and on NITV at 7.30pm Fridays.

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



*Move It Mob Style* series producer Shona Devlin with executive producer Gavin Jones and dancer Medika Thorpe.



● ABOVE LEFT: *Move It Mob Style* dance hosts Sani Townson and Ghenoa Gela.

● ABOVE: Vic Morgan, Allen Madden and Shane Phillips were at the launch.

● LEFT: National Indigenous Television communications manager Chris Bonney (left) and actor Luke Carroll.

Photos by Andrew Rosenfeldt



From left, PLO Ali Ammar, originally from Iraq, Snr Const Clancy the Koala and PLO Ngairi Nogar.

## Young people get taste of careers

Story and photos by  
ALF WILSON



WHAT was described as Australia's biggest koala was used to help attract youngsters

exploring training and careers to a Youth Expo held in Townsville last week.

Fourteen organisations from across the community took part in the expo, providing a range of information on what's available for local youth, education options, volunteering opportunities, and career pathways as well as fun activities.

Snr Const Clancy the Koala was, in fact, Indigenous police liaison officer (PLO) and 2009 Townsville Citizen of the Year award Terry Russell.

With PLO Russell were PLO Ngairi Nogar, from the Kunjin mob around Kowanyama, and PLO Chloe Palframan.

"I even did the samba dance on stage with some of the youths who were there," PLO Russell said afterwards.

"We wanted to let everyone know that a career in the police force is good."

More than 200 people, aged from 12 to 25, including some of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, were at the Migrant, Refugee and Mainstream Youth expo organised by the Townsville Intercultural Centre and held at the PCYC Aitkenvale.

Participating organisations were Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, Centrelink, City Libraries Townsville, Community Information Centre, Community Training Australia, Defence Force Recruit, Headspace Townsville, Job Futures SEQ, Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Youth Services, Surf Life Saving Queensland, Tec NQ, Jobfind and Volunteering North Queensland.

Wasee Lui, of Murray Island descent, was on the Jobfind stall and said it was great to see so many career opportunities on offer for youths.

The TAFE stall was popular with youth as staff offered courses on how best to obtain learner's and driver's licences.

Participants in those courses increased their chances of obtaining a driver's licence on their first test from 30 per cent to more than 90 per cent.

The expo was funded by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship under the Settlement Grants Program.



● ABOVE: Snr Constable Clancy the Koala does the samba dance on the stage.



● LEFT: Jobfind's Wasee Lui at the youth expo in Townsville.





Kalkadoon community chairman Doug Bruce, Elder Pat Kyle and MMG Queensland operations manager Mark Adams. Photo courtesy MMG

# Kalkadoon people hold celebration



KALKADOON people have celebrated their traditional ownership over land at the site of the proposed Dugald River mine in north-western Queensland.

The welcome to country ceremony late last month was the first official event held on site following the formal recognition of the Kalkadoon people as traditional owners over 40,000 square kilometres of land in the region.

Dugald River development project owners MMG said the ceremony cemented its relationship with the

Kalkadoon people.

"MMG values its relationships with traditional owners of country at each of its sites, and have been working closely with the Kalkadoon people for many years now," MMG general manager Queensland operations Mark Adams said.

"It was a privilege for my team and I to take part in this special event recognising them as the traditional owners over this site.

"It was also an opportunity for us to thank the Kalkadoon people for their ongoing assistance in cultural clearance over the land."

Kalkadoon community

chairman Doug Bruce said his group was looking forward to opportunities that would be created by working with MMG.

"While it's still the early days of the project, our people have already been actively involved in development activities," he said.

"We're currently initiating some small contracts, with focus on building to more sustainable contracts which will bring better outcomes for employment and training."

Kalkadoon Elder Pat Kyle also spoke at the event, which included a bush tucker meal and unveiling of important pieces of art by a Kalkadoon artist.

# Quake rocks community



PEOPLE living near the epicentre of Australia's biggest earthquake in 15 years have reported being

shaken, but otherwise escaping unscathed. The 6.1 earthquake struck near Ernabella, in South Australia's far north, just before 8.30pm (CDT) on 23 March.

Ernabella, an Aboriginal arts hub, is home to about 500 Aboriginal people, with more living in about six communities in the surrounding region.

The remote area is just south of the border with the Northern Territory, about 317km south-west of Alice Springs, 230km south-east of Uluru and 415km north-west of Coober Pedy.

Geoscience Australia seismologist David Jepsen said people in the communities around the earthquake epicentre had reported strong shaking.

"There are a number of Aboriginal communities

around there and they have experienced strong shaking," Dr Jepsen told AAP.

"We've heard from them, people have felt strong shaking, but we haven't heard of any damage yet, but there is that possibility."

There have been several aftershocks since the earthquake. The earthquake followed two quakes in the area in the preceding week.

## Magnitude

The first, on 16 March, measured 4.3 magnitude and the second, on 20 March, was 3.8 magnitude.

The 6.1 magnitude earthquake is Australia's biggest since a quake measuring 6.3 was recorded off Collier Bay on West Australia's far north coast in 1997.

"This (Ernabella) earthquake would have been felt in Yulara (near Uluru), only weakly in Alice Springs and maybe as far as Coober Pedy," Dr Jepsen said.

South Australia Police said no injuries or damage had been reported.

Dr Jepsen said the region's earthquakes were caused by the release of stress from the Earth's crust, built up as the Indian-Australian tectonic plate moves, squeezing South Australia sideways by about 0.1 millimetre each year.

He said on average there were about 200 earthquakes of magnitude 3.0 or more in Australia each year, and one earthquake above magnitude 5.5 about every two years.

The 1989 earthquake in Newcastle, NSW, that killed 13 people was a 5.6 magnitude event, and the 2011 Christchurch earthquake that killed 185 people in New Zealand was 6.3 magnitude.

Australia's largest-ever recorded earthquake was in 1941 in Meeberrie, central-west West Australia, with a magnitude of 7.3, but there were no fatalities. — AAP

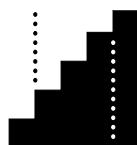


## Applications for Membership

Applications for membership of ALS for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015 are being invited from qualified adult Aboriginal persons in NSW and ACT.

For requirements regarding qualifications and role of members, visit our website: [www.alsnswact.org.au](http://www.alsnswact.org.au) or contact Ms. Vikki Lennon on 02 8303 6699.

Email applications to: [company.secretary@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:company.secretary@alsnswact.org.au) or post to PO Box 646 Surry Hills NSW 2010 no later than Monday 30 April 2012.



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- Ability to take and transcribe minutes;
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- The ability to prioritise work and meet deadlines;
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### 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

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Closing date: 20 April 2012





Federal MPs Shayne Neumann, left, and Mark Coulton, right, with Oxfam Australia's Reece Kinnane at the Close the Gap Day Parliamentary Breakfast in Canberra.

# Events around nation



Jody Broun, who co-chairs the Close the Gap Steering Committee as well as the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, signs the Statement of Intent to close the gap.



At the South West Aboriginal Medical Service Close the Gap Day event in Western Australia, from left, staff members Michelle Munns, Joyce Dimmer and Denise Jetta.

By DARREN COYNE



POLITICIANS of all persuasions have reaffirmed their commitment to closing the gap in Indigenous health outcomes.

In response to a motion from Greens senator Rachel Siewert on Close the Gap Day, 22 March, they signed the same Statement of Intent that was signed four years ago by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and then Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson.

The statement committed them to a number of actions, including working on a national plan to achieve health equality between Indigenous and other Australians, supporting Aboriginal community controlled health services and ensuring the full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representatives in all aspects of addressing their health needs.

The Senate's re-commitment came as thousands of Australians took part in events throughout the country.

Close the Gap co-chairs Jody Broun and Mick Gooda welcomed the re-commitment and also met with MPs from all sides of politics in Parliament House to discuss the issue.

"The Government must not take its foot off the pedal now," Mr Gooda said. "Closing the life expectancy gap has support from all major political parties, \$1.6 billion in funding and the Government has agreed to work on a national plan to close the gap, in partnership with Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander peoples, through the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

"We continue to urge the Government to ensure that this partnership is a genuine one, as only when Indigenous people are involved in designing and delivering policies will the health gap be closed."

Meanwhile, Rural Workforce Agency Victoria chief executive Rod Jackson renewed his organisation's commitment to improving access to

primary health care for Indigenous people.

Mr Jackson, a Palawa man from north-west Tasmania, said the agency had an important role to play in attracting, recruiting and supporting health professionals to work in Aboriginal health services.

He was speaking at a Close the Gap event in Melbourne where he led a minute's silence to remember Aboriginal people who had died prematurely due to a lack of health services in their communities.

Rural Health Workforce CEO Greg Sam and Health Workforce Queensland CEO Chris Mitchell, who both spoke of the need to meet the challenge of improving Australia's record on Indigenous health, joined him.

More than 40 staff from these agencies signed the Close the Gap pledge at the event.

In Sydney, the

Babana Aboriginal Men's Group celebrated Close the Gap Day on the new Tribal Warrior Association boat *Mari Nawi*, while in Adelaide, staff at the Royal Adelaide Hospital created a piece of art by placing their handprints on a piece of canvas.

● More on the next three pages



Troy Bennell at the Close the Gap Day event held at South West Aboriginal Medical Service in Western Australia.



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin signs the Statement of Intent to close the gap.



# Close the Gap Day



Some of the almost 200 people from Redfern, La Perouse, and the NSW south and north coasts gathered for the Close the Gap Day celebrations in Sydney.



Nathan Kropinyeri and Jenna Oatway at the Royal Adelaide Hospital where staff celebrated National Close the Gap Day through a promoting in the hospital foyer. Everyone had the opportunity to place their handprint on a canvas to acknowledge the day, and the canvas will be displayed indefinitely in the main foyer.



Rural Health Workforce CEO Greg Sam, left, and Rural Workforce Agency Victoria CEO Rod Jackson sign the Close the Gap pledge. Mr Jackson was the inaugural chairperson of the North and Northwest Regional Close the Gap committee.



● Above: Sue Hemy and Mary-Jane Heron, the health and wellbeing programs officers at Oxfam Australia, with Close the Gap tattoos at the Close the Gap Day event held at South West Aboriginal Medical Service in WA.

● Left: The Babana Aboriginal Men's Group celebrated Close the Gap Day on the new Tribal Warrior Association's boat Mari Nawi.



Indigenous Liberal MP Ken Wyatt at the Parliament House event.



Douglas Hill at the Close the Gap Day event held at South West Aboriginal Medical Service.



## Geelong players ambassadors



HEALTH groups and footy players gathered in Geelong,

Victoria, on 21 March to take part in a Close the Gap stakeholder forum aimed at supporting Aboriginal people in improving their health outcomes.

The forum, which was held the day before the annual National Close the Gap Day, was hosted by a partnership of local organisations, including G21 Regional Alliance, Barwon Medicare Local, Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative, Barwon Health and the Department of Health (Barwon South West region).

The AFL's Geelong Cats featured as a part of the forum, with club CEO Brian Cook announcing all five of the club's Aboriginal players, Mathew Stokes, Allen Christensen, Travis Varcoe, Steven Motlop and rookie Joel Hamling, as Closing the Gap ambassadors.

Western Heights Secondary College student BJ O'Toole, a 16-year-old Aboriginal teen and a gifted sportsman, had the chance to meet with some of the Cats stars at Simonds Stadium to show off his artwork that has been used locally to promote this year's National Closing the Gap Day.

His piece was said to have captured what the Closing the Gap campaign was about.

"The background is colours of our land, trees and sun," BJ said.

"The three handprints down the bottom represent the Aboriginal people in black and the white represents the non-Aboriginal people.



Geelong AFL players Mathew Stokes, left, and Allen Christensen, right, with BJ O'Toole and his artwork. Photo: Geelong Advertiser

"The gap between the white and black handprints represents the gap with our people of the average life expectancy."

Keynote speaker Tom Calma, the Australian Government's National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking, presented a profile of key

Aboriginal health statistics and explained that most Aboriginal deaths occurred in middle age.

He looked at the relationship between smoking and chronic diseases such as diabetes, stroke and heart disease, and the importance of promoting the

positive behaviours of physical activity, healthy nutrition and being smoke-free.

Cultural awareness and sensitivity was also highlighted as an important and ongoing process required of service providers.

More than 100 people from

40 organisations attended the forum.

They pledged to establish strong relationships and work strategically in partnerships to address equality in health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians in the G21 region.

# Disadvantage focus of new information



NEW information on what works to overcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage, in particular what works to increase Indigenous employment, has

been released by the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse. The paper 'Increasing Indigenous Employment Rates' looks at measures shown to improve Indigenous employment prospects.

It says Indigenous Australians have much lower rates of employment than other Australians for a number of reasons, including lower levels of education and training, poorer health, and living in areas with fewer job opportunities.

A number of measures, including increased formal education and training, pre-employment assessment and training

programs, and non-standard, Indigenous-specific recruitment strategies are effective in overcoming this disadvantage.

Ongoing measures are also helpful to ensure employment retention, such as the provision of cross-cultural training, flexible working arrangements, ongoing mentoring,

and anti-racism initiatives.

The problem of low Indigenous employment rates is magnified by the over-representation of Indigenous Australians in correctional systems – an issue examined in a second paper 'Strategies to Enhance Employment of Indigenous Ex-offenders

After Release From Correctional Institutions'. There are a number of prison- and community-based programs aimed at improving employment prospects for former inmates, however, there are only a small number of Indigenous-specific programs.

The Australian Institute for Health and

Welfare (AIHW) said that to address the problem, a long-term transitional focus was essential, with programs ideally adopting a personalised, case-management approach.

"Programs incorporating Indigenous knowledge and practices, or involving Indigenous facilitators or Elders are also

helpful, as is mentoring or other support options," said an Institute statement.

A Clearinghouse seminar on what works to increase Indigenous employment was held in Canberra last month.

The two papers presented were accompanied by an annual report: 'What Works to Overcome Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Learnings and Gaps in the Evidence 2010-11', which has a focus on early childhood, healthy homes, and governance and leadership.

The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse (www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap) is jointly funded by all Australian governments and provides an online source of information on what works to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage. It is delivered by the AIHW and the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS).

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# Languages in spotlight



A COMMITTEE of parliamentarians will travel to centres throughout Australia this month and next examining the effect of language projects in closing the gap.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will have meetings in Adelaide, Alice Springs, Utopia Homelands, Broome, Halls Creek, Darwin and Nhulunbuy to discuss the importance of Indigenous languages.

Committee chair Shayne

Neumann said the committee had 'received a groundswell of interest to our inquiry into language learning in Indigenous communities'.

"Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians understand the rich cultural heritage we have in Australia and the importance of language in strengthening culture and identity and its links to health, social, educational and vocational outcomes for our Indigenous Australians," he said.

"The committee recognises the effective and dedicated local Indigenous community organisations and individuals

who are working to maintain and revive Indigenous languages – the First Australian languages.

"We will be hearing from language centres, schools, training institutions, linguists, and community representatives from urban, regional and remote areas."

Information about the inquiry including programs can be found at the inquiry's website: [www.aph.gov.au/languages](http://www.aph.gov.au/languages)

Mr Neumann said the committee expected to table its report into language learning in Indigenous communities during the second half of the year.

# Eskimo Joe joins the gap campaign



AUSTRALIAN rock band Eskimo Joe have become official ambassadors of the Close the Gap campaign that aims to close the Indigenous life expectancy gap by 2030. Their announcement coincided with National Close the Gap Day on 22 March, which saw more than 100,000 people around the country taking part in community events to remind political leaders of their commitments to end the Indigenous health crisis.

Eskimo Joe lead singer Kavyen Temperley said the Indigenous health crisis was an issue for all Australians.

"I consider the life expectancy

gap between Indigenous people and other Australians to be one of the most important issues facing the nation, and one that has been neglected for such a long time," Mr Temperley said.

"A lot of people in this country are aware of the fact that Indigenous people are disadvantaged, but so many people aren't aware of just how much.

## Spread the word

"Indigenous health is an issue that all Australians should read up on and help spread the word, because it is possible to close the gap in our life time."

Close the Gap campaign co-chair Mick Gooda welcomed the band's commitment to the

campaign. "Eskimo Joe have taken the time to learn about some of the health problems facing Aboriginal people and have seen first-hand some of the work that Indigenous people are doing for themselves to close the life expectancy gap," he said.

"The Australian Government has committed to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representatives on health inequality to develop a long-term health plan, but we need to ensure that partnership is genuine.

"We must ensure that Indigenous people are at the heart of decision-making about their health needs."



Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative CEO Felicia Dean speaks with members of Eskimo Joe during their visit to Shepparton in Victoria.



TAFE Western Aboriginal Education and Training Unit manager Rod Towney with Tenesha Bell, one of TAFE Western's Aboriginal employees, who is holding the new framework document.

# TAFE Western launches framework



TAFE Western in New South Wales used Close the Gap Day to launch its Aboriginal Cultural Competence Framework.

The framework outlines how TAFE Western is taking active steps to create an environment that is welcoming and appropriate for Aboriginal students, staff and community members and has been developed with the institute's Aboriginal Community Reference Group (ACRG) and the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

Manager of TAFE Western's Aboriginal Education and Training Unit and the ACRG Rod Towney said it was good for the organisation to embrace

Aboriginal culture and reflect on history, but not live there.

"We are proud Aboriginal community members and we recognise all the different peoples within TAFE Western's footprint," he said.

"Education is the key that opens doors. People need education to succeed, and TAFE Western is helping Aboriginal people to achieve their aims and aspirations.

"The Aboriginal Cultural Competence Framework highlights three areas that are central to the development of cultural competence: visuals and symbols used by, and within TAFE Western; strategies for effective engagement, and collaboration; and the attitude and approach of our staff."



## Boost for mental health



ABORIGINAL mental health has received a boost with the launch of a training scheme in New South Wales.

Under the Aboriginal Careers in Mental Health Initiative, 50 Aboriginal trainee and cadet positions will be funded in the state's community mental health sector.

NSW Mental Health Minister Kevin Humphries launched the program during a forum held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern on 22 March.

Under the initiative, between the Mental Health Coordinating Council and the NSW Department of Education and Communities, organisations selected to participate will support trainees and cadets while building the cultural capacity of their organisations.

The Mental Health Coordinating Council says it not only enables trainees and cadets to gain skills and knowledge to work in community mental health settings, but also provides a career pathway in mental health and related fields.

The Redfern forum showcased the work of community organisations in developing and retaining Aboriginal staff while also



At the launch, from left, Tony Aumuller from the NSW Dept of Education and Communities, NSW Mental Health Minister Kevin Humphries, Mental Health Coordinating Council CEO Jenna Bateman and MHCC learning and development manager Simone Montgomery.

sharing key learning in relation to supporting trainees and cadets in the workplace. It also provided information to organisations interested in placing an

Aboriginal cadet or trainee in a mental health role.

For further information, visit the MHCC website at [www.mhcc.org.au](http://www.mhcc.org.au)

## Ngarrama officially launched



THE Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) has officially launched its Indigenous antenatal and birthing service.

Called Ngarrama, the service is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and mothers of Indigenous babies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander District Health Unit director Angela Scotney said it was estimated Indigenous Australians faced 2.5 times the disease burden of the wider Australian population.

"Perinatal morbidity rates are three times higher for Indigenous women and they are twice as likely to give birth to low-birth-weight infants," she said.

"Ngarrama is the first port of call for all Indigenous women booking into RBWH."

The program has been running at RBWH since early 2011 and 140 women have been involved since April last year.

RBWH says Ngarrama offers one-on-one childbirth education sessions in the home, access to midwives and health workers by text or mobile phone and overall a friendly, holistic midwifery model of care.

"We've increased antenatal attendance and earlier booking for women who are prior to 20 weeks' gestation, which means their care is started earlier in the pregnancy," Ms Scotney said.

"Because of this we have seen a reduction in smoking during pregnancy, increased knowledge of healthy eating and better childbirth education."

# League teams up with Health

By RUDI MAXWELL



NSW Rugby League and NSW Health are partnering in an initiative aimed at reducing chronic disease in Aboriginal communities. Culture-Health-Communities is challenging people to become healthier, foster good community relations and support their local rugby league team.

The weight-loss and walking challenge is being offered in Aboriginal communities intending to participate in the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

It'll be held from 30 April to 2 September, with the winning community receiving \$70,000 to promote healthy lifestyles, a portion of which can be used to enable team/s to participate in the Knockout. The winning community will be the community that loses the greatest percentage of body weight.

Raylene Gordon, from NSW Health, said that by engaging through the Knockout, the partners hoped to reach out to people and help them take positive steps towards better health.

"People have to get together to win," Ms Gordon said.

"It's very community-based, community-driven. If a town has more than one Knockout team, then they will need to work together, which will benefit everyone."

Different sectors of the community – including general practice, Aboriginal medical services, local health districts, local Aboriginal land councils, local government, other local organisations and Knockout team representatives – will participate in town committees to support their teams to participate in the challenges.

The weight-loss challenge will involve Aboriginal communities entering teams of 25 Aboriginal people aged 18 years and over and motivated to lose weight.



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Many of these people may have an existing chronic disease and each participant will require medical clearance.

Teams will choose a manager and a captain.

"It's analogous with football, with a manager getting people registered, organising medical clearance and the team captain being the ring-leader, getting people together," Ms Gordon said.

"Then three weeks before the Knockout in Maitland, the winners will be announced and they can give a certain amount of money to their Knockout team and spend the rest on supporting their community."

"It's about getting active and encouraging people to be active."

Australian women's rugby league representative player Eunice Grimes was one of the first people to begin organising a team from Redfern.

"I have a lot of family members, a lot of

relatives, who are overweight, or who have diabetes," she said.

"I find myself, when I'm doing it in a group, exercise becomes fun."

"If people know there is prizemoney out there for their community, hopefully it will lift involvement, particularly in rural communities ... I can see a lot of people committing to this."

The major risk factors for chronic disease are an unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and tobacco use. Eliminating these risk factors would prevent at least 80 per cent of heart disease, stroke, type-2 diabetes and chronic renal failure; and 40 per cent of cancer.

All the teams will have a celebrity team coach, a local legend or current or past rugby league player, who will predominantly communicate via Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search 'Culture Health Communities' then like).

All the participants will be offered a free personal health coach from the Get Healthy information and coaching service.

In NAIDOC Week, there will be a walking challenge using pedometers to measure distance to encourage communities to get active and stop smoking.

The web-based walking challenge will offer a cultural experience to participants, as they are educated about Aboriginal sites and issues as they make their way on a virtual road from Bathurst (last year's Knockout host) to this year's Knockout in Maitland. Cultural content will be informed by the local Aboriginal land councils.

Registration will be open to all ages and Aboriginal and other people across NSW who follow Knockout and NRL teams. There'll be prizes include tickets, travel and accommodation to football-related events to the value of \$50,000 for different categories and ages.

## NACCHO's CEO leaves



DONNA Ah Chee has resigned as CEO of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), citing

family reasons.

Ms Ah Chee will return to a position at Central Australian Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs.

NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed praised Ms Ah Chee for her efforts, saying she had greatly assisted in reshaping the future strategic direction and financial security of NACCHO.

"She leaves the organisation in a very strong position to develop and make a major contribution to Aboriginal health going forward."

Ms Ah Chee said that during her time with NACCHO, she became more convinced about the importance of making services and programs work on the ground in Aboriginal community controlled health services in terms of shaping the national policy agenda.

"It is an honour to have worked with such a dedicated board, secretariat staff, NACCHO affiliates and member services but I leave knowing I have contributed to developing NACCHO as a dynamic organisation making a major contribution to improving Aboriginal health," she said.



# Maari Ma farewells nurse



**BROKEN** Hill-based Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation has farewelled a key worker who helped to develop a chronic disease strategy to improve the health of Aboriginal people in far western New South Wales.

Margaret-Ann Cook, who worked at Maari Ma for more than 12 years and who last year celebrated 50 years in nursing, has relocated with her husband to Coonabarabran.

At a farewell function, Maari Ma CEO Bob Davis paid tribute to Mrs Cook.

"Margaret-Ann, or Mac as she is known, came to work as part of the broader Maari Ma team in 1999 when Maari Ma was managing a co-ordinated care trial at Wilcannia," he said.

"Her job was to manage the Wilcannia hospital and bring it into line for the trial – she expected she would be working for us for four months but the primary health program she designed for Wilcannia became the forerunner to our current chronic disease strategy, which is where Healthy Start and Keeping Well emerged.

"Twelve-and-a-half years later, we thank her for her vision and work, and wish her every happiness."

Mrs Cook told her colleagues it had been her great honour to work with Maari Ma.

"My heart bursts with pride when I think of what we have achieved and will go on achieving," she said.

"Over the years we have all seen the data – the evidence



Margaret-Ann Cook, centre, at her farewell function with Maari Ma chief executive office Bob Davis and operations director at the Broken Hill-based health service Nola Whyman.

that significant improvements have been made in the overall health of the community.

"We have better child health. We have little children who used to run a mile from the dentist who now run to greet them and

compete to be first in the chair.

"We have reductions in blood sugar and blood pressure levels, better medication management and the list goes on – so we know the strategy is right.

"But a strategy is not much

good unless you have the right people to implement it.

"The frontline workers through to the service support workers, we all contribute to the health and wellbeing of the people we serve.

"One of the unique things about the culture of Maari Ma is that we all share the vision and the passion.

"I don't know anyone who works here that sees themselves as having 'just a job'."

# Aboriginal health training criticised



**ABORIGINAL** health workers aren't getting the right training to meet the challenges of supporting vulnerable Indigenous communities, putting lives at risk, a public policy think tank says.

The Centre for Independent Studies has released a report, 'Charlatan Training', that says the amount of training does not match the level of responsibility expected of the workers.

"Training organisations are churning them out but many are unable to do the work required of them," report author Sara Hudson said.

She warned of a looming paradox where the least educated and most poorly paid health-care workers in Australia were assumed to be capable of tackling some of the country's most intractable health problems. "Aboriginal health workers have been short-changed," she said.

Ms Hudson said many feel like they are a 'jack of all trades but a master of none'. "They are increasingly expected to deal with complex health problems,

including alcohol-related issues," she said.

"But the rates at which they are acquiring professional knowledge and skills and remuneration levels have not kept pace with rising expectations."

Asked if the poor level of training put lives at risk, Ms Hudson agreed, saying she knew of cases where Aboriginal health workers had given patients incorrect doses of medication.

## Bridge divides

Aboriginal health workers began being employed in the 1970s as 'cultural brokers', to bridge cultural divides between health organisations and Indigenous communities.

But their tasks and responsibilities have expanded over the past 30 years, particularly in the area of clinical skills.

As a result, there are now 36 registered training organisations delivering education programs for Aboriginal health workers.

"They are given financial incentives by the government to get 'burns on seats', but are not held accountable for

inadequate course delivery and poor outcomes," Ms Hudson said.

The report, released on 21 March, says some training providers are racing through course content in 10-day blocks and not providing enough time to cover all the material.

Some organisations don't record the number of hours of practical placements or offer trainees support while they do internships. As well, the emphasis on greater clinical skills for Aboriginal health workers made it virtually impossible for remote Indigenous people to be recruited.

Ms Hudson concluded it was unlikely a national registration system for Aboriginal health workers, due to begin on 1 July, would enhance the role's professional status.

The Federal Government will allow people to remain in the roles as unregistered health workers.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) says Aboriginal health worker recruitment numbers have fallen by 30 per cent in the past 10 years. – AAP

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The Launceston Heart and Lung Group out walking – lanthe Boden, Jason Brand, Ganon Maluga, Deanne Hooper, Julie Gibbins, Rachel Maynard and Susan Fanselow (Maynard).



## Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS) : Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarships 2012

On line applications for Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarship

Opening Date: Wednesday 14 March 2012

Closing Date: Tuesday 24 April 2012

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) administers on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the allied health clinical placement scholarships available under the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS).

Applications are now open for Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarships for clinical placement in a variety of allied health practices including Aboriginal Medical Services, Community Health Care Centres, Hospitals, Public or Private Practices or a combination of these. Scholarship funding of up to \$11,000 is available for a maximum six weeks placement and will be awarded once only during a student's course of study.

Applicants must be enrolled in an approved/accredited course in the following eligible allied health profession and be an Australian Citizen or hold Australian Permanent Residency status. Entry level undergraduates do not qualify for this scholarship.

Eligible disciplines include Aboriginal Health Worker (Cert IV and above only); Audiology; Chiropractic; Dentistry; Oral Health; Dietetics & Nutrition; Exercise Physiology (AAESS approved courses only); Genetic Counselling (Postgraduate study only); Medical Radiation Science - Medical Imaging, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Optometry; Orthoptics; Osteopathy; Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Prosthetics; Orthotics; Psychology; Social Work (Australian Association of Social Workers approved courses only); Speech Pathology and Sonography.

Applications close on 24 April 2012 at 4.00pm EST.

The Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarship Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Online Application Form are available at [www.sarrah.org.au](http://www.sarrah.org.au).

For further information, please contact the scholarship team at SARRAH on free call 1800 338 061 or by email [clinicalplacement@sarrah.org.au](mailto:clinicalplacement@sarrah.org.au) or on the SARRAH website.

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# Tackling health issues head-on

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINES in Tasmania are keeping heart and lung disease at bay with a nutrition, fitness and health

program in Launceston and Hobart run by the Aboriginal Health Service.

Twice a week, participants with, or at high risk of developing conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke or other cardio pulmonary illnesses, come together to exercise, clinically monitor their fitness and educate themselves about a healthier lifestyle.

"You can live a normal healthy life with a chronic illness, you can't cure it, but you can treat it," Aboriginal health worker Rachel Maynard told the *Koori Mail*.

## Reduce risks

"By bringing exercise into your life, you can add years to your life and cut your risk of heart attack and stroke in half.

"Unlike our ancestors, we don't move around enough to burn off the fat and sugar we consume. In 200 years, our bodies have not got used to all the salty, sugary processed foods we consume."

Ms Maynard, from the AHS, co-ordinates the Launceston Heart and Lung Group in conjunction with Launceston General Hospital's senior physiotherapist lanthe Boden.

She said if enough people came through the program, that in ten years, one in every ten Aboriginal people in Tasmania

would have been through it, with their families also benefiting from the flow-on effects.

"It's hands-on and practical, in an encouraging and supporting environment, it's not just reading a pamphlet," Ms Maynard said.

"The group's support for each other and acknowledgment of their individual achievements has been a motivational tool.

"It's about keeping healthy, maintaining it and teaching the kids."

Ms Maynard said she had been amazed at the results.

"It's exciting, you can see them getting healthy, some people that are starting this program have not exercised in 40 years," she said.

She said that after a few weeks in the program, one participant who had been expecting to have their medication increased was instead prescribed more exercise by his doctor.

Jason Brand, who was told he had a two per cent chance of walking again after suffering a stroke, encourages more of the community to join the group.

He said that with the heart and lung group and the TAC men's group, he had surpassed his own expectations and was on the way to achieving his dream of walking again without aid.

"I'm more confident, fitter and healthier. After three weeks I was off the walking frame," he said.

Deanne Hooper, a diabetic, said there was no exercise in her life until she joined the

group.

"I didn't even know I had muscles," she joked. "I'm feeling a lot better, it's done a lot. I even have an exercise bike at home now."

Ms Boden put the wheels in motion to design the program when she noticed LGH statistics showed, that although considering the disproportionately high incidence of heart and lung disease amongst Aboriginal people, not enough were attending the hospital's pulmonary rehabilitation group.

"Programs are nine times better than lung medication and twice as good as any heart medication," Ms Boden, a specialist heart and lung physiotherapist, said.

## Practical

"This is packaged care in a practical way, patient centred action in practice."

She said the program, funded by the Commonwealth Government for one year, was based on world-best practice and was calling on the Tasmanian Government to fund the program as a permanent health initiative.

She is about to start the program on Flinders Island and train physiotherapists for the South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation.

Ms Boden also praised the health and wellbeing policies of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, under which the AHS runs. "The TAC workplace is healthier than the hospital I work in, they should be proud of themselves," she told the *Koori Mail*.



# Winners announced



THE third annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards were announced in Sydney last week, with Orbest

Regional Health, Vibe Australia and the Aboriginal Health Council of SA the major winners.

The 2012 awards were held in conjunction with the third annual Improving Social Determinants of Indigenous Health Conference at Sydney's Bayview

Boulevard Hotel.

They recognised the inspirational work from service providers, communities and individuals making a difference in health disadvantage. Winners and other achievers were as follows:

**Category: Outstanding Delivery in Child & Maternal Health**

● Winner: Orbest Regional Health.

● Runner-up: Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council.

● Special Recognition: The Royal Life Saving Society – Western Australia Inc.

● Special Recognition: Hunter New England Health Service, Tamworth Community Health Service.

● Finalists: Dhauward – Wurrung Elderly and Community Health Service, Derby Aboriginal Health Service, and the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, University of NSW.

**Category: Environmental Health Initiatives**

● Winner: Vibe Australia.

● Runner-up: Cairns Public Health Unity, Northern Pride.

● Special Recognition: NSW Aboriginal Housing Office.

● Special Recognition: Centacare Catholic Family Service.

● Finalists: Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Ozcare, and Noongar Mia Mia Pty Ltd.

**Category: Access to Primary Health Care**

● Winner: The Aboriginal

Health Council of SA.

● Runner-up: MJD Foundation.

● Special Recognition: Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc.

● Special Recognition: Kornar Winmil Yunti.

● Finalists: Centre for Remote Health, Bosom Buddies NT Inc, Flinders Medical Centre, KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc, UnitingCare Burnside, Aboriginal Health Council WA, and Melbourne School of Population Health, University of Melbourne.

## Vibe thrilled to win category

THE Deadly Vibe Group has been honoured at the third annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards, announced last month.

The organisation was in the category of Environmental health initiatives - Improving living conditions and quality of life.

The awards are made in recognition of work by service providers, communities and individuals making a difference to Close the Gap. The Environmental Health Award is about creating and maintaining environments which promote good public health.

Vibe entered the Vibe Project in the category, consisting of the Vibe Alive Festivals, the National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3, the Deadly Awards, Deadly Vibe magazine, InVibe magazine,

Deadly Sounds Radio program and Deadly TV which produced Living Strong and Move It Mob Style.

Vibe CEO Georgia Cordukes said all Vibe products were focused on improving the primary health and social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Vibe managing director Gavin Jones said he was 'honoured that the work of Vibe had been recognised at a national Indigenous health award'.

"Our insight has always been to engage our young people through what unites us, namely music, sport and culture," he said.

"Once engaged, we deliver the important information on health and lifestyle issues such as drug and alcohol, chronic disease, domestic violence and mental health."



Vibe's Georgia Cordukes and Mayrah Sonter accept the group's award.

## Cairns club takes pride with award

CAIRNS-based Northern Pride Rugby League Football Club's Take Pride program has been named national runner-up in the third annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards.

The program was recognised for its work in improving the health of Indigenous children.

The Take Pride in Personal Hygiene scheme, co-nominated with the Cairns Public Health Unit, Queensland Health, was up against entries from across Australia in the Environmental Health Initiatives category.

Northern Pride CEO Chris Sheppard said the award was recognition of the positive changes the program had made in improving personal hygiene among children in Indigenous communities across far north Queensland.

"The aim of the program is to educate children about the importance of stopping germs from entering their bodies through their mouths and making them sick," he said.

"This personal hygiene program has been an extension to the long-standing Environmental Health Worker

Program, which has been co-ordinated and supported by Queensland Health, and the Northern Pride is excited to be partners in this exciting initiative.

"We have worked closely with the Cairns Public Health Unit to deliver a co-ordinated message using locally-employed environmental health workers (EHWs) and sport as a universal communicator.

"Pride players visit the communities with EHWs to explain to young children the importance of good personal hygiene – and we've seen some fantastic outcomes."

The project, launched in July last year, utilises the national No Germs on Me program resources.

Queensland Health Indigenous environmental health program officer Clayton

Abreu said schools in far north Queensland communities had taken the messages on board.

"School principals have told us that students are no longer playing in toilets

because they now understood where germs can be found, and that they have asked for soap dispensers and hand towels in the school toilets," he said.



Northern Pride and Queensland Health members of the Take Pride in Personal Hygiene Program at the pilot held in Yarrabah.



Queensland Health Indigenous environmental health program officer Clayton Abreu talks to a Bamaga class about the importance of personal hygiene. Photos supplied



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**H**ERE are some of the latest books that have come across our desks at the *Koori Mail*. Some of them are written, illustrated or published by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers. Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers.

The *Koori Mail* features information about both, in the interests of promoting greater awareness and understanding about our people.

While we publish book reviews from time to time, the information shown here also draws upon material provided by publishers and should not be taken to be the *Koori Mail's* opinion.



Author Titta Secombe and, inset, her first book, to be launched this month.

## Kids' book on Marngrook

**A** CHILDREN'S story about the original form of Australian rules football will be launched this month in Horsham, Victoria.

*Marngrook: The long ago story of Aussie Rules* was written by Victorian Aboriginal woman Titta Secombe.

Set in the Grampians region of Victoria, it is based on a story that Ms Secombe has been listening to since she was a child.

"This is a story I have been told all my life, about things that my ancestors did on our country," she says.

"It makes me really proud that there is such a link between my culture and the game that Australians love so much.

"Years ago I was encouraged by a colleague to write down some stories about the Grampians, because there were no children's story books that were set in that area.

"I was wondering what I could write about, when one afternoon I was watching my nephew Lachlan kicking the footy around in the backyard, and when I went inside the first thing I noticed were my son John's two Marngrook

flags, from when he played footy.

"And I realised that there I was, surrounded by footy, just 20 minutes away from the place where my ancestors told me stories about making a ball out of possum skin and creating a game. So I decided the story had to be about Marngrook."

*Marngrook: The long ago story of Aussie Rules* focusses on a young boy called Jaara, whose father, Wawi, makes a toy called a 'marngrook' for his son and the other children.

### Emu feathers

The toy is made from the skin of a ring-tailed possum, sewn together with a tendon from a kangaroo tail and stuffed with emu feathers. Jaara and the children play with the marngrook every day, throwing and kicking it as far as they can. One day Jaara kicks the marngrook into the bush and gets lost as he looks for it.

Ms Secombe is a Gunditj-Mara Jaadwa woman who was born in Horsham and has lived there and in the Grampians for her whole life.

She is a mother with three

children and four grandchildren, who all love her stories.

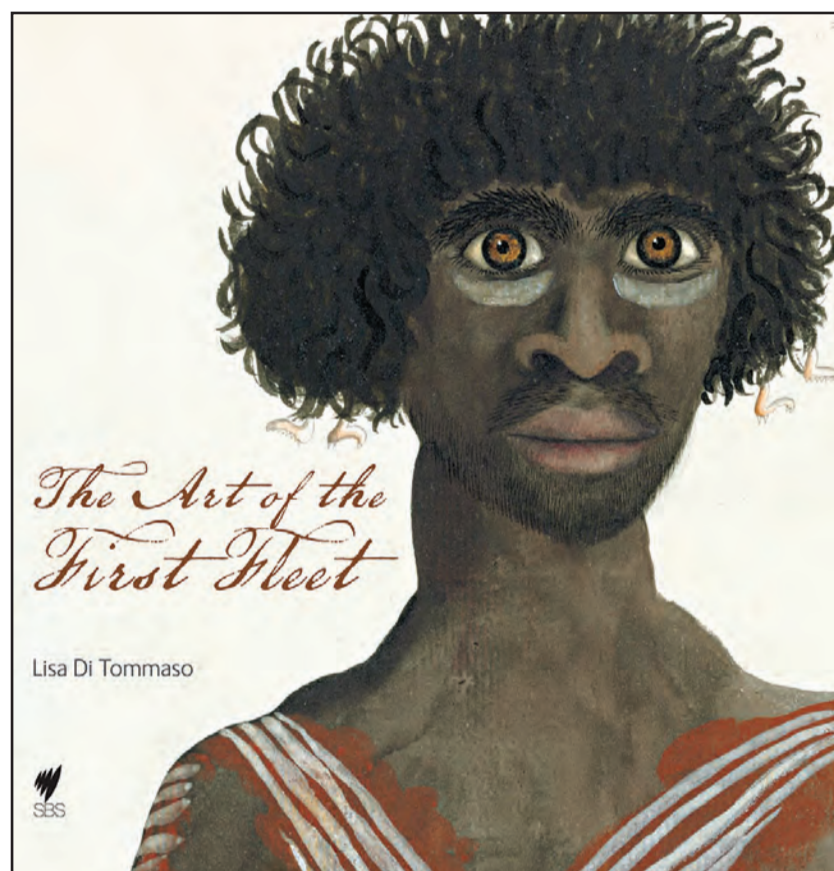
"Storytelling is a big part of our culture," she said.

"My childhood was full of big gatherings of family where we would sit around and listen to stories from our Elders. I do that with my grandchildren these days. They like to see as well as listen, so I often take them to the Grampians or down to the River and tell them stories."

Illustrations in the book are by Grace Fielding, who grew up on the Wandering Mission near Perth in Western Australia. She has illustrated several children's books and is celebrated for her traditional and contemporary art styles.

*Marngrook: The long ago story of Aussie Rules* will be launched at Barengi Gadjin Land Council, 142 Firebrace Street, Horsham on Wednesday 11 April at 10pm. Events to launch the book will also be held at Richmond Football Club and at book stores across Melbourne.

It will be available online at [www.magabala.com](http://www.magabala.com) or at Redrock Books and Gallery, Firebrace St, Horsham.



## Work gets line on fishing practices

By MARGARET SMITH

**T**HE British Museum has commemorated the early fishing practices of the Eora people by publishing, in conjunction with SBS, *The Art of the First Fleet*.

The book depicts traditional Aboriginal lifestyles and first contact with the invaders through paintings by Port Jackson artists featuring George Raper, and convict artist Thomas Watling, dated from 1788 to 1797.

There are more than 100 full colour plates and drawings, 40 of which depict the life of the Cadigal, Cammeraygal and Wangal people.

"Some of the images in the new book show men fishing using spears, and women in canoes using lines," Ronald Briggs, Indigenous librarian at the State Library of NSW, told the *Koori Mail*.

"Others show the actual weapons,

implements and carrying bags in great detail so you can see the carvings on the surface... It's valuable to have these designs as there are so few traditional implements left from the Sydney region."

Mr Briggs was impressed by the decorations of the male warriors, especially on Colebee, who is depicted as a chief mourner at a funeral.

"The colour of the body art is new for me – it could be feather and ochre in this particular work," he said.

"The images are also very well presented, with the artists' notes and notations included, which is unusual, but the British Museum will never give us the originals, unfortunately."

*The Art of the First Fleet* references the Eora exhibition curated by Keith Vincent Smith for the State Library of NSW. It is published by Hardie Grant and retails at \$29.95.

## Very special tree

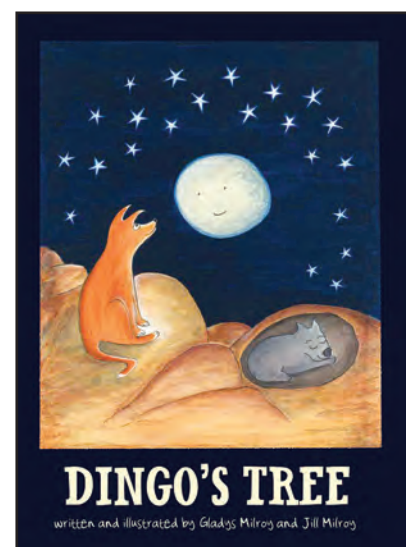
**D**INGO'S Tree is a children's tale of friendship and sharing, written and illustrated by Gladys Milroy and her daughter Professor Jill Milroy.

It is also the story of the struggle to survive in a land where water is becoming more and more scarce.

Together with a very special tree, Dingo, Wombat and Crow keep watch over their greatest treasure, the last raindrop from the Rain Tree, their only hope for survival in a land that now struggles to sustain them.

Gladys Milroy, was born in 1927 and was taken as a young child and placed in the Parkerville Children's Home. Her people's country is the Palkyu land of the eastern Pilbara in Western Australia and her story is told in the book *My Place*, written by her daughter, the artist and writer Sally Morgan.

Prof Jill Milroy is the Dean of the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia. The key focus of her current research is in Aboriginal story systems and in 2011 she was appointed a Member of



the Order of Australia in recognition of her services to Indigenous education.

*Dingo's Tree* is available in bookshops and online from Magabala Books ([www.magabala.com](http://www.magabala.com)) for \$19.95.



# Tiwi art sale in a league of its very own

By PETER ARGENT



WHO says sport and art don't mix? At Nguiu on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory, the locals have perfected the blend.

Each year, the Tiwi Island Football Final Art Sale celebrates the Tiwi culture and the locals' passion for football.

This year's event was held on 18 March, with people flying in from all over the country to browse and buy unique and original works before the on-field action started.

"The art sale provides a much need opportunity to make sales – for both low-end to high-end artists at a time of year when sales are few and far between. Over the wet season sales go down with less visitors to the Islands," explained Tiwi Arts marketing manager Anthony Spry.

"This event is also a great way to make contact with collectors, galleries, media and locals from Darwin.

"The day is unique from an outsiders' perspective and can be an event to remember, combining Tiwi's passion for art and footy.

"Each art centre can generate between \$10,000 and \$20,000 on the day, with the primary role being to sell works that may not have sold in the previous year."

The art sale is a main calendar event for artists like those from Tiwi Design, Munupi and Jilamara Art Centre, although further sales



can come from cruise ships, regular weekly tour flights and ferries and other celebratory events.

"Among the most popular items is the Tiwi Fabric," Mr Spry said.

"Most sales are generated from the reduced prices offered, and with some artwork purchases there could be savings up to 60 per cent off the retail value.

"These artworks walk out the door.

"Other popular items are the small sculptures that fit nicely into carry-on luggage.

"This year the hand printed T-shirts and handbags were a hit as well as the exclusive Tiwi Bikini line getting attention from the young ladies."

Tiwi Islanders continue to practice the art of body painting (Jilamara) for ceremonial purposes, and each artist interprets it with their own understanding.

"Each art centre may have up to as many as 30 primary artists,

carvers and printmakers, with all having their own renowned names and established artists," Mr Spry said.

"They have senior, emerging and young artists working their way into art careers."

Over at Ngaruwanajirri Centre, just outside Nguiu at Wurrumiyanga, a group of 14 Tiwi artists works as a co-operative, along with 12 freelance wood-carvers.

There, co-op members produce traditional art on a variety of media, from time-honoured items to innovative new sources.

Works from the centre include paintings in natural ochres on paper and canvas, lino block prints on fabric and paper, batik silk scarves and iron wood carvings.

Tiwi Island artists are gaining recognition nationally and overseas as well.

There are now permanent collections of Tiwi Art in all Australian states and territories, as well as national institutions such as the National Gallery of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and Parliament House in Canberra.

Also in the Northern Territory, Tiwi art can be viewed at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin Airport, the Darwin Botanical Gardens, the Batchelor Institute and in the Charles Darwin University Art Collection.

For people unable to make it to the Top End, it is also available online via [www.tiwiart.com](http://www.tiwiart.com)



Tourists take in some of the offerings at this year's Tiwi Island Football Final Art Sale.



Some of the Tiwi Islands art at the sale on the left, with a sample of the traditional baskets for sale on the right.



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## Arts Project Grants

Applications close 30 April 2012

Grants of up to \$15 000 are available for artists, groups, and arts and community organisations to support:

- Arts Development;
- Presentation and Promotion;
- Skills Development; and
- Emerging Artists.

For further information, guidelines and to apply online visit [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au) or contact Arts NT on 1800 678 237.

Only Territory residents may apply.

[www.lifestylent.nt.gov.au](http://www.lifestylent.nt.gov.au)





Dakota Pearce's *Launceston in a Box*, featuring clippings from the *Koori Mail*, was about people's attitudes and perceptions of young people and how she believed young people should be viewed.



Sinsa Mansell, Dave Warrener and Marie Stannus at the exhibition in the northern Tasmanian city of Launceston.

# Youth find a voice

By JILLIAN MUNDY in Tasmania



CITY Project, an exhibition of art works from the meenah mienne Aboriginal youth mentoring program, has opened at Launceston's Queen Victoria Museum and

Art Gallery.

City Project's sculptures, aerosol art, collages, paintings, photographs, poetry, clap sticks, spears and waddies are the result of investigations and opinions formed on the places young people live near.

Meenah mienne manager Linda Page said the project, which started last November with funding from the Launceston City Council, was about young people finding a voice for themselves, being proud of their opinions and being able to share them with people.

"It's about confidence building," she explained to the *Koori Mail*.

"We were interested in their opinions, their dreams for the future, what they saw to be real and significant problems, and what they would do if they were in charge."

Ms Page said 20 or so young people, each working one-on-one with their mentor, took to the streets to investigate a place around the city that was important to them.

Together they discussed and researched the place, pulling together a budgeted project plan for a piece of artwork,



Enjoying the opening were Cody Smith and friends who mentor for meenah mienne – Valma Tiffin, Thelma Maynard and Gloria Templar, all from Launceston.

culminating in the works exhibited.

"It was really about opening their imaginations up and what their role could be in advocating for change in places they felt had challenges and issues," Ms Page said.

"For us what's important is that young people have a chance to put what they want out there in a public forum."

"Coming from a place of research, thought and discussion with their fellow

community members they are forming their own strong opinions about the place they live in and sharing that with people.

"It's pro life skills and pro social skills."

## Safe and unsafe

"A lot of what they were picking up on was anti-social behaviour, glass and rubbish, they were very clear on what felt safe and unsafe."

Ms Page said there were suggestions of

family-friendly skate and bike-riding areas for younger youth, resulting in a model of the proposed area.

"The older guys were more drawn towards creating an imprint of Aboriginality within the city," she said.

There was also an investigation of attitudes toward young people and a suggestion to turn a landfill site into a bike-racing track in the Northern suburbs, where motorbike and BMX culture was 'quite huge'.

Occupying a large floor space of the exhibition area was a magical city created by a group of five- to 10-year-old children in the school holidays; sporting gold-paved roads for scooters rather than cars, mirror balls, a ride on choo choo train for the elderly, tunnels for sliding from place to place and pigs that really do fly.

Elder Aunty Phyllis Pitchford, who opened the exhibition, said the program, which she refers to as her 'baby', has got many of the young people involved on track and helped them to decide what career they would pursue.

The exhibition is open at the museum's Inveresk premises until 27 April.

Mentors and their buddies are working on new material for a NAIDOC Week exhibition and Launceston's Junction Arts Festival in August.

Meenah mienne hopes to have at least one exhibition annually.



Roberta Bobongie with her artwork and brother Iziah Blake.



Guests at the Launceston exhibition opening gather around a fantasy cityscape to hear speeches.



Meenah mienne manager Linda Page with Danny Gardner, who has mentored for the program for several years.



# Really Aboriginal...

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Wathaurung artist Bindi Cole was approached by artist collective We Australians to contribute to a group show in Melbourne, *Manifestations of Now*, she felt they shared an ethos.

"We're trying to break down the stereotype of what it means to be Australian today, to celebrate the diversity and depth of Aboriginal people and I think they were really interested in that idea of broadening the notion of the common one-dimensional depiction of Aboriginal people," Ms Cole said.

We Australians asked Cole if she would re-exhibit *Not Really Aboriginal*, a 2008 photographic series of the artist and members of her family with their faces made up in 'blackface'. The photographs challenge the viewer to confront their preconceptions about Aboriginality and skin colour.

"It really had been such a running discussion and voice in my life for a long time; for me making that work was a cathartic experience that has actually reconciled myself and my skin," Cole said.

"Revisiting that work, I'm definitely not in the same place I was five years ago, but now it feels like the broader community is trying to reconcile skin politics."

"It was interesting to revisit because it was such a big a part of me, but it's not the thing that I'm going through now. I really worked through that personally, but I'm happy my work allows other people to work through skin politics, stereotypes and attitudes around that stuff."

## Inspired

Cole was inspired to do the series because, as a fair-skinned woman of Wathaurung descent, when she told people she was Aboriginal she was frequently met with the response 'but you're not really Aboriginal', without people even realising how offensive that judgment could be.

"It was just what people would say to me – just look at the press and media today, there's a whole discussion thread and nobody feels that they need to hold back on commenting at all," she said.

"I think artists have a platform where we are more able to express uncomfortable and controversial things. Possibly, artists talk about things that other people aren't (talking about) and tap into the social consciousness of the time."



Images from Bindi Cole's exhibition *Not Really Aboriginal*.



"Art is about having a voice; sometimes that voice is uncomfortable but it's important to get those things out into the community."

"I'm not trying to speak for the community. Every time I make work, it's about my feelings, my discoveries and at times they are also what other people are

thinking, feeling or questioning."

While her images often confront, there's also an element of humour, of laughing at the ridiculousness of stereotypes and judgment.

"I don't really mince my words, I'm pretty direct, and my art is direct," Cole said.

"I like to do it with a bit of humour – poking fun at those attitudes, those stereotypes. It's serious but has kind of a dark humour too."

"At the time when I asked my family to be in the series, I didn't have to explain; they just got it. I didn't have to go into any detail to convey what I was trying to do."

"In hindsight, they're probably asking 'Why did we let her do that?' because it's taken me to the Federal Court (Ms Cole was one of nine fair-skinned Aboriginal people attacked in print by columnist Andrew Bolt), taken me on a whole big journey, but at the time, they just got it."

## Too quick to judge

Cole believes that many modern Australians are shaped by what they read in magazines and see on television and are often too quick to judge.

"At the moment, there's such a disconnection between the broader community and the Aboriginal community, so many prevailing attitudes that are negative towards Aboriginal people... it's almost like for a lot of people, Aboriginal people are just a closed case," she said.

"People don't even understand that in urban areas there were Aboriginal people. They see what they see on TV and think 'that's what Aboriginal people are' and, if you don't fit into that, you're not Aboriginal. They think there can't have been any evolution of Aboriginal people in the last 200 years."

Through adversity and success Cole remains positive.

"I wish people would try to see the best in people," she said.

"I feel like we're living in a world where everyone wants to tear people down and make assumptions about the Aboriginal community. It's such an amazingly diverse and beautiful community and I'm just so proud to be a part of it."

*Manifestations of Now* features 18 artists and runs at Federation Square, Melbourne, from 11-27 April.

*Not Really Aboriginal* will be at the National Gallery of Victoria Studio.

For a complete program of events including talks, public forum and performances, see [www.weaustralians.org](http://www.weaustralians.org)

## New peak organisation for contemporary dance



A NEW peak body has been formed to advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contemporary dance.

BlakDance Australia Ltd has been funded by the Australia Council for the Arts and grew out of the 'Treading the Pathways' initiative, which began in 2005 as a response to the Indigenous dance industry.

The organisation launched its new website recently and

announced the dates for its showcase event 'BlakDance 2012', to be held in Brisbane this June.

The website showcases imagery of Indigenous artists and a map of different geographic areas on which users can click for up-to-date information on the activity of Indigenous artists there.

BlakDance chairman Charles Jia said that in time the website would contribute to greater promotion of Indigenous work to both the tourist market, creative

industries and to all Australians.

Queensland Theatre Company's Lara Croydon said the website and its functionality had generated a great deal of interest, along with the aims of the company.

'BlakDance 2012' will be held from 4-9 June at the Queensland Theatre Company, providing a platform for Australian and international First Nation choreographers to produce performances, forums, artists symposiums and master classes.



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## Opening of 2013 ACT Arts Fund

artsACT will be opening the 2013 ACT Arts Fund on Tuesday 10 April 2012.

Applications are invited from ACT-based individuals, groups and organisations wishing to undertake arts projects, programs and activities in 2013.

Applications for One-Off Project Funding, Communities Working With Artists Funding, Program Funding, ACT Creative Arts Fellowships and ACT Book of the Year will close on **Monday 21 May 2012**.

All applicants are encouraged to attend an **Information Session** at the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, 2nd Floor, North Building, Civic Square, on:

**Wednesday 11 April 2012**  
**6:00pm - 7:30pm**

For more information visit [www.arts.act.gov.au](http://www.arts.act.gov.au) or phone 6207 2384.



# ACCELERATE leads to new-found drive

KYLE MORRISON says winning a place in the British Council ACCELERATE Indigenous leadership initiative last year opened his eyes to the world, 'not only the world of art and theatre, but the world in general'.

"My experience and influences have expanded immensely through meeting and working with artists I admire and respect," says the artistic director of Perth's Yirra Yaakin theatre company. "Through this program I have developed a better sense of myself as a creative leader, of what I want to achieve, how I want to go about it and how I want to be regarded while doing it."

If anyone needed proof of Morrison's new-found drive, they need look no further than news last week that he would join two other young Aboriginal 'creatives' at the world-famous Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London this month to perform selected Shakespearean sonnets as part of the London Olympics Cultural Olympiad.

ACCELERATE aims to empower its Indigenous alumni with the recognition, skills and networks to drive their own careers, both internationally and at home.

The initiative is now in its third year and the British Council, working with the Australia Council for the

Arts, is calling for applications from Indigenous people working in the creative industries.

Up to 15 short-listed applicants will take part in a leadership intensive workshop in Australia, with five applicants then selected to travel to Britain on a professional visit.

"Accelerate has proved to be one of the most significant professional development programs of its kind, in Australia," said British Council director Nick Marchand.

"Working with major arts institutions in the UK, we now look forward to offering several more career-defining opportunities in 2012."

Dr Mark Bin Bakar, the chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts at the Australia Council, said Indigenous cultural leadership deserved recognition and support because 'keeping culture strong is one of the most challenging, rewarding and universally important human endeavours'.

Past ACCELERATE participants hold prominent positions in Australia's visual art, theatre, dance, museum and academic communities.

For more information on ACCELERATE 2012, go online at [www.accelerate.org.au](http://www.accelerate.org.au). Applications close on Sunday 29 April.



KYLE MORRISON



Yorta Yorta photographer Simon Penrose with State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell and his photographic portrait *Eyes are the Windows to the Soul*, which won both the CAL Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Works on Paper and has now been named the winner of the Arts Victoria People's Choice Award.

## Photographer is people's choice

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FOR Yorta Yorta man Simon Penrose, photography was once just a hobby he took up five years ago to help him relax from a stressful job. But all that might be about to change.

A photographic portrait of his nephew which he entered in this year's Victorian Indigenous Art Awards won the \$5000 CAL Works on Paper Award, and he's now been named the winner of the \$2500 Arts Victoria People's Choice Award.

Penrose, who works as a mental health support worker at the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative, says photography is how he relaxes.

"You've got to have a hobby," he said. "I work in psych wards and with people in communities and I see and hear some pretty horrific things. I use photography as my own debrief and relaxation."

"Every weekend my family and I are always in the car, driving around. We go exploring so I take the camera with us. I've got three kids and it's a good family outing as well."

### Exhibition hopes

Penrose first entered his photos in the 2010 and 2011 NAIDOC exhibitions in Bendigo, with his 2011 entries selling out within hours. But now with his recent success, he's got his eye on a solo exhibition at the La Trobe Visual Arts Centre in Bendigo.

"My family is over the moon for me,"

he said. "My dad is a cleaner at the uni in Bendigo. He's not much of a talker, but he went out and found this curator to discuss my artwork with him. The curator has seen me in the paper and he's really keen to talk."

As a self-taught photographer, Penrose said he still doubts himself, and is grateful to three Bendigo Aboriginal painters – Aunty Eileen Ballangarry (who won the 2011 People's Choice Award), Georgina Riseley and Trina Dalton-Oogjes – who gave him 'a kick up the bum' to enter the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

"I guess I can call myself an artist, now that I've won an award and been in an art show," he said.

"But my way of thinking is that I'm just going to do it because I enjoy it."



Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay artist Daniel King was a finalist with his works *Sports Star* and *Full-blooded* (above) which seek to humorously examine stereotypes that non-Indigenous people attach to those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.



Finalist Steaphan Paton, of Gunai/Monero-Ngarigo descent, used his oil on canvas work *My Bullock* to parody the misunderstandings of ownership between Aboriginal Australians and the early settlers and to show the clash of two worlds.





The smoking ceremony during the opening of the new complex.



Graduate Anthony Mayor joins in the dance.

By MARGARET SMITH  
Photos by AMANDA JAMES



IT has travelled a long and winding road but NAISDA Dance College looks like it has finally found its

home. It began in rented premises in Redfern in 1975 under Carole Johnson's leadership, and then moved to Glebe, before taking up residence under the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the Rocks precinct.

When the dance college moved to the NSW central coast six years ago, some commentators viewed it as a potentially fraught experiment.

Now, thanks to a \$5 million Federal Government grant, NAISDA has begun a whole new phase with a new complex at its Kariong site, near Gosford, including dance studios, student classrooms, and office space.

Student numbers have increased to 42 and executive director Kim Walker, an ex-NAISDA student who went on to be a celebrated soloist with the

# NAISDA right at home in new complex

Sydney Dance Company, has plans to double that figure in the next few years.

The new complex was opened last week by Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean.

Proceedings began with a

welcome and fire dance by Matthew Doyle. Inside a crowded auditorium, guests were treated to performances by Arnhem Land and Saibai dancers, with students performing alongside them.

A tribute to Carole Johnson,

who was present, featured dance by Beau Dean Smith and words by Vicki Van Hout.

NAISDA chairman Warren Mundine welcomed guests before handing over to Minister Crean, who said he had visited the school

previously and had always been very impressed by its work.

"Australia's Indigenous heritage is incredibly important," Mr Crean said. "It is the oldest living culture in the world, transformed and revived from the grassroots levels into one of the most exciting contemporary arts movements in the world."

After lunch, students were then presented with their certificates, with three fourth-year students graduating. Anthony Mayor, Amy Minchin and Nicola Sabatino are already receiving offers to dance in companies around Australia.

Creative director Jasmine Goulash said it had been a successful day.

"Now NAISDA finally has a home," she said. "The stability that this offers our students will help them commit further to their studies, and supports NAISDA as an arts institution striving for excellence."

A tired but happy Kim Walker agreed that the day had been 'quite fantastic', with NAISDA now very different from its early days when 'we were fighting for the college's survival'.



Minister Simon Crean, NAISDA founder Carole Johnson and Central Coast MP Deborah O'Neill check out the new building.



Graduates Amy Minchin, Nicola Sabatino and Anthony Mayor with NAISDA creative director Jasmine Goulash.



A performance during the graduation ceremony.



# Scholarships for seven



SEVEN Rockhampton State High School students have received scholarships from the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation.

The recipients were Year 11 students Sebastian Bartley, Dana Coleman, Jake Moore, Damien Scott and Taleesha Spencer, and Year 12 students Waynette Rankin and Peter Spanner.

The scholarships were awarded on merit, with selection criteria relating to the effort, behaviour and achievement of the student in their work, as well as their attendance and pride in their culture. The focus of the scholarship was to have students complete the Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12.

Parents and students are asked to sign a commitment, to acknowledge the scholarship holder's agreement to complete schooling.

Funding for the scholarships was through the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation, established to fund education opportunities for Indigenous young people, and was part of unspent funds from the reparations scheme to distribute 'stolen wages'.

Students were interviewed by the school's Murri Team, who considered the students' leadership potential, subject selections, previous achievements and commitment to school and curriculum. Scholarships varied in amount and were subject to the findings of the panel and the commitment of the student.



Jake Moore with his father Darren.



Scholarship recipient Waynette Rankin with mum Suzanne Rankin and Sebastian Bartley.



Dana Coleman with her mother Jenine.

# Santa Teresa success



THE Central Australian township of Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) has celebrated the achievement of four Charles Darwin University teaching students.

Karina Gorey, Kirsten Braun, Marcus Williams and Anita Gorey are working towards a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning Pre-Service and Inservice, an accredited and nationally recognised teacher education program being delivered by CDU through the Growing Our Own program in partnership with the Catholic Education Office.

CDU Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Law, Education, Business and Arts Professor Giselle Byrnes said it was an important day in celebrating the achievements of Ltyentye Apurte School in increasing the number of Indigenous teachers in community schools.

"The beauty of this program is that it is customised to meet the needs of the students, their community and the local school that they work in," Prof Byrnes said.

"Each student's work is rigorously moderated against that of other students in the course and upon completion they will



Celebrating the launch of Growing Our Own at Santa Teresa, from left, Claire Kilgariff, Therese Kersten, Dr Al Strangeways, Kirsten Braun, Professor Peter Kell, Marcus Williams, David Reilly, Anita Kuman Gorey, Professor Giselle Byrnes, Karina Cavanagh and Ali Gallio.

be able to apply for membership of the Northern Territory Teachers' Registration Board."

Prof Byrnes said the four students were

trailblazers for CDU's education program in Central Australia.

"It was reaffirming to hear each of them publically pledge to strive for excellence in

the pursuit of learning and wisdom," she said.

"This speaks volumes about their personal dedication and commitment but also reflects warmly on our staff, especially lecturer Dr Alison Strangeways, co-ordinator Therese Kersten and administration officer Amanda Sandery."

CDU delivers Growing Our Own, funded by the Australian Government, to 10 students across the Territory in Bathurst Island, Wadeye and Santa Teresa.

"The program is truly challenging the frontiers of teacher education," Prof Byrnes said.

"It embodies the idea of two-way learning, which enables an exchange of knowledge and experience. While our students are learning from CDU academic staff, they also learn from the students in new and profound ways."

Prof Byrnes said the future appeared bright for Growing Our Own.

"Not only do we have a strong partnership with the Catholic Education Office but the establishment of CDU's Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges in Education with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education brings additional experience in pre-service teacher education," she said.



# Master classes on offer



MASTER classes for established Indigenous business leaders will be held later this year in Melbourne.

The inaugural MURRA Aboriginal Master Class Series will be run by the Asia Pacific Social Impact Leadership Centre (APSILC) at Melbourne Business School (MBS).

The six-class series, which starts mid-June, aims to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners and leaders in areas covering business strategy, finance, marketing, negotiations, human resource management and procurement.

Classes will be taught by MBS faculty members.

Project director Michelle Evans said the series was open to any established Aboriginal business owners and leaders, regardless of their industry, across Australia.

"These are across-the-board business administration skills we're focusing on," she said.

"MURRA will build individuals' knowledge in the business skills needed to deal with the challenges like creating value through people, strategic



MURRA project director Michelle Evans.  
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reasoning, staying competitive and how to grow their businesses.

"Participants will also get the chance to meet with business leaders across different industries throughout the master class series including MBS alumni who are keen to work with and mentor Aboriginal business leaders."

Partners on the initiative are

Kinaway (the Victorian Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce) and Indigenous Economic Development Unit (Small Business Victoria). The program has also been supported by MBS and the Executive MBA Class of 2003.

Director Professor Ian Williamson said the classes would

run in tandem with a research project evaluating the impact of technical business and management education on Aboriginal businesses over three years.

"A major research interest for us is the leadership behaviours, routines and practices that influence Aboriginal business

performance. These insights will help us and others develop current and future Aboriginal entrepreneurs.

"MURRA is central to APSILC's mission to develop Aboriginal business leaders and we're very excited to continue our partnership with Kinaway and Small Business Victoria."

## Top principals program goal



ABORIGINAL-focused schools are the first to be involved in a new West Australian scheme to attract leading principals.

Under the Attracting Outstanding Principals program trial, incentive packages will be offered for 30 principal positions in selected schools over the next three years.

The Ngaanyatjarra Lands School in the Western Desert and Moorditj Noongar Community College in Swan View, Perth, which currently have principal vacancies, are the first schools involved.

WA Education Minister Liz Constable says the State Government will pay outstanding principals up to \$28,703 on top of their usual salary to work in schools with high proportions of vulnerable children.

"This trial is about addressing the issues of educational equity," Ms Constable said.

"Principals working in schools where students may experience a range of hardships like family dysfunction, poverty, homelessness and disabilities need to be experienced at working with families to

overcome these issues.

"They also need a proven ability to successfully lead a team of staff so these children get the best from their school years.

"Our most disadvantaged schools often struggle to attract experienced and outstanding principals – but these schools are actually where we need outstanding leaders.

"The trial recognises the vital role of exceptional school

be used on a range of options, including learning programs, resources, professional development for staff, equipment and activities.

"Great leaders inspire and motivate people to work together – and this is exactly what we want these principals to do," Ms Constable said.

"We want them to unite school staff, parents and community members, as well as other agencies and

organisations, so everyone is involved in the learning and development of children.

"When this happens, students have the very best chance to succeed at school."

Principals appointed to schools where the additional salaries and incentives were on offer

would be assessed on their implementation of school reforms, assessment and reporting, quality teaching and development of partnerships with the community.

The WA Government says a nationwide recruitment campaign to fill the positions seeks applicants to demonstrate their experience and achievements in improving school performance in complex environments.

leaders to help overcome a range of social factors affecting student learning in some communities.

"These are complex issues, impacting on students' ability to take advantage of education."

The Minister says principals who take on the running of these schools and make a difference by reaching their performance targets will receive school grants of between \$24,000 and \$57,000 a year to

**'Great leaders inspire and motivate people to work together – and this is exactly what we want these principals to do'**

## Grants available for WA school projects



GRANTS of up to \$750 are available to West Australian schools for projects that help expand students' understanding of

traditional Indigenous culture.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier recently launched the Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing (PALS) program for 2012, which encourages young people to strengthen the relationships that exist in their local community between

Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Mr Collier said PALS had reached more than 110,000 students since 2004.

"The PALS program is a demonstration of the willingness of young people to embrace reconciliation through shared learning, mutual respect and cultural awareness," he said.

"In 2011, 107 primary and secondary schools co-ordinated 120 reconciliation projects across Western Australia, and we hope to grow that number this year."

### Funded Indigenous PhD Position in Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne



Indigenous applicants with a background and/or expertise in criminology, socio-legal studies, history, law, or related disciplines are invited to apply for a full-time PhD scholarship on an Australian Research Council (ARC) funded linkage study into official/government responses to historical justice and injustice in Australia and elsewhere. We are seeking a highly motivated applicant with demonstrable research skills and writing experience. In collaboration with the project investigators and our research partners, the student will take responsibility for a component of the larger study, to be negotiated with the research team. The student will be based at the University of Melbourne and will work alongside the larger research team.

Applicants must be eligible for admission to the University of Melbourne's PhD program and are therefore required to hold a Bachelors Degree with Honours, a Masters Degree or equivalent academic and professional qualifications (<http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/research/programs/phd.html>). The successful applicant will receive a stipend of \$AUS 28,715 per year, for three years (indexed each year).

For full details please see [http://www.ssp.s.unimelb.edu.au/research/rhd/phd/funded\\_indigenous\\_phd](http://www.ssp.s.unimelb.edu.au/research/rhd/phd/funded_indigenous_phd)

For further information please contact Dr. Julie Evans (School of Social and Political Sciences) at [j.evans@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:j.evans@unimelb.edu.au)

Applications are to be made directly to Julie Evans at the e-mail address above by **5.00pm on Monday 16th April**. There is no set application form or format. Please provide the research team with a copy of your CV and information about why you are a suitable applicant for the project. Applications (not including CVs) should not exceed four pages.



## National

**Until 6 April:** Calling for applications for the annual Youth Off The Streets National Scholarship Program that aims to help promising young Australian who lack the support and resources to fulfil their potential, providing financial and personal support for young people to pursue their dreams. Free and all youth are welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9330 3500 or email [info@youthoffthestreets.com.au](mailto:info@youthoffthestreets.com.au) or visit [www.youthoffthestreets.com.au](http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au)

**Until 27 April:** Aged care nursing scholarships – calling for applications. These scholarships will provide funding for nurses working in aged care facilities to undertake post-graduate study and continuing professional development activities. Scholarships are also available for under-graduate study and nurse re-entry programs for people with an interest and commitment to work in aged care. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1800) 1166 96 or email [scholarships@rcna.org.au](mailto:scholarships@rcna.org.au) or visit [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au)

**Until 4 May:** Calling for applications for Community Heritage grants 2012. 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](mailto:chg@nia.gov.au)

**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. Speakers, workshops and presentations. Cost involved, all welcome to

register, must register before the date. Details: email [reception@ahma-bc.org](mailto:reception@ahma-bc.org) or visit [www.indigenous2012.com](http://www.indigenous2012.com)

**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* transports us to Lake Eyre, the place of Australia's inland sea and explores the connection of Indigenous people to 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](mailto:bangarra@bangarra.com.au) or visit [www.bangarra.com.au](http://www.bangarra.com.au)

## NSW-ACT

**Until 6 April:** UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families are calling for expressions of interest for Aboriginal sculpture artists to create a sandstone sculpture to represent Jaanimili, Aboriginal people and Aboriginal businesses. Free and all welcome to submit. Details: (0409) 888 331 or email [jsouth@burnside.org.au](mailto:jsouth@burnside.org.au)

**Until 14 April:** The Bright, The Bold and The Beautiful art exhibition, created as a bright and colourful celebration of female Indigenous artists – young and old – from across the country. This exhibition coincides with International Women's Day 2012 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](mailto:cassiefrench@gmail.com) or visit [www.coeeart.com.au](http://www.coeeart.com.au)

**Until 15 April:** Island to Island 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](http://www.cowraartgallery.com.au)

**Until 10 June:** Off the Walls, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing rich and diverse collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art gathered over almost 40 years by Australian Government agencies responsible for Aboriginal affairs. It includes bark paintings, watercolours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email [media@nma.gov.au](mailto:media@nma.gov.au) or visit [http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off\\_the\\_walls/](http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/)

**Until 6 July:** Calling for registrations for the 2012 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 'Recognising our Time'. This conference aims to provide a forum for enhancing the profile of Aboriginal communities and the skills and culture also the opportunity for all elected officials, local government employees, industry and community representatives to discuss issues concerning Aboriginal people in New South Wales. All welcome to register, cost involved. Details: (1300) 368 783 or email [amy@eastcoastconferences.com.au](mailto:amy@eastcoastconferences.com.au) or visit [www.eastcoastconferences.com.au](http://www.eastcoastconferences.com.au)

**4 April and 11 April:** 'Need a Lift' workshop, discussing ideas for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander transport service. Free and all welcome, lunch provided. Held 4 April Boomanulla Oval Narrabundah. 11 April Northside Community Centre, Dickson. Details: (02) 6205 9106 or email [maurice.walker@act.gov.au](mailto:maurice.walker@act.gov.au)

**5-9 April:** Bluesfest. A five-day music festival featuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists Busby Marou and Dubmarine. All welcome, cost involved.

Held at Tyagarah Tee Tree Farm, Tyagarah. Details: (02) 6685 8310 or email [admin@bluesfest.com.au](mailto:admin@bluesfest.com.au) or visit [www.bluesfest.com.au](http://www.bluesfest.com.au)

**8 April:** *Our Generation* film screening. The film will be showing the groundbreaking documentary on Aboriginal rights. Featuring guest speaker Jeff McMullan, including light refreshments. Free and all welcome. Held at Amnesty International Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale. Details: (0420) 354 096 or email [nswdignity@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswdignity@amnesty.org.au) or visit [www.ourgeneration.org.au](http://www.ourgeneration.org.au)

**10-20 April:** National Centre of Indigenous Excellence School Holiday Program. NCIE is providing school holiday activities for 6-12-year-olds, including a range of sports clinics, Indigenous art sessions, cultural activities and aquatic activities. All welcome cost involved. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 166-180 George St, Redfern. Details: (1300) 866 761 or visit [www.ncie.org.au](http://www.ncie.org.au)

**11-20 April:** Holiday fun – North Coast kids can make a splash at Lennox Head during the April school holidays, featuring fun sport and recreational activities in and on the water. All welcome, cost involved, must book before date. Held at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre, Lennox Head. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**12 April:** The Cardshow, an Aboriginal art exhibition and fundraiser for traditional owners who are fighting against a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station. Showcasing artworks by 58 artists, including Reg Mombassa. Free and all welcome. Held at Mori Gallery, Darling Harbour. Details: (0450) 273 624 or email [cardshow2012@gmail.com](mailto:cardshow2012@gmail.com) or visit [www.thecardshow.org](http://www.thecardshow.org)

**18-20 April:** Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference 2012. Aims to create strategies in Indigenous employment to achieve economic outcomes providing information about benefits Indigenous employment can have for corporations, employees and Indigenous communities. Must register before the date and cost involved. Held at the Grace Hotel, Sydney. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email [conferences@tonkincorporation.com](mailto:conferences@tonkincorporation.com)

**April 23:** YWCA NSW Communities Information Session – a children's project program which aims to provide information to the Aboriginal community. Free and all welcome, transport available within Lismore, lunch provided and must RSVP by the 16 April. Held at YWCA NSW, 101a Rous Rd, Goonellabah. Details: (02) 66 255 811 or email [briony@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:briony@ywcansw.com.au)

**25 April:** The 2012 Redfern Anzac Day March and Commemorative Service will be held in Redfern on Anzac Day, Wednesday 25 April. The program will start with the laying of wreaths at the Redfern Park War Memorial at 12.45pm, followed by a walk to Redfern Community Centre between 1pm and 1.30pm. Activities will close at 4.30pm. Details: (0417) 929 701 or email [raymin@me.com](mailto:raymin@me.com)

**26-27 April:** Beats n Roots Hip Hop Summit and Youth Arts Leadership Conference, a three-day youth summit exploring youth arts and leadership which aims to create and promote pathways for young people and to empower them to take part and 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:

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## 'Rich journey' promised

A NEW art exhibition in Adelaide promises to take its audience on a rich visual journey through the Australian landscape and into Aboriginal 'country', where the intrinsic connection that the exhibiting artists have to land is given powerful visual form through the medium of printmaking.

*Northern Impressions: A Celebration of Contemporary Printmaking*, will show at the South Australian Museum's Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery until 6 May.

It portrays the highlights of recent artistic collaborations between some of Australia's most talented artists and professional printmakers working at Northern Editions at Charles Darwin University.

Fifty-three limited-edition prints are showcased, revealing the beauty and diversity of artistic expression in these regions, each with their own distinct visual language.

Produced with Northern Editions in Darwin since 2004, *Northern Impressions* features exceptional artists from art centres throughout the Top End, Central Australia, Mornington Island and the Kimberley, including Timothy Cook, Conrad Tipungwati, Peter Newry, Ramme Ramsey, Freddie Timms, Daniel Walbidi, Shorty Jangala Robertson and Eubena Nampitjin as well as

non-Indigenous artists Wayne Eager and Marina Strocchi.

The Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery features more than 3000 items from communities across the country.



The *Northern Impressions* exhibition at the SA Museum.



Eubena Nampitjin's etching *Midjul* (2007) features in the exhibition.



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(0434) 529 337 or email connect@thecpc.org.au or visit www.beatsnroots.com

**4 May:** Sydney's Tribal Warrior Association will hold a fundraising breakfast event to raise funds for its Youth Mentoring program in Redfern. The 2012 *Tribal Warrior* fundraising breakfast cruise on the Mari Nari will depart from Eastern Pontoon, Circular Quay at 7:30am on Friday, 4 May (boarding at 7.15am). Speakers will include Tribal Warrior CEO Shane Phillips. For more information, call the Tribal Warrior Association on (02) 9699 3491.

**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, seminars, discussions and film screenings. All welcome to register, must register before 31 March, 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

**18-19 July:** Third annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Conference 'Better Housing Strategies for Stronger People'. The conference will discuss financially independent communities, nationally consistent regulation system, frameworks to enable home-ownership also providing support for specific needs. Must register before the date, cost involved. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern. Details: (1300) 316 882 or email registration@critterionconferences.com or visit www.register.critterionconferences.com

## Northern Territory

**Until 15 July:** Yalangbara: Art of the DjangŌkawu, 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

**26 May:** Above the Rim Ball – celebrating ten years of Hoops 4 Health'. Featuring three-course meal and entertainment, including special guest Anthony Mundine and Aaron Fa'aoso. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Schweppes

Pavilion, Darwin Turf Club, Buntine Drive, Fannie Bay. Details: (0431) 428 767 or email hoops4health@hotmail.com or visit www.hoops4health.com.au

## Victoria

**Until 24 June:** 'River Woman', an Aboriginal art exhibition. Showcasing life, culture and deep 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

**Until 11 October:** Aboriginal Affairs Victoria – Managing in Two Worlds – governance training. A three-day introductory workshop which aims to provide training, relevant course materials, also providing accommodation, meals and other specifics. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held in Melbourne from 17-19 April. Echuca 9-11 October. Details: (03) 9208 3252 or email AAV.Governance@dpcd.vic.gov.au

## Queensland

**Until 26 May:** From Little Things Big Things Grow: Fighting for Indigenous Rights 1920-1970. A travelling Aboriginal art exhibition which tells the story of the fight for Indigenous civil rights in Australia from 1920 to 1970. Showcased through the achievements and sacrifices of the struggle through personal stories, rarely seen objects and protest material. Free and all welcome. Held at the Queensland Museum, South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840 7555 or visit www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au

**14 April:** The GYPSIS network (comprised of workers from various youth focused organisations in Inala, including Inala Youth Service, Inala Wangarra, Inala PCYC and BCC), will hold free event for the Inala community to celebrate National Youth Week 2012. Held at D J Sherrington Park, corner Blunder Rd and Inala Ave, Inala, from 10am until 2pm and will include scooter, skateboard and BMX competitions, 3-on-3 basketball, stalls, hip-hop performances and workshops, local DJs and jumping castles and face painting for younger kids. Free lunch loads of prizes and giveaways.

**18 May:** Family day event. Celebrating National Families Week with nutrition activities, health checks, promotion,

## Sydney Elders featured in Merv Bishop exhibition

MERVYN Bishop holds a special place in Aboriginal history.

As a fledgling newspaper photographer, he captured one of the most iconic images of our time – that of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam pouring sand through the outstretched hand of Gurindji land rights hero Vincent Lingiari on 19 August 1975.

So Bishop's appreciation for those who've achieved change and justice for the Indigenous community is perhaps more heightened than most, which made him the perfect person to create the latest exhibition at the Australian Museum in Sydney.

Sydney Elders features 21 photographs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders who are living in Sydney on Eora Country and playing an important role as educators and community decision-makers.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello attended the exhibition's launch on Thursday and said Bishop's photos represented the significant contribution of Elders and captured the continuation of traditional culture, protocols and practices in modern, urban Aboriginal communities. "Elders play an integral role in

Aboriginal communities and in the broader community – educating and advising young Aboriginal people as well as creating pathways for future generations," Mr Dominello said.

"As role models, they drive the hopes and expectations of young people in their communities and have a powerful role to play in helping younger generations achieve their full potential.

"I encourage Sydneysiders and visitors alike to take the time to enjoy this fantastic exhibition and learn more about our Aboriginal Elders."

The Australian Museum is located at 6 College Street, Sydney. Opening hours are from 9:30am to 5pm seven days a week. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for concession/child and \$30 for a family ticket (two adults, two children). Free for Australian Aged Pension card holders and children aged under five years.

For more information on Mervyn Bishop, visit www.australianmuseum.net.au/Brewarrina-boy

– Essay by Djon Mundine OAM

● **BELOW:** Exhibition portraits of, from left, Aunty Joyce Ingram, Mick Mundine and Millie Ingram.



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

pressing 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, also addressing 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

## South Australia

**26 April-26 May:** 'Small in Space' art exhibition, showcasing Aboriginal art images of the southern Lake Eyre Basin. Artists include Arabunna photographer Reg Dodd, Marree Aboriginal School students, painter Lyn Hovey and other artists working in the area. Free and all welcome. Held at Yarta Purtli Gallery, 6 Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta. Details: (08) 8641 9175 or email ellenor.day@portaugusta.gov.au

## NT intervention under microscope

THREE experts in Indigenous law reform will discuss the successes and failures of the Northern Territory Intervention at a public lecture at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) on 24 April. Senior researchers with UTS Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning Nicole Watson, Alison Vivian and Craig Longman, will discuss whether the Intervention was justified as a means to protect children, or whether proposed changes would permit further Federal Government intrusion into people's lives. "This public lecture traces the history of the Northern Territory Intervention and

considers its successes and failures," organisers said. "It discusses the latest round of Government consultations with Indigenous communities and questions the degree to which consultation truly took place. "Finally, it explores the implications and costs of the proposed new laws – laws that will disproportionately affect the first Australians." People should gather for the free public lecture at 6pm at University Hall, UTS Science Building 4, at 745 Harris Street Ultimo. To register for the event, contact Robert Button at robert.button@uts.edu.au or call 02 95141734.



A file picture of a rally in Alice Springs against the Northern Territory Intervention.



# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Northern Territory Pre-Prison Officer in Training course graduates, from left, Kelli Cubillo, Allan Dowler, Gregory Kawiri, Tracey Lawson, Tyron Maher and Moses Wigness.

# Correctional services career a step closer



SIX Indigenous Northern Territorians are a major step closer to a career in correctional services after

completing the inaugural Pre-Prison Officer in Training program.

All six undertook the 17-week pre-employment program and are now set to enter the 12-month Prison Officer in Training Program with the NT

Department of Justice.

As part of the course they completed a Certificate II in Community Services, fitness training, cross-cultural and work-readiness training.

The course is part of the NT Indigenous Employment Program, which has provided opportunities to 145 Indigenous career-seekers to enter into a job in the NT Government since its inception in late 2009.

NT Employment Minister Delia Lawrie and Corrections

Minister Gerry McCarthy congratulated the Pre-Prison Officer in Training program graduates.

### Committed

"The Government is committed to providing increased employment opportunities for Indigenous people, and these graduates can take great pride at going forward with the specific skills needed to succeed in a career in corrections," Ms Lawrie said.

"The group shows the opportunities available for Territorians willing to undertake training – four participants left their previous employment to undertake the program and two are mothers returning to the workforce."

Mr McCarthy said training Indigenous corrections officers was integral to the new era in corrections.

"With a large Indigenous prisoner population, it is vital we have staff in Corrections with the

cultural tools to act as mentors and role models to help turn around the lives of offenders," he said.

"NT Correctional Services made the positions available at Darwin and Alice Springs correctional centres with the view of increasing Indigenous employment within the NT public sector, and provided the work placements, work place supervisors and mentors for the on the job component of the program."

## It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email [advertising@koorimail.com](mailto:advertising@koorimail.com) or see our website – [www.koorimail.com](http://www.koorimail.com)

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# Social Emotional Wellbeing Trainer

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service Council (KAMSC) is a well-established regional Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS) founded in 1986. KAMSC provides a wide range of regional services to support member ACCHS across the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia, with business units including Population Health, Social and Emotional Well Being, Remote Area Services, Renal Services, Aboriginal Primary Health Care training & research and Corporate and Financial Services. KAMSC has successfully delivered high-quality, accessible comprehensive primary health care services over its 25 years of operation and has provided innovation and national leadership in areas such as health information management and evidence based best practice in primary health care.

The SEWB Trainer, as a member of the multidisciplinary KAMSC Workforce Support Unit team, provides support for staff throughout KAMSC and its member services; assists with ongoing development and delivery of SEWB programs and training throughout the region; provides awareness & education which contributes to regional understanding of mental well-being needs, trends and strategies to address these; provides limited direct client counselling; and assists in developing and strengthening inter-sectoral linkages and interagency cooperation towards the improvement of Aboriginal social and emotional well being in the Kimberley.

#### The key responsibilities for this position include:

- Deliver Training & Support to SEWB & Mental health workforce
- Provide support to Indigenous workers with other Agencies in the related mental health, BTH & Link Up and Drug & Alcohol field of work
- Assist in the delivery of existing Aboriginal Health Worker training in SEWB including: Introduction to Counselling and Factors Impacting on Mental Health, and the Advanced Diploma in Social and Emotional Well Being
- Establish and maintain linkages, and where appropriate foster collaboration with other agencies and services, and networks, as a representative of the KAMSC Social Emotional Workforce Support Unit and at the request of the Unit Coordinator
- Provide professional support to workers in designated SEWB positions, which are funded by OATSIH

#### The key skills required for this role include:

- Qualified Mental Health professional, eligible to practice in WA
- Formal trainer qualifications
- Current National Police Clearance
- Current Working with Children Check
- Current C class driver's license

We offer a great salary, generous benefits and salary packaging opportunities and we give you 5 weeks leave per year.

For further information regarding this position please contact HR Manager Julia McIntyre on [jmcintyre@kamsc.org.au](mailto:jmcintyre@kamsc.org.au) or 08 9194 3250.

To apply for this job go to: <http://kamsc.currentjobs.com.au> & enter ref code: 879038. Applications close 20 April 2012



## Ballina High School

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### NORTA NORTA TUTORS

Ballina High School has a number of casual temporary positions available for Norta Norta Tutors, starting in Term 2 2012.

The successful applicants will work with Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Please submit a current resume including your relevant qualifications, skills and experience for the positions.

For further information please contact David Krix, Head Teacher, Ballina High School.

Phone: 66862133 Fax: 66864235

Email: [david.krix@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:david.krix@det.nsw.edu.au)

Applications close Tuesday, 4pm, 24th April, 2012

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### Trainee Dental Assistant

12 Month Trainee position

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### SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

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Under the general direction of the Director, Operational Reform, you will work with the faculties and business areas to develop implementation plans that aim to advance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation, engagement, education and research. Your experience in complex project management will see you develop and maintain a detailed project brief, ensure objectives are met and present completion reports to all stakeholders.

This is a fantastic opportunity to utilise your leadership skills and promote cultural competence to enact real change within the University and the broader community.

CLOSING DATE: 22 April 2012



Visit [sydney.edu.au/positions](http://sydney.edu.au/positions) and search by the reference number for more information and to apply



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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.Littlehailes@brebc.com.au](mailto:Helen.Littlehailes@brebc.com.au) and applicants **must** address all the selection criteria in their applications.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications marked Job Application - Confidential to Brewarrina Business Centre, PO Box 232 Brewarrina NSW 2839 or [Carole.Medcalf@brebc.com.au](mailto:Carole.Medcalf@brebc.com.au) by 20 April 2012



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Corrective Services

Adult Community Corrections

## Lead the way forward in Adult Community Corrections in the Kimberley

Want to make a positive difference in the Kimberley through a career in Adult Community Corrections? Work with community members to manage the risk posed by offenders through effective and responsible case management with a focus on reducing re-offending. These positions service Halls Creek but the successful candidates may be able to negotiate living in Broome or Kununurra with regular, structured travel to Halls Creek.



### SENIOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER (SCCO)

P006695

Level 5 - \$75,570 - \$83,520 plus benefits/allowances

In this senior position you will be a role model and mentor for staff as you manage a portfolio of cases that present a greater degree of complexity. Successful candidates will have demonstrated ability to case manage difficult and/or challenging adult offenders and defendants within a criminal justice or similar environment and will bring a range of skills and life experience to empower those who offend and to ensure compliance with the requirements of orders.

### COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER 50D\*

P006285

Level 4 - \$67,933 - \$71,794 plus benefits/allowances

As a Community Corrections Officer you will help keep the community safe by encouraging positive behavioural change in people who have broken the law and ensuring compliance with requirements of orders. Adult Community Corrections offers a supportive environment with on-the-job training and opportunities for further professional development.

\* Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this specific CCO position.

For more information or to apply for this position go to [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) and search using the job title or position number.

For further job-related information please contact (during office hours WST) Cassandra Gilbert on (08) 9158 3800.

Applications close: 16 April 2012 at 4:30pm (WST)

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## Humanitarian and Stabilisation Division

**Executive Level 1 Policy and Program Manager -  
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**APS Level 6 Policy and Program Officer -  
(\$73,275 - \$81,687)**

**(Several Positions)**

The Humanitarian and Stabilisation Division of AusAID is seeking highly motivated and energetic policy and program managers and officers to inform quality aid policy advice and to assist with delivery of global humanitarian and peace building programs. AusAID is looking for people with a demonstrated interest in, and experience in program delivery, with knowledge or interest in delivery of global humanitarian and peace building programs, Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Middle East and Africa an advantage.

**For further details on the positions, please go to  
[www.aid.gov.au/recruit](http://www.aid.gov.au/recruit).**

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**NSW Police Force**  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## Customer Service Representative (Aboriginal targeted position)

**PoliceLink, Operational Communications and Information Command,  
Specialist Operations  
Clerk Grade 1/2  
Permanent Full-Time  
LITHGOW  
NSWPF 12/069**

### Salary Package:

\$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Overtime, shifts, penalties and allowances may also be payable.

### Job Description:

- Customer Service Representatives will be required to answer calls from the emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance, Special Operations and Injury Management Notification) call queues, provide accurate, timely information to police, provide information and advice on a range of police issues as well as perform all activities within PoliceLink guidelines.

### Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with *Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Applicants must obtain an information package between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday by calling (02) 4032 7304.
- Applicants must then undertake an initial call centre simulation test. Suitable applicants will then undertake a telephone screen.
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- Commitment to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day 7 days per week.
- The initial 12 months employment will require successful applicants to mainly work shifts scheduled between Wednesday and Sunday.
- Applicants must be prepared to undertake and successfully complete training in all PoliceLink business streams and Certificate III in Customer Contact.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Effective oral/written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment to and capacity to deliver quality customer service assistance.
- Ability to work independently and part of a team.
- Ability to identify and interpret appropriate sources of information.
- Demonstrated high level keyboard skills and experience in windows applications.

### Information Package:

**Enquiries/Information Pack:** Hayley Gersch on (02) 4032 7304 or [nswpolice@randstad.com.au](mailto:nswpolice@randstad.com.au)

**Applications are to be submitted online at [Jobs.NSW](http://Jobs.NSW)**

**Job.NSW Requisition Number: 00000XEV**

**CLOSING DATE: Sunday 15 April 2012**

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**Ngarrindjeri**  
Regional Authority

## CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

The Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA) was established in 2007 to provide a peak body for the Ngarrindjeri Nation. A new position of Chief Operating Officer has been created to develop and maintain the organisational capacity of the NRA and its subsidiaries, Ngarrindjeri Enterprises Pty Ltd and Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Contracting.

The NRA is seeking a person who understands the policy and governance issues faced by Indigenous communities and organisations, knows the importance of having efficient and flexible systems that back up and support the plans, activities and achievements of the NRA and the Ngarrindjeri Nation, and is capable of delivering high quality services in a manner that is responsive to needs and aspirations.

**Location:** NRA Business Centre, Murray Bridge, SA.

**Package:** \$100,000 salary including 9% super, + fully maintained vehicle.

People interested in this position should download the Position Description from [www.ngarrindjeri.org.au](http://www.ngarrindjeri.org.au)

Applications must address the Selection Criteria provided in the Position Description, and submitted by **cob Friday, 20th April**.

Further information may be obtained from Tom Trevorow, Chair NRA, via email [tom.trevorow@ngarrindjeri.org.au](mailto:tom.trevorow@ngarrindjeri.org.au) or call (0447) 032 448 or (08) 8575 1657.



**NSW Rape Crisis Centre**  
Working Against Sexual Violence

## Aboriginal Women's Network Project Worker

- 2/3 days per week - 15 hours
- Inner West, Sydney Location
- Excellent remuneration - \$43.03p/h

BRC Recruitment is working in conjunction with NSW Rape Crisis Centre to recruit a Project Worker for the Aboriginal Women's Network.

The role is to establish an educational, mentoring and support network of Aboriginal women in NSW who are working, or would like to work, to decrease sexual violence in their communities. The post-holder will invite Aboriginal women to attend 1 of 4 meetings, the first being in the Sydney region.

The network will be a venue for research, development and implementation of sexual assault prevention programs in Aboriginal communities. It will identify and promote opportunities for Network funding and sponsorship.

**Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)**

**To be a female is a genuine requirement for this position under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997**

**Closing Date: 20th April 2012**

To register your interest in this role please forward your resume to [m.moloney@brcrecruitment.com.au](mailto:m.moloney@brcrecruitment.com.au) or call Michelle Moloney at BRC Recruitment on 02 82451400



**ACT**  
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Community Services

**Office for Children Youth and Family Support Youth Services  
Bimberi Youth Justice Centre**

## Health Professional Level 3/ Administrative Services Officer Class 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Engagement Officer

Salary Range: \$75,082 - \$79,222pa (HP3)  
or \$68,515 - \$77,0705pa (AS06)  
PN: P07829

The position is a key senior role within Bimberi Youth Justice Centre, designed to assist engagement of families of young people and to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in the day to day functions of the Centre. The position reports directly to the Senior Manager of the Centre.

### Duties:

- Support and engage families of young people in custody.
- Be a point of contact and communication for services wishing to engage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in custody.
- Provide advice to staff at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre and other services working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young detainees.
- Identify service gaps for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees and their families, and where possible, assist in developing strategies to meet these gaps

**Contact Officer:** Greg Corben (02) 6207 3341  
email: [Greg.corben@act.gov.au](mailto:Greg.corben@act.gov.au)

For further information, please visit [www.jobs.act.gov.au](http://www.jobs.act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 10 April 2012



**Queensland Council of Social Service Inc**  
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**HOMELESSNESS PLANNING & COORDINATION OFFICER  
BRISBANE BASED**

**Salary \$74,300 - \$76,537 + 10% super—Fixed Term for 14 months**

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality.

This important role works with specialist homelessness and related services, communities and governments to develop, implement and monitor locally owned, outcomes driven homelessness community action plans that aim to improve pathways and outcomes and end homelessness in Brisbane.

More details and position description available at [www.qcoss.org.au](http://www.qcoss.org.au)

Further information contact Ana Barassi on 07 3004 6900

**Closing Date:** COB Tuesday 10 April 2012

**Gowrie**  
South Australia

## Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator

Gowrie SA is an integrated Child Centre and Kindergarten located on Kurna Land, in Thebarton. We offer educational programs for children aged birth to five. We also offer grant funded parenting programs and initiatives.

We are seeking an Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator for 8 hours per week (with the potential for additional hours) to be employed under the Community Services Worker award, for 1 to 2 years negotiable.

The successful applicant will work with a co-facilitator to provide a weekly playgroup on Monday and Tuesday mornings. This playgroup is funded through Communities for Children - Direct Service FaHCSIA funding and aims to provide a playgroup for our local community and in particular for Aboriginal children and their families.

The successful applicant will need experience in working with Aboriginal families. It is expected that they will have sound communication skills and experience in supporting Aboriginal families and their children, under five years of age.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Please see [www.gowriesa.org.au](http://www.gowriesa.org.au) for a job description.

**Applications with two current referees close 11th April 2012.**

**Send to:** Communities for Children - Direct Service Project Manager, Gowrie SA, PO Box 408, Hindmarsh, SA 5007.

**Phone inquiries:** Mary Scales on (08) 8352 5144.

## THE TENANTS UNION OF NSW

### Aboriginal Legal Officer

**Permanent Full-time (35 hours)**

*This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position.*

The Tenants Union of NSW is a community legal centre with a distinguished record protecting and advancing tenants rights. Our solicitors are leading advisors in tenancy law, working with other practitioners and community advocates across New South Wales to ensure access to justice for tenants generally, and disadvantaged groups in particular. They also act in significant public interest and test cases, resulting in reported decisions that make a difference for tenants.

The work of the Aboriginal Legal Officer is focussed on assistance to a network of Aboriginal tenancy services. Duties include advice, litigation, research, policy development and the delivery of training to Aboriginal tenants and advocates. The practice concentrates on contract and land law; it also acts in consumer, anti-discrimination, administrative, environment, credit and debt matters

Salary range \$56 223 to \$66 817 per annum, plus super, salary packaging and generous conditions. For a job description, selection criteria and background information please contact Patrycja Arvidsson on 02 8117 3700 or visit [www.tenantsunion.org.au](http://www.tenantsunion.org.au). We invite applications addressing the selection criteria from graduate and experienced lawyers.

The Tenants Union of NSW considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

**Applications close Wednesday 18 April 2012.**



Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc has the following position available:

## EARLY INTERVENTION CHILDREN'S WORKER

**35 hours per week**

The successful applicant will initially be offered a 6 month contract, which will be ongoing, subject to successful probation and review period. Salary as per the Social and Community Services (NSW) Award, Grade 4 (Award code 783) subject to changes that will be negotiated with the successful applicant. Remuneration package includes salary, leave, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

**NOTE:** *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*

The position is funded through Family and Community Services NSW under the aims of the Western Sydney Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy to assist Aboriginal families who need extra support with children aged 0-5.

The position will be based at the Merana office, which is located 96 Windsor Street, Richmond.

**INQUIRIES:** Stacy-Jane Etal (02) 4588 5144 or [dsw\\_merana@bigpond.com](mailto:dsw_merana@bigpond.com) for an information package by email or post.

**Applications marked 'Confidential' to:**  
Merana Management

Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc  
96 Windsor Street RICHMOND NSW 2753

**Closing Date:** Friday 20th April 2012





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 Re-advertised

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, Power-point 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 Mr Darryl Wright, CEO, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, 187 Riverside Drive, Airds, 2560.

Phone: (02) 4628 4837 or Fax: (02) 4626 7522 or Email: darryl.wright@tacams.com.au

**Closing Date: 18th April 2012 at COB.**

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### Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is an accredited Aboriginal Medical Service in Campbelltown, New South Wales. We are seeking to recruit a Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) to manage and supervise the Early Childhood Teaching Program (Waranwarin).

The Professional Early Childhood Teacher will be responsible for implementing high-quality, developmentally and culturally appropriate programs for 0-5yrs. He/She will create joy in a children's life by teaching through play and hands-on activities while implementing School's curriculum, which helps foster children's cultural, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. Professional Early Childhood Teacher will build strong relationships with children, parents, and colleagues while also enjoying the many unique aspects of teaching in an Aboriginal specific centre. He/She will ensure compliance with the Philosophies and procedures of Waranwarin ECFC and work as part of a winning team.

### Waranwarin Early Childhood and Family Centre - Early Childhood Teacher (ECT)

To apply for this position the applicant must demonstrate that he/she has the following experience, skills and qualifications.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience as an Early Childhood Teacher including curriculum development (0-5yrs).
- Diploma / Degree in Teaching Early Childhood or equivalent.
- Knowledge and experience of the Early Childhood Quality Teaching Framework including planning, implementing and evaluating.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Knowledge and experience with Aboriginal children, families and the local community.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Excel, Power-point and Data-base.
- Engage and communicate with individual Aboriginal children and families.
- Respect for and understanding of Aboriginal Identity
- Ability to work unsupervised.
- High level of communication skills including, ICT, oral and report writing.
- Knowledge and understanding of OH&S, EEO and ethical work practices.
- Knowledge and understanding of government regulations pertaining to children's services.
- Acceptance from Working with Children Check.

#### Desirable Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- First Aid Certificate or willingness to gain.
- Current Driver's Licence or willingness to gain.

All enquiries and expressions of interest are to be directed to Tracey Skinner at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, 187 Riverside Drive, Airds, 2560.

**Contact:** (02) 4628 4837 or Fax: (02) 4626 7522 or Email: tracey.skinner@tacams.com.au

**Applications Close: Tuesday 18th April 2012 - COB**

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## Careers @ Justice

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### SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER

### Konnect, Reintegration Programs Branch, Offender Management Division, Corrections Victoria

- **VPS 5 - \$76,424 - \$92,467 plus superannuation (pro-rata to 0.5)**
- **Fixed Term, Part Time until 11 February 2013**

The Senior Program Officer will be responsible for the development and delivery of transitional and housing programs for Indigenous prisoners and offenders exiting prison in Victoria. This role will be crucial in identifying and responding to emerging issues, building and implementing reintegration programs in line with Corrections Victoria.

An initiative of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase2, Konnect is an Indigenous specific post release support program assisting Koori men and women return to the community after a period of imprisonment. Konnect is delivered by a non-government organization and participation in the program occurs on a voluntary basis.

In the delivery of Konnect, the Senior Project Officer will manage the program and all grants management processes. The occupant of the position will contribute to the cultural competencies of case workers, building relationships and identifying and supporting appropriate transitional referral pathways.

The Senior Project Officer will be a part of a small head office team, the Reintegration Programs Branch, and play an active part in helping to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal people within the Victorian Corrections system.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience in working with the Koori community and relevant government and community agencies to identify and contribute to Corrections Victoria's responsibilities in respect of Indigenous prisoners and offenders and their reintegration back into community.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. The successful applicant is required to have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding and demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Victorian Koori community.

Enquiries about this position should be directed to Richard Jones, Senior Recruitment Adviser on (03) 8684 8342.

**For a copy of the Position Description and Application Form, please visit**

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

**and enter CV0082 in the job reference field.**

**Closing date for applications is 22 April 2012**

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## David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research.

### More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative Project.

- > People of Aboriginal Australian and Torres Strait Islander cultural and linguistic backgrounds are encouraged to apply
- > Adelaide CBD

As one of South Australia's largest employers, the University of South Australia offers a stimulating and dynamic environment with access to award winning flexible work conditions.

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The *More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative Project (MATSITI)* is an initiative to develop national strategies to increase the number and retention rates of Indigenous teachers employed in schools. The project will be built on the most current qualitative and quantitative research available as the basis for developing lasting and effective strategies to meet these objectives.

#### Project Manager: MATSITI

- > An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate

In this key role, you will represent MATSITI in high level negotiations across Australia with government, universities and other educational organisations and ensure effective and timely communication between the project's Director, reference group and project team.

Your exceptional ability to build strong partnerships with appropriate State and Commonwealth agencies, industry organisations and professional associations to identify trends and explore innovative opportunities will be well regarded.

As the project manager, your high level, strategic analytical and research skills gained from experience in a relevant complex work environment are critical to the project's success.

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For further information, please contact the Dean: Indigenous Scholarship, Engagement and Research, Professor Peter Buckskin on **(08) 8302 9148** or email: [peter.buckskin@unisa.edu.au](mailto:peter.buckskin@unisa.edu.au)

**Applications close: 9.00am Monday 16 April 2012**

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## TEACHER (Aboriginal) Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy

Wellington Correctional Centre  
Permanent Full-Time

**Vacancy Number: 00000X29.** Total remuneration package valued at \$91,298 pa, including salary of \$73,802 pa to \$82,735 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**Primary Purpose of the Position:** Responsible for delivering accredited Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy programs to offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these programs.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent and Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40110 or TAA40104 or BSZ40198) or completion of TAE40110 within 12 months of appointment. A Degree or Diploma that includes subjects in Literacy and/or Literacy and Numeracy. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to provide flexible course delivery to meet learner and institutional need. Proven ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching. Ability to work within a case management team under a Throughcare strategy. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

**Job Notes:** In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning areas will meet the Education and teaching subject(s) qualification criteria. Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online and attach their resumé including details of qualifications as a Word document. Copies of qualifications and academic transcripts must also be attached to their online application and originals be presented at interview. Overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. Applicants must provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary, full-time and part-time positions.

**Inquiries:** [Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au)  
(02) 6840 2919

**CLOSING DATE: 22/04/2012**

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The *Parenting Research Centre* is seeking experienced **Senior Research Officer/s (Practice Coaches)** to support the implementation of the Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS) program in NT or Melbourne. The aim of the roles is to **improve staff performance to achieve child & family outcomes** as specified by the practice & service framework being implemented on IFSS. Enjoy an **attractive remuneration \$73,987 - \$84,225 + super, career development & the flexibility to work PT or FT!**

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## VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY



VACCA is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

The Aboriginal Therapeutic Residential Care Program is based on theories of trauma and attachment as well as recognising the ongoing intergenerational trauma, racism and other forms of cultural abuse that Aboriginal children and their families have suffered. The program aims to provide therapeutic care for Aboriginal children & young people.

We are seeking staff for the following position:

### Therapeutic Residential Care Team Leader

**Salary range:** (\$55,000 - \$58,000 per year)

This position is based at East Brunswick, Victoria.

**Key program functions include:**

- To provide therapeutic care & support to Aboriginal children, young people and families,
- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society and the ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal people in the context of child & family welfare.
- A proven ability to advocate on behalf of children and young people & work effectively with DHS Child Protection.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Frank Palamores on (03) 8388 1855 or by email: [frankp@vacca.org](mailto:frankp@vacca.org)

**Applications close: Friday, April 13th 2012**



## See Beyond the offence

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## ABORIGINAL DUTY OFFICER - FOSTER CARE

### Salary Package \$58,829

(Inclusive of \$50,000 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal OOH service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

**Want to work in a supportive team environment where every day is different?**

**Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children of all ages who are in need of support?**

Working at KARI as the Out of Home Care Duty Officer will give you the abovementioned opportunities. The Duty Officer is responsible for ensuring that the needs of children and young people are met and to assist the team of OOH caseworkers with their case management responsibilities.

*If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.*

**For more information on the Duty Officer position, or to apply, please contact Kristie-Lea Curry on (02) 8782 0300.**

## ABORIGINAL CULTURAL LIAISON OFFICER

### Salary Package \$58,829

(Inclusive of \$50,000 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal Out of Home Care (OOHC) service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

**Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children of all ages who are in need of support?**

The Cultural Liaison Officer is an integral member of the OOH team. As an active member of the Aboriginal community this worker will provide the OOH team with support in the following Aboriginal Placement Principles, locating possible kinship placements for children and young people as well as assisting to identify other cultural opportunities that may provide the child, young person and family with a strong cultural heritage.

*If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need. This is an identified position.*

**For more information on the Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer position or to apply, please contact Nicole Alexander on (02) 8782 0300 or [nicole.alexander@kari.org.au](mailto:nicole.alexander@kari.org.au)**

## CASEWORKER - FOSTER CARE

### Salary Package \$65,490

(Inclusive of \$55,000 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal OOH service in NSW. We currently have two positions vacant within our Out of Home Care Program due to our impending service growth. The main role of the OOH caseworker is to provide quality case management for children in young people in care and to provide ongoing support to the foster carers that care for them.

**Would you like to work in a supportive team that enjoys many ongoing learning opportunities and works in an environment where every day is different?**

**Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children of all ages who are in need of support?**

Working at KARI as a Caseworker gives you the abovementioned opportunities.

*If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.*

**For more information on the Caseworker position, or to apply, please contact Kristie-Lea Curry on (02) 8782 0300.**

## FOSTER CARER ASSESSMENT OFFICER

### Salary Package \$65,490

(Inclusive of \$55,000 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal OOH service in NSW. We currently have a position vacant within our Out of Home Care Program to accommodate our impending service growth.

**Want the chance to make a difference for Indigenous children and young people looking to find that perfect carer?**

**Have the motivation needed to actively engage the Community?**

We here at KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated are looking at strengthening our Out of Home Care division and are looking for people interested in applying for our Foster Carer Assessment Officer position. The Assessment Officer will assess, strategise and network with potential foster carer candidates in the aim of increasing our carer pool to accommodate the services growth capacity.

The role is varied and requires the successful candidate to have a range of skills including high level communication and interpersonal skills, proficient report writing ability, good time management skills and the ability to work both independently and within a team as required.

**If you think you have the skills we are looking for and you'd like to find out more about the position, please contact Jeanette Taylor on 8782 0300 or email: [jeanette.taylor@kari.org.au](mailto:jeanette.taylor@kari.org.au)**



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## COUNSELLOR/GROUP WORKER (MALE) & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER

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#### Indigenous Community Outreach Worker

The role will include establishing new and effective culturally appropriate pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

The successful applicant will be of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, have qualifications in community development, community work or other relevant fields, and have a demonstrated understanding of the social issues affecting Aboriginal people and communities.

### HOW TO APPLY

To find out more about this position and the benefits of a career with BCS visit [www.bcs.org.au/careers](http://www.bcs.org.au/careers) or contact Di Coleman on 4624 8700 or [DColeman@bcs.org.au](mailto:DColeman@bcs.org.au)

An applicant's gender, and if they are an Indigenous Australian, is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW.

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## Administration Officer

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GRADS is a 12 month professional development program that provides you with:

- valuable skills and knowledge about working in government
- support through Aboriginal staff networks
- the basis for a successful career in the VPS.

For further information regarding the 2013 graduate program, visit [www.graduates.vic.gov.au](http://www.graduates.vic.gov.au) or contact Lynne Witynski on (03) 9651 2618 or via email at [lynne.witynski@ssa.vic.gov.au](mailto:lynne.witynski@ssa.vic.gov.au)

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Please obtain information about the position by emailing the consultant assisting Red Cross, Kathy McLean, of Fish & Nankivell, at [kathy@fnw.com.au](mailto:kathy@fnw.com.au) Applications will close on 23 April 2012.



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Please contact Nicole Rootsey by Tuesday 10 April 2012 to book a session time

P: (02) 8296 8000 | E: [nicole.rootsey@voyages.com.au](mailto:nicole.rootsey@voyages.com.au)

**Date** THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2012  
**Where** National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE)  
180 George Street  
Redfern NSW 2016  
**Session Times** 10.00am, 2.00pm or 4.00pm



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## Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisor

Department of Culture and the Arts

Position No: 13127

Level/Salary: Level 7 - \$98,875 - \$105,974 pa, PSGOGA 2011

Term: Full Time, Fixed Term for 12mths with possible extension and/or permanency

The Western Australian Museum is a dynamic organisation that inspires people to explore, share and experience the diversity and creativity of our world.

It comprises of six public sites and a collection and research centre with over 4.5 million objects ranging from rare fossils to the iconic racing yacht Australia II.

As a Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisor you will provide high level strategic advice to the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Management Team, on policy and strategy development and implementation, as well as protocols that will ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are central to ownership, governance and program development.

The Western Australian Museum recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of Australia. It acknowledges the primary rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their cultural heritage and will work collaboratively to advance understanding between all peoples.

Visit: [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No 13127 to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9258 0650 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Job Related Information: Please contact Robin Ho on (08) 9212 3786.

Closing Date: Monday, 16 April 2012 at 4pm (WST)

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Court Services, Local Courts

## Client Service Officer (Targeted Aboriginal)

AG12/265

Clerk Grade 1-2

Gunnedah Magistrate's Circuit, Permanent Part Time 12 days per month (21hpw)

Salary range: \$32,044 - \$34,836

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$38,442

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. In Local Courts, position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems;
- Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment with a Strong commitment to client service;
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

### 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:

- is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

This is a permanent part time position working 12 days per month (21hpw) at Gunnedah on the Magistrate's Circuit (the position holder is required to travel as court sits on circuit at locations in the Gunnedah Area).

Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Applications must be lodged electronically online via <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>

Inquiries: Russell Swanson (02) 6742 3000 [russell.swanson@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:russell.swanson@agd.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 13 April 2012

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## Cultural Heritage Project Officer - Two positions

- Halls Gap and Tidal River
- Full time 12 month contract
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The Cultural Heritage Project Officers are to work with Parks Victoria staff, members of local Traditional Owner communities, contractors and casual positions to facilitate the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in both the Grampians National Park and Wilsons Promontory National Park.

The role requires:

- Ability to build partnerships and manage a wide diversity of both internal and external stakeholders and represent the organisation to stakeholders and other interest groups.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills and highly developed engagement and negotiation skills in a complex and highly sensitive community atmosphere.
- Experience in cultural site management including a sound understanding of relevant legislation, such as Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, National Park Act 1976 and Heritage Act 1995.
- Experience in the assessment and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and artefacts.
- Skills and experience in leading, supervising and facilitating projects and work teams related to Aboriginal Cultural Values Management.
- A current driver's licence is essential.

To obtain a copy of the position descriptions, go to [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au). For further information please contact Andrew Roach (Halls Gap) or Brett Mitchell (Wilson's Promontory National Park) or Wendy Berick by calling **13 1963**.

Due to the nature of Aboriginal culture and the duties of this position, only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can successfully fill this role. Aboriginal women are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply, e-mail your application to [applications@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:applications@parks.vic.gov.au). Please include a response to selection criteria of the Position Description, a current resume (including two referees), completed Aboriginality Form and a covering letter.

Applications close Friday 27 April 2012.

These positions are identified positions for which Parks Victoria has Equal Opportunity Board exemption to advertise for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only.

Application No: A126 / 2010. Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer, with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.

More information  
Phone 13 1963  
[www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)



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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](mailto: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](mailto:tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

Applications close on: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012

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## BULLINAH ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE (BAHS) BALLINA

BAHS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services to the Aboriginal Communities in the Ballina and surrounding regions.

BAHS has recently been funded to deliver a new Regional Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle Workforce Program across the NSW Northern Rivers Region.

We are seeking suitably qualified people to fill the following four positions within this program:

- 1 x Regional Tobacco Coordinator**
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For the Selection Documentation and more information on the Program please contact the CEO on 0266815644 or via email to: [ceo@bullinahahs.org.au](mailto:ceo@bullinahahs.org.au)

Written applications containing your Résumé, Statement addressing the Selection Criteria and Referees should be sent to:

CEO (*Marked Confidential*)  
Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS)  
120 Tamar Street  
BALLINA NSW 2478

Applications Close cob Friday 20th April 2012.



## Aboriginal Event Coordinator

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The Aboriginal Event Coordinator's primary role will be to assist with the successful delivery of cultural events including the Saltwater Freshwater Festival on Australia Day.

We are looking for a person with experience in event management and sound knowledge of the production, administration and technical processes of events. Ideally, the successful applicant will be a hard worker and a great fit with our values, workplace culture and cohesive small team.

The position is full time for a period of 12 months with the possibility of extension. The base salary is \$44,928.00.

If you have a strong desire for a career in the arts and event industry, please contact the SWFW office on 02 6658 1315 for a position description and further information on how to apply.

**Closing Date for Applications: April 27, 2012**

[www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au](http://www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au)



## MELBOURNE HEALTH

### Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO)

The Royal Melbourne Hospital  
City & Royal Park Campus  
Part time fixed term

Classification - Community Development Worker, HSUA3  
Equal opportunity exemptions apply A64/2008

The above mentioned position exists at Melbourne Health in order to continue to provide culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients & their families.

In this role you will work closely with staff and agencies on strategies to improve access and effectiveness of hospital services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community including direct service, service development and education.

In this role you will establish and maintain positive relationships with the Community, Melbourne Health staff, other service providers and government departments to strengthen the Aboriginal Program at Melbourne Health.

You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, accepted by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Community and have demonstrated capability to provide cultural liaison, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, their families & hospital staff to better provide appropriate health care to this group. You will have a tertiary qualification in Aboriginal Health or equivalent workplace experience.

Reporting to the Manager of Social Work & Cultural Diversity, you will be supported by the Allied Health Director, the Cultural Diversity Coordinator & an internal working group and will play a key role in implementing the Melbourne Health Reconciliation Action Plan

**Enquiries:** Georgina Hanna Ph: 0438 836 424

**Applications Close:** 06/04/2012

**View position description and submit your application ONLINE:**

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**Applicants may be required to undergo a national police records check**

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The successful candidates will possess a high level experience working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and community engagement, including a specific knowledge of the communities within the geographic scope.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

[redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)

For enquiries, please contact Michelle Deshong on (07) 4759 6159.

Applications close 5pm Tuesday 10 April.



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### Industry Projects / Community Services

Position Number: 29837

Salary: \$49,616 – \$79,500 (Pro-Rata)

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Prahran and Croydon campus

The School of Health and Community is seeking Commercial Educators to take charge of developing and delivering flexible educational training for community services industry projects. You will have the opportunity to teach in; family violence, social housing, client assessment, case management and/or casework.

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**Want to develop the community sector workforce?**

### Senior Project Manager L&D

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- Full-time appointment (35 hrs pw) – part time may be considered
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- Central Sydney metro location (Haymarket)

If you are an experienced manager or project manager who takes pride in the quality of your work and you have great relationship building / client services skills we'd love to hear from you!

Find out more and download the application pack (job description and application guidelines) at [www.acwa.asn.au/Work\\_for\\_ACWA11](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Work_for_ACWA11)

If you have further questions after reading the application pack, please contact Gabi Rosenstreich, Director L&D, at 02 9281 8822 or email [gabi@acwa.asn.au](mailto:gabi@acwa.asn.au)

**Applications close Tuesday 10th April 2012**  
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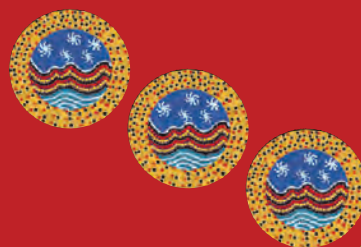
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## Project Officer

Nursing & Midwifery Office - East Perth

Web Search No: 00001560

Level/Salary: PSGOGA Level 5 \$72,663 - \$80,308 p.a.

The duties of this position are:

- To develop, negotiate and evaluate health career pathways for Aboriginal nurses and midwives.
- Possess an ability to develop local cultural partnerships to advise education service providers.
- Demonstrated understanding of needs of Aboriginal communities.
- To support educational opportunities where the cultural rights, views, values and expectations of Aboriginal people;
- Develop practices to ensure cultural respect is maintained.

**To Access Detailed Information:** jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 08 6444 5815 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Michelle Dillon on 08 9222 0288.

**Location:** East Perth

**Closing Date:** Wednesday, 18 April 2012 at 4.00pm.

*Relationships Australia*  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## Aboriginal Family Advisor Sydney City Family Relationship Centre

Part time/Full time

This is an exciting new opportunity for an Aboriginal worker to join Relationships Australia's Sydney City Family Relationship Centre in the role of Aboriginal Family Advisor. This position can either be part time or full time and this will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Sydney City FRC works with families to support family relationships and assist families in conflict.

**This new Family Advisor position will:**

- Provide intake assessments and case management
- Assist the Centre develop culturally appropriate practices
- Assist the Centre to connect with local Aboriginal communities

This new position will initially be offered under a 12 month contract to be reviewed at the end of the first year. Sydney City FRC is committed to long term work with the Aboriginal community.

*Please note this is an Aboriginal Identified Position: In accordance with Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification.*

**Please obtain an information pack for the position from the Relationships Australia (NSW) website at [www.nsw.relationships.com.au](http://www.nsw.relationships.com.au) or contact Lee at [employment@ransw.org.au](mailto:employment@ransw.org.au)**

Details of how to apply for this position is available in the information pack.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 30 APRIL 2012**



**Premier  
& Cabinet**

Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Office of the Director General  
**Cadet – Office Administration**  
Clerk Grade 1/2  
Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months  
Sydney CBD  
Reference No: 00000X30

Total remuneration package valued up to \$64,069 per annum (includes salary \$53,407 - \$58,060, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

This position will provide timely and effective administrative support to the Office of the Director General to facilitate the efficient delivery of day to day operations and services. This position is offered under the NSW JumpSTART Cadetship Program and is targeted to people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

You are eligible to apply for this cadetship if you:

- are under 25 years at the time of application
- are an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Have an HSC or vocational qualification at the Certificate IV level or above

**Selection Criteria: (Applicants are required to address each criteria in their application)**

- Ability to deliver a range of administrative services on time and to a high standard.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to deal confidently and courteously with people at all levels of responsibility and work well in a team.
- Demonstrated organisational skills and the ability to prioritise competing tasks and maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to use a range of software packages including word processing, databases, spreadsheets and email.
- HSC or vocational qualification at Certificate IV or above.
- Aboriginality.

**Enquiries:** Sandy Armstrong (02) 9228 3534 or [sandy.armstrong@dpc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandy.armstrong@dpc.nsw.gov.au)

**How to apply:** For more information, including the job description and information on the JumpSTART cadetship program, and to apply, please see <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au> and search for Job Reference No. 00000X30.

**Closing Date:** 15 April 2012

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## Careers with Queensland Health

### Advanced Health Worker

Adult Case Management Team, Community Mental Health Services, Division of Mental Health and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Mackay, Mackay Health Service District.

Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months)

**Duties/Abilities:** Deliver a range of quality, culturally appropriate mental health support services, including clinical support, mental health promotion and education, primarily to Indigenous clients. Provide staff with specialist information and training relating to Indigenous issues in Mental Health service provision. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

**Enquiries:** Mark Scanlon (07) 4968 3893.

**Job Ad Reference:** H12MK0361.

**Application Kit:** (07) 4965 9468 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Wednesday, 11 April 2012.

**You can apply online at [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)**

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

## Community Health Promotion Officer (Aboriginal Hepatitis C & NSP)

ACON is seeking enthusiastic and creative people to work as an Aboriginal Outreach Health Promotion Officer within the Hunter Region. The positions will work with Aboriginal communities, in particular Aboriginal people who inject drugs, community stakeholders and other service providers to actively support Needle and Syringe Program outlets and maximise referral pathways for Hepatitis C services.

The positions will involve the delivery of outreach services, projects, education, and liaison with relevant groups and community services. The focus will be to provide sterile injecting equipment and information and education regarding the prevention and transmission of blood borne infections (Hepatitis C).

Two (2) part time positions are available (14 hours/week) for a twelve (12) month contract period and include comprehensive employer learning and development opportunities as part of the role.

Aboriginality is a requirement of this position.

Applications for this position close 5pm Monday 23 April 2012.

For all the details, download a job pack from the ACON website ([www.acon.org.au/jobs](http://www.acon.org.au/jobs)) or contact us on (02) 9206 2000. All applications must include a completed application form (from job pack), a document addressing the Selection Criteria (from job pack) and a copy of your resumé.

ACON is an EEO employer and encourages people with HIV, in particular, to apply.

\*GLBT = gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender

[www.acon.org.au](http://www.acon.org.au)

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*The Southern General Practice Network is a federally funded not for profit organisation supporting GPs and their practice staff in the delivery of high quality primary health services.*

## Healthy for Life Nurse Eurobodalla

SGPN manages the successful 'Healthy for Life' Aboriginal health program, which aims to improve child and maternal health and chronic disease screening in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities along the coast from Batemans Bay to Eden.

The Healthy for Life team of nurses and Aboriginal health workers supports Aboriginal clients to access their doctor of choice and works with the region's general practices to undertake child and adult health checks, as well as assist with management of chronic disease through GP Management Plans and Team Care Arrangements. The successful applicant, who will be based with the Moruya team, will also work at Healthy for Life's diabetes and early childhood clinics. You will be working in an established, supportive team that is well respected in the Aboriginal communities and among the region's health professionals.

Applications addressing the selection criteria close **Friday 13 April 2012**. Download the relevant information pack under the Careers link on our website [sgpn.com.au](http://sgpn.com.au) or call SGPN on 02 4475 0800.

This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will be considered in this round of applications and need not reapply.



## Looking for a career you can really sink your teeth into?

Dental assisting traineeships are now on offer – no previous experience required!

**Applications are now open for the 28 May 2012 intake!**

Dental Health Services Victoria, the state's leading public dental agency, is offering the opportunity to start full-time dental assisting traineeships.

The traineeship provides on-the-job and off-the-job training over an 18 month period. Once you successfully complete the traineeship, you'll receive a Certificate III in Dental Assisting, and be ready to start your career as a qualified dental assistant.

This program is based primarily at The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne (RDHM) in Carlton. You'll be near the CBD and public transport and only minutes walk from Lygon Street with its shops and bustling cafés - what could be better?

During the traineeship, you'll complete 4 x 1 week study blocks at RMIT and will rotate through different general and specialist areas at The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne. You'll also have the opportunity to work in community dental clinics, all in a supportive learning environment.

**If you are:**

- eager to learn and enjoy working as part of a team
- able to use your initiative
- organised, flexible and good at managing your time, and
- interested in health care work,

**then we want to hear from you!**

If you have any questions regarding this program, please email Suzie Georgievski - [suzie.georgievski@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:suzie.georgievski@dhs.vic.gov.au)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. If you require support in applying for this role please contact Jacqueline Watkins, Aboriginal Community Development Worker on 03 9341 1313 or email [jacqueline.watkins@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:jacqueline.watkins@dhs.vic.gov.au)

**Interested? Apply online at [www.dentaljobs.org.au](http://www.dentaljobs.org.au)**



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (ATSICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

## Registered Nurse

Based at our Northgate clinic and reporting to the Practice Manager, this role will be required to deliver holistic and culturally safe primary health care to clients of the service. ATSICHS strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses to apply for this role.

**The successful applicant will be required to undertake the following duties:**

- Work as a part of a multi-disciplinary team including GP's, Aboriginal Health Workers and Allied Health staff;
- Wide range of clinical duties including immunisations, blood collection, wound dressings, patient screenings etc;
- Provide education, advice and counselling on an ad hoc basis;
- Facilitate and follow up referrals;
- Maintain and provide data/reports.

**To be successful in this role you will require:**

- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and culture particularly in regards to issues impacting on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today;
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- Registration with AHPRA as a Registered Nurse and a current drivers licence;
- Previous experience working in a Primary health setting, particularly in Indigenous health, will be highly regarded.

To apply please forward an application including a current CV to [jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au](mailto:jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au) **by no later than the 13 April 2012**.

Alternatively you can contact Cameron Johnson, HR Manager on (07) 3240 8904 for a confidential discussion.



## EXPERIENCED RADIO PRESENTER

4K1G FM 107.1 – “*Too Deadly*” is looking for a creative, flexible, energetic and organized presenter to be a part of our team. The successful applicant will have broadcasting and production experience, developed communications skills, and be interested in indigenous current affairs and music.

4K1G is a vibrant indigenous community radio station located in Townsville city, broadcasting to Townsville and region, and by satellite to remote communities around North Queensland, some programs are delivered nationwide via the National Indigenous Radio Service satellite. 4K1G is operated by the Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Media Association Ltd.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

Applicants wishing to apply should email [admin@4k1g.org](mailto:admin@4k1g.org) for the Selection Criteria.

**APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS SELECTION CRITERIA WHEN SUBMITTING RESUME**

You can contact Jessica Langford on (07) 4772 5466 during office hours for any additional information.

All Applications are to be received by:

**COB Friday 13th April, 2012**

and should be addressed to:

Station Manager  
Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Media Association Ltd.  
PO Box 5483 Townsville Qld 4810



# Koori Social and Emotional Wellbeing Officer

- Permanent, Full Time or Part Time 0.6
- Community Development Team
- Integrated Mental Health (IMHP)

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Melbourne is one of the world's great children's hospitals. We are the major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria and our care extends to children from Tasmania, southern New South Wales and other states around Australia and overseas.

With a passionate, highly skilled and committed staff of close to 4,000, we provide a full range of clinical services, tertiary care and health promotion and prevention programs for children and young people.

An exciting opportunity exists for a Koori Social and Emotional Wellbeing Officer to be part of the Community Development Team for the Integrated Mental Health Program.

This is a community development position that aims to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of Koori clients of the Mental Health Service through working in partnership both with the clinical teams and the Koori community.

Key tasks include, facilitating Koori client access to the service, training of staff and facilitating outreach activities.

## Qualifications and experience:

- Tertiary qualifications in health, welfare or community sector highly preferred
- Demonstrated working experience in the local Aboriginal community
- Experience in the health /welfare sector
- High level written and oral communication skills
- Ability to build relationships
- Well developed report writing skills

This position is based at the Travancore campus in Flemington but travel between the different sites is part of the role.

The RCH has attractive staff benefits along with support services such as salary packaging on offer.

Closing date Wednesday 11 April 2012.

Applications to [www.rch.org.au/careers](http://www.rch.org.au/careers)



## Temporary Community Safety Project Officer

Part time (21 hours per week)  
Fixed term contract until December 2012

Council's Social Planning sector is seeking a highly committed and enthusiastic team member to take on the role of Temporary Community Safety Project Officer.

This temporary part-time position is based on 21 hours per week with flexible working arrangements where the successful candidate can work a number of short days or 3 long days.

Aboriginality is desirable as much of your role will be engaging with Aboriginal Community members and community members from local social housing estates.

As a motivated self starter, you will have experience in community consultation, running focus groups and working with community members to identify opportunities for community action to increase community safety and decrease isolation and crime.

To be successful you will possess a passion to see community safety enhanced, a positive can do' attitude and excellent oral and written communication skills.

Interviews for this position will be held in the week commencing Monday, 16 April 2012.

**Remuneration:** Min \$633.99 gpw + super

**Enquiries:** Lisa Saffery -02 6926 9320

**Closing Date:** Wednesday, 11 April 2012

**Applications must be made via Council's online application system.  
Hard copy applications will not be accepted.**

**Applicants must address the selection criteria contained within the relevant position description available on our website.**



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#### Collaborative Research Networks – Mt Helen or Horsham Campus

Full-time, fixed-term appointment for 3 years.

Part-time options will be considered.

The University of Ballarat is a research active institution that focuses its research in those areas that both serve and benefit the region. In conjunction with the Collaborative Research Networks (CRN) program, the University is on a quest to increase its comparative performance and capability in strategic research areas.

You are invited to be part of these research endeavours and team of dynamic researchers. As a researcher at the University, you will be offered the opportunity to expand your research horizons and recognised for your success and contributions.

You will undertake research in Indigenous knowledge systems; Indigenous education; Indigenous history and/or addressing issues of disadvantage in rural and regional Indigenous communities. You may also undertake a research project in the Self-Sustaining Regions Research and Innovation Initiative of the CRN program.

This position requires travel to other campuses and locations to support collaboration with researchers and/or partner organisations.

For information of the CRN, please visit: <http://crnballarat.com/>

The full-time salary is within the Academic Level A6 – A8 range \$66,907 to \$71,820 p.a. or Academic Level B range \$75,604 to \$89,776 p.a. plus 17% superannuation.

*In accordance with its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, the University has designated this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Position. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.*

**Applications close:** Sunday, 22 April 2012.

**For further information and to apply online, please visit our website at <http://careers.ballarat.edu.au> or telephone (03) 5327 9870.**

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## Brighter Futures Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

**Full Time Temporary Position until 26 April 2013 located in Dubbo**

Brighter Futures is a voluntary, targeted program designed for families encountering challenges that impact on their ability to care for children. We seek to promote healthy child development and improve family resilience through the provision of support and services. The Caseworker is responsible for working with families to provide and/or coordinate all the services and supports provided to them under Brighter Futures.

### Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social sciences or Early Childhood with relevant life and/or work experience with children and families.
- Demonstrated ability to engage families from diverse backgrounds and cultures, including Aboriginal families, and work in partnership with them to achieve their goals and address child safety concerns.

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Apply online at our website or for more information please call Jamila Bones on (02) 6885 2353. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 09 APRIL 2012

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## Aboriginal Liaison & Access Worker

### Caulfield Community Health Service

Part time, 40 hours per fortnight

As the Aboriginal Liaison & Access Worker you will be responsible for providing support and enhancing the health outcomes for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You will have an understanding and awareness of the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and knowledge of the community health sector.

Applicants are required to be of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background (VCAT EO Exception Application No: A88 / 2010). Job ref: 753369

**Enquiries: Colleen Slater on Tel 9076 6235**

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Apply online:  
[www.cgmc.org.au](http://www.cgmc.org.au)

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### 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.

**Enquiries and Information Packages:** Tanya Koeneman on 9873 8534 or 1800 789 290 or email at [tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

Applications should address the selection criteria, including a brief description of your work history, the names of two professional referees 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](mailto:tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications close on: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

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## MANAGER

**Blacktown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre**  
**This is a designated Aboriginal position.**

Blacktown Aboriginal Child & Family Centre (Ngallu Wal) along with Childrenfirst are looking for a Child & Family Centre Manager to work in a new service being built in the Blacktown area.

The successful applicant will be involved in the design and building phase of the development, the delivery of interim services and programs as well as the overall management of the new centre.

The role of the centre manager will include: planning and implementation of innovative programs; budgeting; community development; overseeing the quality of service provision; working closely with health and disability services and reporting on all aspects of service delivery to the Executive team.

We are looking for a person with a practical can-do attitude and the capacity to inspire and motivate others.

### Essential Criteria:

- An understanding of the needs of the Blacktown/ Mt Druitt Indigenous community;
- A passion for children, families and our community;
- Excellent inter-personal skills;
- 3 years experience of the early childhood/ inclusion/community sector;
- 3 years experience in managing a team.

### Desirable Criteria:

- Time management and organisational skills;
- Demonstrated experience working collaboratively with Aboriginal families and community organisations;
- Current driver's licence.

This is an ongoing position that depends on funding (currently 3 years). Pay will be based on qualifications & experience and will be between \$60,000 to \$ 76,000 p.a.

Interested persons should e-mail or send their CV and a cover letter addressing all of the above criteria to:

**Attn: Jason Cummings**  
**Ngallu Wal**  
**Unit 3, 45 Fourth Ave**  
**Blacktown, NSW, 2148**

**Applications should arrive before 9am on 9th April 2012.**



## Community Support Worker

(several positions)

Position No: F60067

Salary: \$45,984 per annum (pro rata)

Permanent, Part-time - minimum 40 hours per fortnight

### Do you like working with people?

A number of opportunities exist within Darebin City Council's Home and Community Care (HACC) Service Delivery Unit for motivated Community Support Workers. The HACC Service Delivery Unit works with older people, people living with a disability and their carers to maximise their capacity to live at home and participate in the community.

The successful applicants will work with clients across a range of services including household duties, personal care, and respite support for children and adults with disabilities. Successful applicants will have an understanding of the Active Service Approach (ASA), and the ability to work with clients to achieve their goals and enhance their independence and well-being.

### The successful applicants will possess:

- The ability to work with clients to achieve goals and build capacity to perform tasks;
- The ability to complete work in a friendly, professional manner when dealing with clients, colleagues and office staff;
- A willingness to work with a range of age groups and cultural backgrounds;
- A current driver's license and use of a reliable private vehicle for work purposes. Successful applicants must have comprehensive insurance;
- A current Level 2 First Aid Certificate.

Applicants with Certificate III in Home and Community Care (HACC) and previous experience in a support role with older people or people living with disabilities are preferred, however those who are willing to complete training will be considered. Successful applicants are required to have a Police and Working with Children (WWC) check (if they do not currently have a WWC card). Applicants who speak a language other than English, and who are available to work weekends and evenings will be highly regarded. Darebin Council provides training opportunities, a comprehensive induction and flexible working conditions.

For enquiries and a position description contact Service Development Team Leader Michelle Prendergast on 8470 8375 or visit [www.darebin.vic.gov.au](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au). Applications that do not address the Key Selection Criteria will not be considered. Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the position description.

Applications close on **Monday 9 April 2012** at 12 pm (noon) and may be completed on-line. Hard copy applications may be forwarded to:

**Senior Coordinator People and Development**  
**Darebin City Council**  
**PO Box 91**  
**PRESTON VIC 3072**

*Darebin City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety screening processes apply.*

## Aboriginal Outreach Worker Orange, NSW

\* Make a difference to Aboriginal communities!

\* Salary sacrifice options + career growth!



OAMS has an exciting opportunity for an **Aboriginal Outreach Worker** (FT) to join their dedicated team in Orange. Working as part of the Chronic Care team, you'll **provide continuity of care** by assisting clients to access appropriate and sequenced services. Due to the nature of this role, this is an Aboriginal Identified position (*provided for by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW)*). Enjoy a **competitive remuneration package + salary sacrifice options + more!** **Apply Now!**



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## Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (Aboriginal Health Education Officer)

**Ref:** 62239 F/T or P/T at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

**Salary:** \$22.54–\$38.45 ph

**Enq:** Michelle Lampis

**Ph:** (02) 9114 4059

**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.**

Please apply online by visiting:  
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

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## Volunteer Mentors Needed

WIPAN are looking to recruit women over 18 years of age from all different cultural, social and occupational backgrounds to participate as volunteer mentors supporting women ex-prisoners in the Sydney area.

Regardless of age or background, they are looking for people who possess the following characteristics:

- The ability to reach out to these women who need support and guidance;
- Responsible adults, able to commit their time;
- The ability to provide a positive example;
- The ability to listen and communicate effectively;
- The ability to be sensitive to the needs of others;
- The ability to exercise good judgment;
- The ability to demonstrate stability in significant areas of life;
- Personally possess values that reflect those of WIPAN;
- Appropriate and positive motivations with a non-judgmental attitude;

To register your interest in this activity you will need to download and complete a WIPAN Mentoring Expression of Interest Form at [http://www.wipan.net.au/pdf/EOI\\_Mentor\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.wipan.net.au/pdf/EOI_Mentor_Application_Form.pdf)

Complete the EOI form then post, email or fax to WIPAN and you will be contacted within 7 days to begin the Expression of Interest process.

### For more information:

**Contact:** Tara Williams on (02) 8011 0693 or mobile 0415 454 770, email [mentoring@wipan.net.au](mailto:mentoring@wipan.net.au) or visit [www.wipan.net.au](http://www.wipan.net.au)

**Postal Address:** PO Box 345, Broadway NSW 2007

**Applications close: 30 April 2012**



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Correctional Services

## ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

**MOBILONG PRISON**

**Ongoing – Full Time**

**Vac No: 1922/2012**

**\$51,801 – \$55,465 p.a. (ASO3)**

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer is responsible for providing assistance, support and follow-up to Aboriginal Prisoners within a designated prison, and liaising with staff, community groups and other agencies in promoting the welfare of Aboriginal prisoners.

**Enquiries to:** Alicia Murphy, A/Manager, Offender Development, Mobilong Prison, phone: 8532 8937, email: [alicia.murphy@sa.gov.au](mailto:alicia.murphy@sa.gov.au)

Please refer to the Advice to Applicants for application instructions available at [www.corrections.sa.gov.au/employment/roles-forms/current-vacancies](http://www.corrections.sa.gov.au/employment/roles-forms/current-vacancies)

**Applications to:** Janine McNamara, A/Team Leader HR, Southern Country Business Centre, Locked Bag 200, Murray Bridge SA 5253, email: [DCSSCCBCHumanResources@sa.gov.au](mailto:DCSSCCBCHumanResources@sa.gov.au)

**Applications close: 5pm Tuesday 10 April 2012**

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## VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY



VACCA is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

The Aboriginal Therapeutic Residential Care Program is based on theories of trauma and attachment as well as recognising the ongoing intergenerational trauma, racism and other forms of cultural abuse that Aboriginal children and their families have suffered. The program aims to provide therapeutic care for Aboriginal children & young people.

We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced practitioner to the newly created role of:

### Therapeutic Care Healing Specialist

The successful applicant will be expected to provide therapeutic practice leadership in developing trauma informed therapeutic responses to children and maintaining sound theoretical input to all aspects of planning for each child in the program.

The position is full time but part time applicants are encouraged to apply.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Adela Holmes, Senior Clinical Practitioner on (03) 8388 1855, mobile: 0414 244 090 or by email adelah@vacca.org

Applications close: Friday, April 13th 2012



## Business Development Manager

*Do you want to play an active role in the establishment of the Illawarra Aboriginal Green Teams?*

The Illawarra Aboriginal Green Team model is an initiative of Green Jobs Illawarra. A Business Development Manager is needed to establish the Green Teams over the next 6 - 12 months, with the aim of adopting a "business/commercial" approach.

To take on this project, RDAI is looking for a highly motivated and skilled Business Development Manager to work with the RDAI and the Green Team Steering Committee to accelerate the establishment of Aboriginal Teams as business-focused entities and to strengthen the potential of the Teams to initiate partnerships and projects that can generate sustainable income streams.

If this exciting initiative interests you, download an information package from [www.rdaillawarra.com.au](http://www.rdaillawarra.com.au) or contact Lee Cooper at RDA Illawarra on 02 4227 4500 or [Lee@rdaillawarra.com.au](mailto:Lee@rdaillawarra.com.au).

Further information can be obtained by contacting Katrina Skellern on the above number or [Katrina@rdaillawarra.com.au](mailto:Katrina@rdaillawarra.com.au)

**Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Closing date: Monday 16th April 2012



## Brighter Futures Caseworker Get a career that matters.

### Identified Aboriginal Position

We are seeking a Caseworker to join our 'Brighter Futures' team, working 35 hours per week, in Coffs Harbour. Responsibilities will include working with families to assess/identify their strengths and needs, as well as working with Aboriginal service providers. Applicants will require relevant qualifications and life/work experience with children and families. Applications Close: 9 April 2012

[getacareerthatmatters.com.au](http://getacareerthatmatters.com.au)

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



**Aboriginal Early Childhood Support and Learning Incorporated (AECSL Inc.) sponsors the AECSL Inc. Secretariat, who provides support to one hundred and fifteen NSW Preschool services receiving DEEWR IEP funding in NSW through the provision of training, resources, advice and consultancy.**

### Early Childhood Support Officer

Salary: \$61,114 plus superannuation

This position is a one year contract, Part time 4 days per week. Employment to commence Early May 2012.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:** Early Childhood qualification, Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal societies, cultures and issues affecting Aboriginal people in contemporary Australian society, excellent oral and written communication skills, experience in developing resources and/or providing training, strong skills in computers and administration including the collation and recording of data, thorough knowledge and understanding of the National Quality Framework and its implications for preschools, effective implementation of an Aboriginal perspective into the NQF, excellent knowledge and understanding of relevant laws and policies relating to children's services such as the Children's Services Amendment Regulations 2010, proven organisational skills, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, willingness to travel, current drivers license.

**DESIRABLE:** Aboriginality.

Applicants will be subject to the "Working with children check".

**Please Note:** All positions will be employed on a contractual basis.

**Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.**

For enquiries and information package contact AECSL on 9516 4473 or email [director@aecsl.org.au](mailto:director@aecsl.org.au)

Applications marked **CONFIDENTIAL** and posted to: The President AECSL Inc. 66/45 Huntley St, ALEXANDRIA, NSW, 2015.

**Closing Date:** C.O.B. 20th April, 2012



I can work closely with my clients to find the level of treatment, care and team involvement they need to improve their health. With so many opportunities to experience new situations, learn new skills and master new models of care, every day is different. At SA Health, I can finish my shift feeling satisfied my career is on track and I have made an impact in someone's life.

### Clinical Nurse Rehabilitation Day Centre

Drug & Alcohol Services SA, Ceduna  
Job Ref: 500202

### Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical

Aboriginal Family Clinic, Noarlunga  
Job Ref: 500763

[www.health.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.health.sa.gov.au/careers)  
1300 882 992

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## KOORI GRADUATE RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

MAKE A DIFFERENCE...



**Are you a University graduate or completing a degree this year?**  
The Department of Justice has many diverse careers to choose from and we pride ourselves on working together to make a difference in the community.

Our 12 month graduate scheme offers professional development and training, rotations with other departments and permanent employment upon completion. We are currently recruiting for our Koori graduate scheme which will commence in January 2013. If you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and wish to find out more or how to apply, please contact the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1765 or email [koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au)

Applications close on Friday 11 May 2012.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT, PLEASE VISIT:  
**WWW.JUSTICE.VIC.GOV.AU**  
VCAT HAS RULED THAT THESE POSITIONS BE FILLED BY ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE ONLY (VCAT EXEMPTION NUMBER: A293/2010)

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE



## Jobs that make a difference

## Disability Development and Support Officer DDSO1/1Q

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Disability Accommodation Services - various  
group homes

DDSO1 \$38,142 - \$42,276

DDSO1Q \$42,677 - \$46,902

Working for DHS is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self-discovery, challenge and achievement. It can be a way to contribute to community and influence change.

Are you:

- Interested in a career where you can make a difference?
- Do you have empathy and understanding for the needs of people?
- Are you willing to support and advocate for people with a disability?

To be eligible for this exciting role you must be passionate about improving outcomes for people with a disability by promoting opportunities for participation in meaningful activities in all aspects of life. You must also be committed to obtaining a Certificate IV in Disability Work whilst on the job.

Two positions have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply under VCAT. Exemption numbers: A067/A068/2010/0074 & A067/A068/2010/0075.

View the job description and complete the online questionnaire at [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) with reference number DHS/EAS/ADDSD1201.

For further information about the role please contact Kathryn Bright on (03) 9843 6047.

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or [aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au).

Applications close 20 April 2012.

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)



### Mount Eliza Centre

## Closing The Gap Service Improvement Officer

Peninsula Health provides integrated patient-centred healthcare to residents of the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula region. Our mission is 'in partnership, building a health community'. In keeping with this mission, the 'Closing the Gap' Service Improvement Officer will work closely with internal and external stakeholders, as well as engaging with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people, to develop the capacity of the organisation to treat and support ATSI consumers.

This position will have responsibility for :

- Engaging with ATSI patients
- Planning and Implementing service improvements
- Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan

Closes: 15/04/2012 Ref No. 11178

For full details, please visit:  
[www.peninsulahealth.org.au](http://www.peninsulahealth.org.au)



Winner - 2007 Premier's Award -  
Metropolitan Health Service of the Year

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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?
- The ability to liaise with teachers, students and community to promote awareness and the issues of Aboriginal education?

If so, we are looking for people interested in being placed on a suitability list for:

#### CASUAL ABORIGINAL MENTORS, CLERK 3/4, INSTITUTE WIDE

**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](http://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.

**NB:** It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

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[www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au)



### Health

Hunter New England  
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Maternity Unit Manager Level 1

Muswellbrook District Hospital

Enquiries: Vanessa Fellow 02 6542 2013

Reference ID: 70970

Closing Date: 15 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**

### Executive Financial Manager Dubbo, NSW

- \* Manage the finances for a \$30M business!
- \* Relocation assistance negotiable!

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation has an opportunity for an enthusiastic **Executive Financial Manager** to join their team in Dubbo. This is a senior role in which you'll be **directing this fast-growing \$30M corporation's financial policies and strategic development**, and overseeing the full range of financial functions. You'll receive a **package of \$120,000**, including super, a mobile phone and laptop, plus salary packaging, generous performance-based incentives and negotiable relocation assistance!



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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



### 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](http://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](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) website.

**Closing Date:** 15 April 2012

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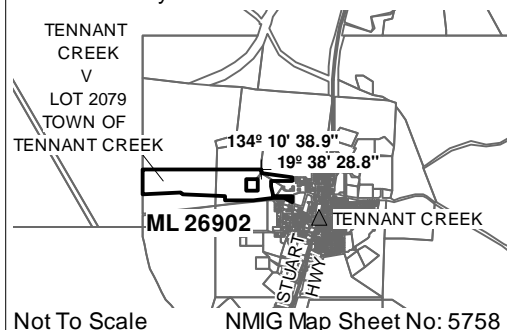
## CORRIGENDUM

### RETRACTION OF AN EARLIER NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

*NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

On 22 February 2012 a Notice of Proposed Grant of Mineral Lease in respect to Mineral Lease 26902 was published in this publication.

Mineral Lease 26902 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 164.3 Ha depicted below for a term of 25 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



That publication included the following details: Mineral Lease 26902 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 164.3 Ha for the term of 25 years within the TENNANT CREEK Locality.

The Notice of Proposed Grant of Mineral Lease 26902 was published prior to the requirements of section 71(1) of the *Mineral Titles Act* having been met.

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, **RETRACTS** the notice which was purportedly given in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) and section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act*.

The Applicant, Truscott Mining Corporation Limited, has been notified of this retraction.

Provided the requirements of section 71(1) have been met a further Notice in respect to the proposed grant of the mineral lease may be given at any time from the date of this Notice.

The time for giving the Minister any objections or submissions will commence after a further Notice is given.

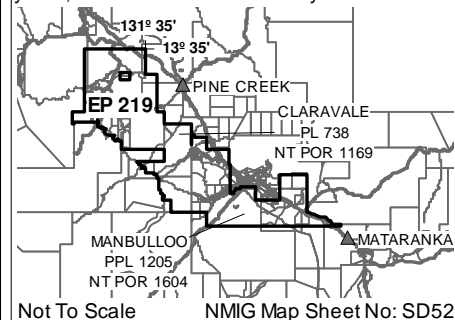
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

*NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

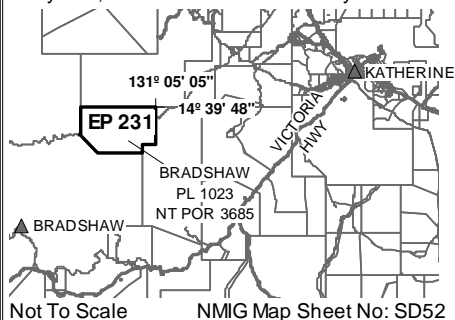
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, c/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) that application/s has/have been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit/s (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the *Petroleum Act* (NT) as follows.

#### Application(s) to which this notice applies:

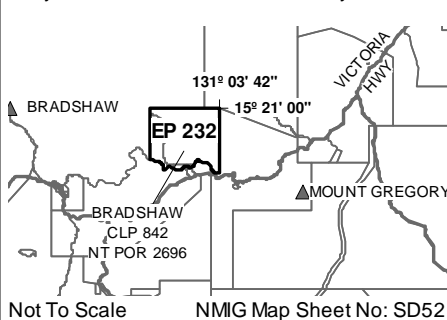
Exploration Permit 219 sought by ARAFURA OIL PTY LTD, ACN 147 521 051 over an area of 112 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DARWIN locality.



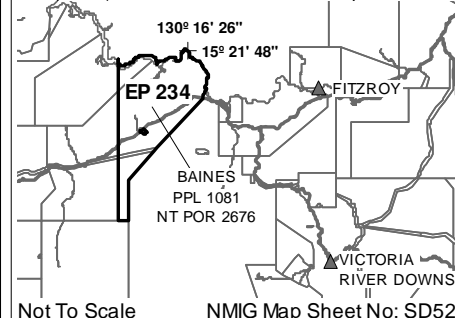
Exploration Permit 231 sought by PALTAR PETROLEUM LIMITED, ACN 149 987 459 over an area of 22 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DARWIN locality.



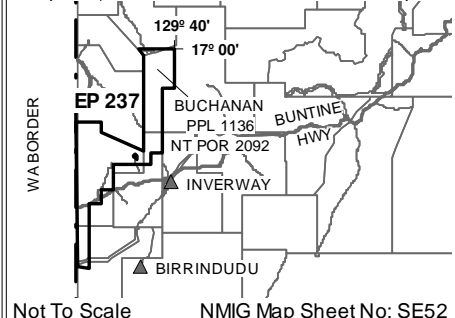
Exploration Permit 232 sought by PALTAR PETROLEUM LIMITED, ACN 149 987 459 over an area of 13 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DARWIN locality.



Exploration Permit 234 sought by PALTAR PETROLEUM LIMITED, ACN 149 987 459 over an area of 40 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DARWIN locality.



Exploration Permit 237 sought by PALTAR PETROLEUM LIMITED, ACN 149 987 459 over an area of 49 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the HALLS CREEK locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of a permit under the *Petroleum Act*, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from

the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith St Mall, DARWIN NT 0800.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 ADELAIDE SA 5001, telephone (08) 8205 2000.

**Notification Day:** For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act*, the notification day is 4 April 2012.



### Land Manager

**\$100k package with Flexible Salary Sacrificing Options  
Progressive Leader Nominated for Governance Awards  
Autonomy to Demonstrate Leadership**

We are currently seeking a motivated, self starter to join our team and be at the forefront of imaginative land use in a consultative environment.

- Minimum 5 years experience in Horticulture and on the ground farming skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and or experience demonstrating professional competence in: Land use planning Natural resource management, Sustainable land use and management ecology environmental science or related fields.
- Knowledge of the importance of Aboriginal society and culture and an understanding of relevant issues in the contemporary Australian context.
- Experience with participatory planning or related approaches to enhancing community engagement in natural resource management, rural enterprise and or community development planning and implementation, preferably in an Aboriginal or similar context.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing, preparing correspondence, reports and briefings for the CEO that can be used to advise the Board and for distribution to external organisations, peers and the general public.
- Good interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively including: consulting, liaising, negotiating and conducting meetings with Aboriginal people and clients as well as with staff, external organisations, peers and consultants.
- Demonstrated ability to operate within a strategic organisational framework under limited direction.
- Ability and willingness to travel and work in rural localities as a regular part of the job function.
- A current unrestricted manual motor vehicle drivers license and the ability to operate four-wheeled drive vehicles safely in rural localities or the capacity to acquire the necessary skills.
- Demonstrated ability to provide sound practical advice and assistance to the traditional Aboriginal land owners in implementing land management strategies and or enterprise development plans in a rural setting.

#### The successful candidate will have:

- The ability to analyse and solve problems with flexibility and good humour.
- Have high professional and ethical standards with the ability to build rapport and collaborate with a broad range of individuals and organisations.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary workplace and operate effectively as a member of a collaborative and progressive team.
- Capacity for resistance and persistence in a challenging social and political environment.

To obtain an application pack and for more information about the role please contact Hope on 0457 724 212 or email [Hope@k2.net.au](mailto:Hope@k2.net.au)

**Closing Date for Applications is the 20th of April.**

*Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*



## Radio Producer



SBS's Audio and Language Content Division is looking for a casual relief Producer for SBS Radio's Living Black program.

As part of a team, you'll be involved in creating and broadcasting audio content for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. You'll be required to research, write, produce, sub-edit and present audio content on radio and online.

You'll need to be proficient in written and spoken English and 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 this position please contact Michelle Lovegrove on (02) 9430 2867 or visit our website [www.sbs.com.au/jobs](http://www.sbs.com.au/jobs)

Applications must be lodged online by 5pm on 15 April 2012.

**Our story:** Connecting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities through story and song.

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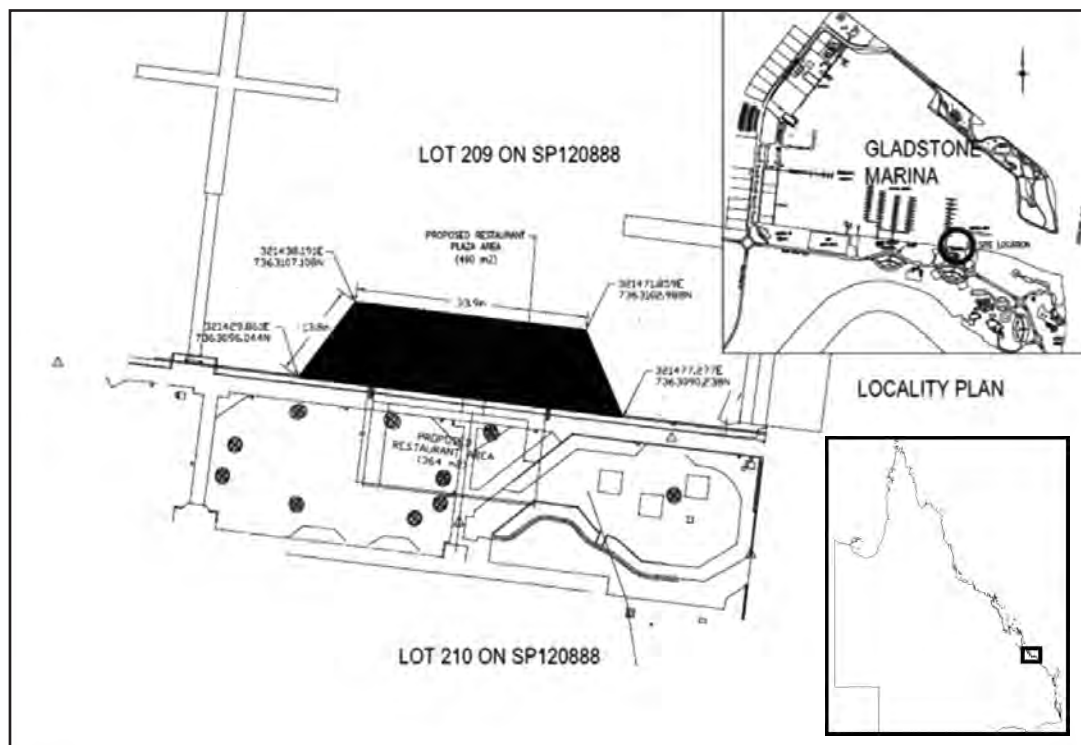
## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cwth) FOR PARTS OF THE GLADSTONE MARINA

*Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited ("GPC") manages and operates the Port of Gladstone, including the Gladstone Marina.*

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") with the Port Curtis Coral Coast ("PCCC") native title claim group, which is the registered native title claim group for Native Title Determination Application QUD6026/01 ("PCCC Claim").

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, Mary Anne, John Hill ("Pig Pig"), Elizabeth Tan Watt/Daniels.

The proposed ILUA area comprises part of the water within Lot 209 on SP 120888, located in the vicinity of the Gladstone Marina ("ILUA Area"). The ILUA Area is depicted in the map below:



The whole of the proposed ILUA Area is within the PCCC Claim area. 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.

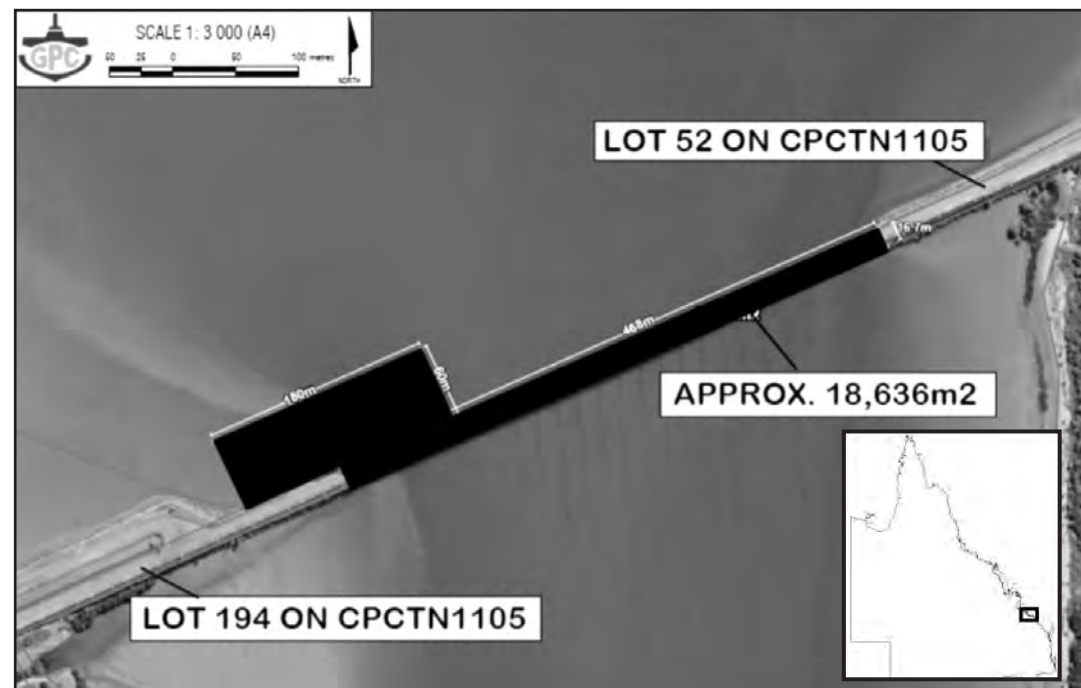
### Further information

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 12 April 2012.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cwth) FOR PARTS OF THE PORT OF GLADSTONE

*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 proposed ILUA area comprises of the areas marked in the map and plan below, which is adjacent to Lot 194 on CP CTN1105 and Lot 52 on CP CTN1105 ("ILUA Area"):



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) over the ILUA Area. However, the ILUA Area is over waters adjacent to the outer boundaries of the Port Curtis Coral Coast ("PCCC") native title claim, being Native Title Determination Application QUD6026/01 ("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, Mary Anne, John Hill ("Pig Pig") and Elizabeth Tan Watt/Daniels.

The whole of the proposed ILUA Area is over waters adjacent to areas the subject of the PCCC Claim. None of the proposed ILUA Area is currently claimed under the NT Act. 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 12 April 2012.

## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



### CLINICIAN (PSYCHOLOGIST / SOCIAL WORKER) - LODDON MALLEE REGION

- AH 3 - \$66,235 - \$75,151 plus superannuation
- Ongoing, Full Time Opportunity
- Offending Behaviour Programs, Regional and Executive Services across the Loddon Mallee Region.

Offending Behaviour Programs (OBP) provide targeted assessments and interventions to offenders across the public prisons and Community Correctional Services (CCS) system. All interventions aim to reduce an individual's risk of re-offending and as a result aim to increase community safety

In this role, the Clinician is responsible for providing assessments and interventions to offenders across the region. Interventions are structured, evidence based and usually delivered in a group format. The interventions are designed to address violence propensity, general offending behaviour, motivation to change, maintaining change, emotion management and other offence-related topics. Utilising a largely cognitive-behavioural approach, interventions range from intensive therapeutic group programs to shorter psycho-educational programs and individual treatment.

OBP clinician is a regional position, with responsibility for providing services in the public prisons and CCS locations within Loddon Mallee region.

For a copy of the Position Description and Application Form, please visit the [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) website, and enter **5603** in the job reference field.

Enquiries about this position should be directed to **Aaron Smith, Senior Recruitment Adviser** on (03) 8684 0018.

### PROGRAM FACILITATOR - NORTH WEST METRO REGION

- AH 3 - \$66,235 to \$75,151 plus superannuation
- Ongoing, Full Time Opportunity
- Play a key role in promoting offender re-integration into the community and reducing the risk of re-offending

Targeted Programs is a branch of the Offender Management division of Corrections Victoria. The branch has carriage of program design and program implementation across a range of speciality areas, including indigenous, multi-cultural, women's policy, disability, youth, aging, and Offending Behaviour Programs. The Offending Behaviour Programs (OBP) stream designs and implements programs delivered by the Offending Behaviour Clinicians and Senior Clinicians in the field.

The Program Facilitator role will be a suitably qualified and experienced allied health professional with training and experience in short-term individual intervention, group intervention and behavioural management as well program coordination. The role will involve facilitation of a mix of psycho-educational skills based programs depending on the profile of offenders coming in to contact with Community Correctional Service locations within the North West Metro Region.

For a copy of the Position Description and Application Form, please visit the [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) website, and enter **5606** in the job reference field.

Enquiries about this position should be directed to **Kate Oldmeadow, Senior Recruitment Adviser** on (03) 8684 0083.

**Both roles are Identified Positions in accordance with the department's Identified Positions Policy.**

**Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**Applications close April 15, 2012**

**To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit**

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice

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Applications are sought from Aboriginal individuals who are interested in working with young people aged 14-18 in our residential treatment facility at Randwick.

### F/T Alcohol & Other Drugs Worker - Aboriginal Trainee

*This is an identified Aboriginal Trainee position*  
Accredited training and support will be provided.

For further information, please see our website [www.noffs.org.au](http://www.noffs.org.au) or contact HR Department on 02 9305 6600.

Please send all applications to [jobs@noffs.org.au](mailto:jobs@noffs.org.au)

**Closing Date:**  
**COB 10th April 2012.**



**Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service**

### Assistant Coordinator (Outreach/Administration)

**Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service**  
Tweed Heads/Murwillumbah

The Service provides advocacy and assistance to women applicants in ADVO matters in the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Courthouses. The Service has an exemption under s31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to employ women in this role. This is a permanent position at 24 hours per week, SACS Grade 3. (Starting salary range \$43,052 to \$47,766 p.a. pro rata)

for a job kit Ph: 6621 1000 <http://www.nrclc.org.au>

**Closing date:**  
**4pm Friday 20th April 2012.**



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	04/449	MARTIN, David Leslie	142.58HA	38km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 23' S Long: 123° 58' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	04/455	SPINFEX ABRASIVES PTY LTD	415.68HA	109km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 0' S Long: 124° 36' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	08/490	CHEELA PLAINS PASTORAL COMPANY P/L	105.59HA	75km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 56' S Long: 116° 59' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1805	BROWN, Ronald William NORVALE PTY LTD	103.16HA	29km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 121° 16' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1077	GME RESOURCES LTD	14.56HA	73km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1078	GME RESOURCES LTD	9.41HA	73km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 25' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/500	HAOMA MINING NL	453.16HA	73km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1219	DAVID HUGH MACPHERSON	167.20HA	37km E'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 24' S Long: 118° 56' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	57/633	PANORAMIC GOLD PTY LTD	650.38HA	68km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 119° 30' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Mining Lease	58/266	DELFANTE, James Attilio DELFANTE, Norma Anne	189.90HA	12km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 117° 57' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Mining Lease	58/349	BOUGAINVILLEA HOLDINGS PTY LTD	368.80HA	11km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 117° 56' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/743	DUFFUS, Owen Michael GLASS, Murray Donald	7.99HA	62km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 5' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1221	HEDGES GOLD PTY LTD	942.28HA	39km E'ly of Waroona	Lat: 32° 50' S Long: 116° 20' E	BODDINGTON SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day: 4 April 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 **4 July 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 4 August 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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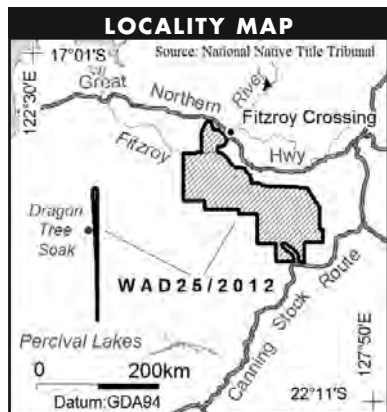
## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

**Notification day: 18 April 2012**

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 17 July 2012**. After 17 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.



**Data statement:** claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

**Application name:** Yi-Martuwarra Ngurrara

**Federal Court File No:** WAD25/2012

**Date filed:** 1 February 2012

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Description:** The area subject to this application covers about 22,120 square kilometres in two separate areas located between the Great Northern Highway and the Canning Stock Route north of Percival Lakes and east of Dragon Tree Soak as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of Broome, the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley, the Shire of East Pilbara and the Shire of Halls Creek.



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## Manager, Family Records Unit – Aboriginal Affairs NSW

**Clerk Grade 9/10  
Identified Position  
Department of Education and Communities**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$111,026 per annum (Salary: \$91,303 pa - \$100,613 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

Manage the administrative function and operations of the Family Records Unit in providing access to government records containing personal and sensitive information relating to Aboriginal people of NSW in the Aborigines Welfare Board and Chief Secretary Collection using respective database systems and digitised records.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality is an essential requirement, under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW)*.
2. Demonstrated ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities, and superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture, history and issues impacting on Aboriginal people.
3. Sound understanding of the obligations and statutory responsibilities of the NSW State Records Act and the Australian and International Archival Standards, NSW Personal Information Act and other relevant legislation.
4. Demonstrated superior oral and written communication and interpersonal skills, including conflict resolution and negotiation skills, research, planning, policy and advisory skills.
5. Successful record of identifying customer needs, developing service strategies and providing quality customer service.
6. Experience working with information systems, in a records management role.
7. Demonstrated experience in staff and budget management.
8. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or the equivalent demonstrated work experience and current NSW driver's licence Class C.

**Job Notes:** This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

An applicant's Aboriginality is an essential requirement. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in accordance with Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

A Driver's licence is required for this position.

**Enquiries:** Kristy Masella (02) 9219 0734

**Please see [www.daa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au) for more information about Aboriginal Affairs and the Family Records Unit.**

**Closing Date:** Friday, 20 April 2012

**Thank you for your interest in this position. (Requisition No. 00000V0T)**

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# NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2019	MONEY, Glenn Griffin Venn	56BL	116km N'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 15' S Long: 123° 41' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2028	RICHMOND, William Robert	14BL	90km N'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 29' S Long: 123° 37' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2151	BARACUS PTY LTD	46BL	92km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 35' S Long: 124° 58' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2157	MDR (THOMSONS) PTY LTD	74BL	56km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 43' S Long: 125° 23' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2161	STRATUM COAL PTY LTD	25BL	117km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 48' S Long: 124° 42' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2165	REGALPOINT RESOURCES LTD	93BL	73km NE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 125° 56' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2169	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	38BL	90km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 23' S Long: 125° 25' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2170	AUSTRALIAN ABRASIVE MINERALS PTY LTD	18BL	93km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 29' S Long: 125° 5' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1817	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	89BL	165km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 115° 40' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1826	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	110km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 53' S Long: 116° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1946-7	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	174BL	58km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 25' S Long: 115° 37' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/1987	GRACE MINING LIMITED	1BL	39km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 124° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2169-I	COVE RESOURCES LTD	20BL	110km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2201	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	77BL	95km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 123° 28' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/836-I	MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD	34BL	119km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 119° 55' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/440-I	CENTRAL WEST RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	79km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 120° 13' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1007	ST BARBARA LIMITED	1BL	145km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 58' S Long: 122° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2702	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	5BL	21km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1677-8	ST GEORGE MINING LIMITED	130BL	134km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 123° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1685	RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED	22BL	166km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 123° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3003	BHP BILLITON NICKEL WEST PTY LTD	8BL	62km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 121° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3363	WINTERWHITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	34BL	60km Sly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 122° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3727	XFE PTY LTD	70BL	15km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 33' S Long: 120° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3894	COMET RESOURCES LTD	200BL	320km SWly of Balgo	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 125° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3976	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	73km E'ly of Marble Bbar	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 120° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3977	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	40BL	81km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3980	BOOKABURNA MINERALS PTY LTD	70BL	71km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 32' S Long: 120° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3993-I	BARACUS PTY LTD	3BL	88km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 120° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/585	ADELAIDE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	69BL	111km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 18' S Long: 121° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/608	WITX PTY LTD	70BL	59km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 120° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/889	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	116km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 121° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/958	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	25BL	53km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 22' S Long: 120° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/961	EDWARDS, William And Kerry Diane	3BL	35km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 54' S Long: 119° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2464	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	25km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 117° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2712-3	VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD	384BL	171km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 52' S Long: 119° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1662	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	6BL	28km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 120° 58' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1663	CONDOR METALS LIMITED	9BL	62km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 121° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1665	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	1BL	30km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 120° 57' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/909	MUSKETEEER MINERALS PTY LTD	20BL	30km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 119° 18' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1463	CHANDLING PTY LTD	195BL	100km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 122° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1518	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	70BL	76km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 59' S Long: 122° 32' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1519	ADELAIDE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	20BL	128km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 19' S Long: 120° 25' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1525	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	49BL	68km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 9' S Long: 122° 21' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1527	VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	5BL	100km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 34' S Long: 120° 42' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1528	REGENCY MINES AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	41BL	107km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 53' S Long: 122° 51' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1532	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	50BL	5km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 0' S Long: 121° 41' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1533-4	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	103BL	31km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 14' S Long: 121° 47' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1535	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	22BL	42km S'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 21' S Long: 121° 41' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1540	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	4BL	35km NE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 121° 53' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1541	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	80BL	122km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 27' S Long: 120° 30' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3048	ASKINS, Paul Winston	191BL	216km NE'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 126° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4077	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	5BL	35km NW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 115° 45' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4118	YILGARN IRON PTY LTD	84BL	42km W'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 13' S Long: 118° 2' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4120	YILGARN IRON PTY LTD	68BL	11km N'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 116° 42' E	WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4194-I	KARARA MINING LIMITED	13BL	8km SE'ly of Geraldton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 114° 41' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4278	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	46BL	23km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 26' S Long: 115° 51' E	COLLIE SHIRE, DARDANUP SHIRE, DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE, HARVEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4289	ASKINS, Paul Winston	56BL	51km S'ly from Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 23' S Long: 118° 48' E	ALBANY CITY, JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/521	URBAN MINERALS PTY LTD	14BL	79km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 52' S Long: 120° 2' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/522-I	TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	22km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 38' S Long: 120° 16' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1881	FE LIMITED	39BL	133km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 119° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2032	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	15BL	127km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 119° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2035	TUNGSTEN WEST NL	4BL	28km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 119° 39' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4555	MALLINA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	17BL	14km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 20' S Long: 127° 44' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4659	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	54BL	52km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 0' S Long: 127° 14' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4660	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	46BL	73km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 40' S Long: 127° 18' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4661	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	34BL	39km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 34' S Long: 127° 41' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4668	PEGASUS METALS LTD	26BL	103km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 29' S Long: 126° 30' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4670	KIMBERLEY RARE EARTHS LTD	39BL	147km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 53' S Long: 128° 52' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4671	NORTHERN MINERALS LTD	19BL	102km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 27' S Long: 128° 12' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4673	MASSIVE RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	119km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 42' S Long: 126° 34' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5679	AUDIAPT MINING AND ENERGY PTY LTD	114.60HA	2km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5680	METALIKO RESOURCES LIMITED	49.28HA	26km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5682	AUDIAPT MINING AND ENERGY PTY LTD	198.41HA	14km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5683	LYONS, David Charles	191.19HA	13km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5684	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	11.24HA	25km S'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2756	ARGUS, Stephen George	78.38HA	33km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2210-S	BLOOMFIELD, Geoffrey Edward	8.99HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1247-8-S	PUMPHREY, Alicia Carmela	18.22HA	113km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 9' S Long: 122° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2223-4	ELEFANTINO PTY LTD, CHARTERHOUSE CAPITAL PTY LTD	380.08HA	3km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 121° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2225-8	ELEFANTINO PTY LTD, CHARTERHOUSE CAPITAL PTY LTD	677.26HA	4km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 4' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1749	CAMEL TOE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	7.14HA	31km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 25° 6' S Long: 120° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1775	NEWTIME INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	24.35HA	42km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8059	JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	21.72HA	52km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8180	NARDONE, Godfrey John; HILL, Wade James	32.66HA	5km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8181	NARDONE, Godfrey John; HILL, Wade James	9.82HA	9km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8186	WILLIAMSON, Stuart Lindsay	84.78HA	7km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8190	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	199.19HA	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 43' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3954	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	73.99HA	71km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3992-S	HILL, Patrick John; LANDGREN, Roger Norman	6.98HA	74km NW'ly from Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3994	JML RESOURCES PTY LTD	175.20HA	76km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3995	SHARP, Renee Michelle	37.44HA	19km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5233	MARTIN, Paul Richard	182.16HA	48km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1283	KIN MINING NL	146.29HA	27km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2812	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	143.46HA	75km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 119° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2821	LACONIA RESOURCES LIMITED	151.06HA	13km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 119° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1743-4	WITX PTY LTD	398.76HA	2km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1762	MOLTONI, Mario	47.55HA	41km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1793-6	MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD	680.41HA	20km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 120° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1797-9	MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD	480.19HA	26km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 120° 20' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1179	FORTESCUE METALS GROUP LTD	84.45HA	103km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 116° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1180	FORTESCUE METALS GROUP LTD	95.76HA	104km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 116° 48' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1651	PASCOE, Timothy James	60.43HA	110km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 118° 16' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	51/2783	HUDSON, John Royden; WAY, Sharon Maree	165.89HA	25km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2784	PASCU, Lee Christian; DOWNES, Joseph Michael	23.75HA	1km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 118° 29' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1525	MONEY, Nickolas John Powell	139.27HA	11km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1925	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	22.66HA	40km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 116° 25' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1926	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	77.53HA	42km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 116° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1927	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	20.69HA	45km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 116° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	59/1945-6	WEST PEAK IRON LTD	308HA	55km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 117° 46' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	59/1950	MORAWA, Michael	199.87HA	74km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 116° 57' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1830	AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC AND PRECIOUS METALS INVESTMENT PTY LTD	19.18HA	9km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 16' S Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1890	DESHON, Brendon Chevely	182.90HA	19km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 22' S Long: 121° 46' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	63/1904	SANDERCOCK, Alan James	4.21HA	7km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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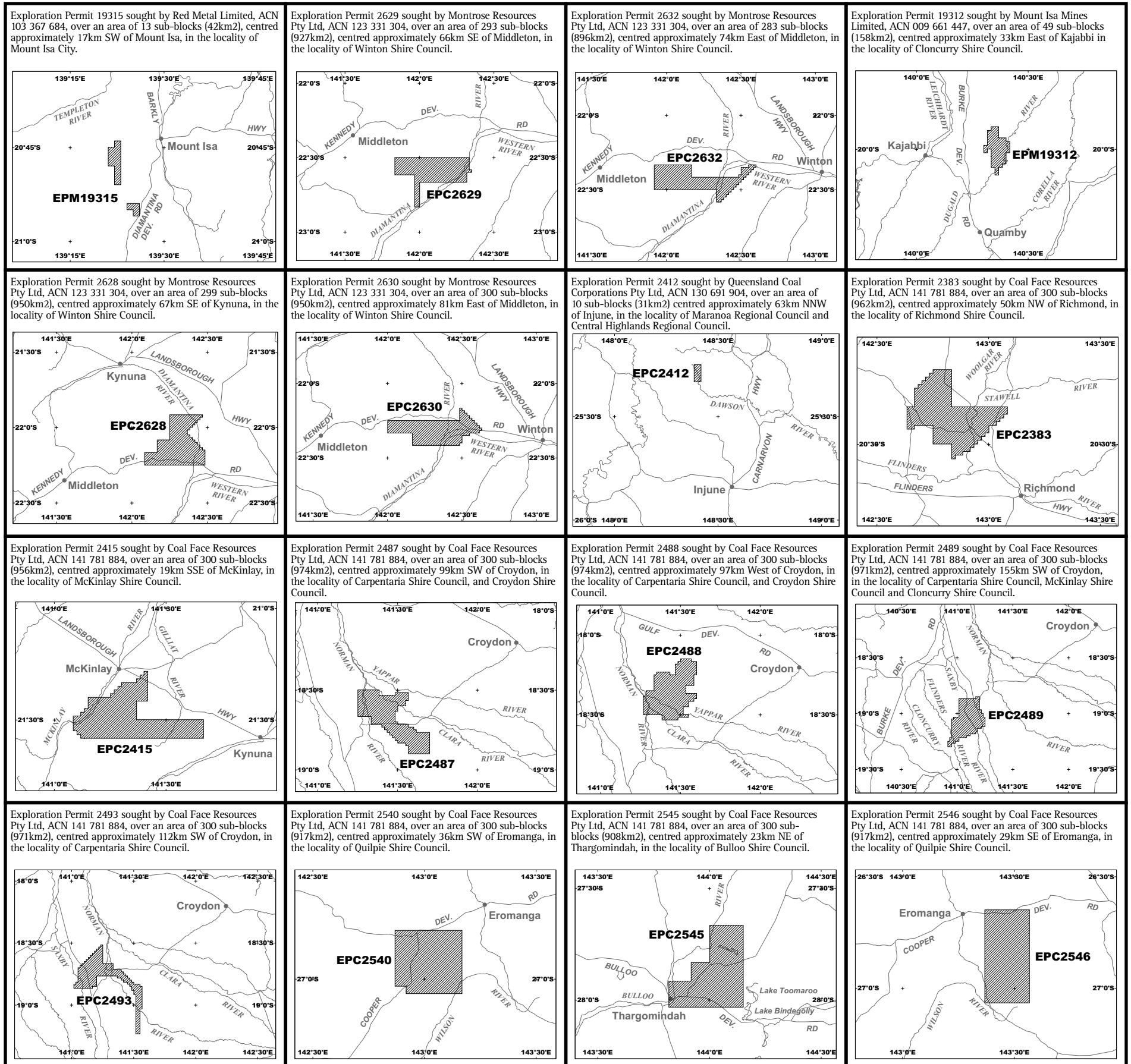


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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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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, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

**Notification Day: 26 April 2012**



## Burney calls for Lui to be sacked

NEW South Wales Sport and Recreation Shadow Minister Linda Burney wants the North Queensland Cowboys to sack Robert Lui after he admitted assaulting his pregnant girlfriend last year.

Ms Burney said 21 rugby league clubs and their 900 players had joined a movement called 'Let's Tackle Domestic Violence' and were taking a stand against the horror of domestic violence.

She said the North Queensland Cowboys, supported by the new ARL Commission and the National Rugby League, should take a stand as well.

Lui was placed on a two-year good behaviour bond and fined \$2000 after pleading guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm in Burwood Local Court on 21 March.

The Cowboys later issued a statement saying Lui was being given regular counselling and had been suspended indefinitely.

But the club's decision to suspend the player does not go far enough, according to Ms Burney. She called on the Cowboys to sack Robert Lui, saying clubs needed to draw the line in the sand.

## NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that **SOUTH AUSTRALIA LUDI MINING PTY LTD** ACN 135 646 187 ("SALM") of 10/237 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000 and any of its respective successors or assigns proposes to undertake mining operations in an area located within Exploration Licence No 4619 (including any extensions, renewals, grants, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Exploration Licence and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held over the area of the Exploration Licence or any part of that area) on the following land held by **SALM**:

**POUND CREEK AREA** – Approximately 120 km north of Roxby Downs, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°25'S and longitude 136°38'E, thence east to longitude 136°47'E, south to latitude 29°26'S, east to the western boundary of Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park, thence generally southeasterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 136°54'E, south to latitude 29°34'S, west to longitude 136°38'E, and north to the point of commencement.

(All the above latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 6 October 1966 (AGD66))

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:**

**SALM** proposes to carry out exploratory operations on the Land to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. Those operations may include reconnaissance; gridding; geological mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling and include all things necessarily

incidental to any such operations.

**The proposed operations are authorised by the Exploration Licence** No. 4619 (including any extensions or renewals of the exploration licence and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act over the Land or any part of it).

**TAKE NOTICE** that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, **SALM** may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

**ANY PERSON** who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponents, **SALM**, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if within four (4) months of the initiation of these negotiations, **SALM** and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

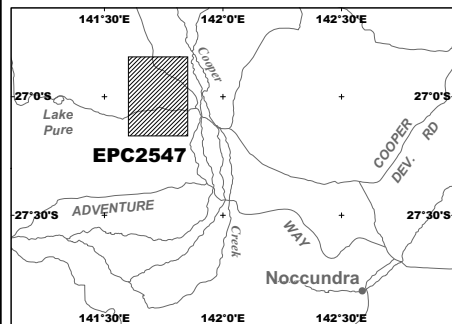
If you require further information, please contact:

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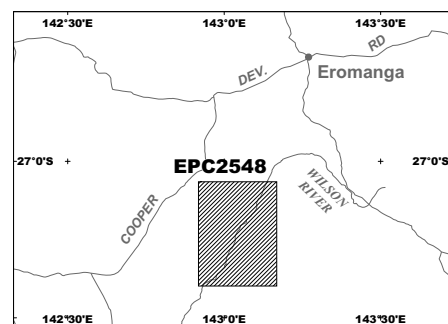
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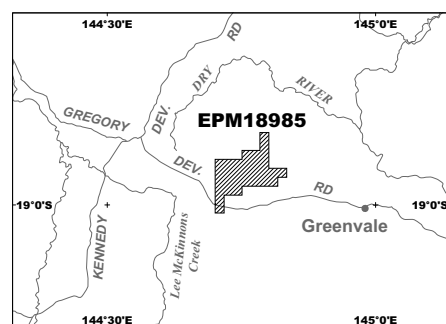
Exploration Permit 2547 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (917km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 128km NW of Noccundra, in the locality of Bulloo Shire Council.



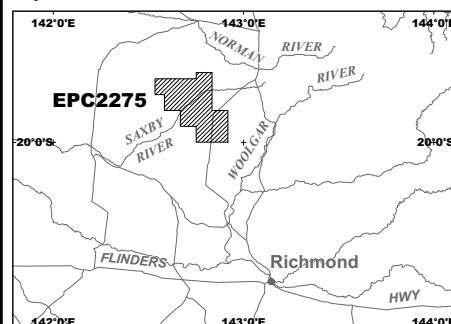
Exploration Permit 2548 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (917km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 66km SW of Eromanga, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council, and Bulloo Shire Council.



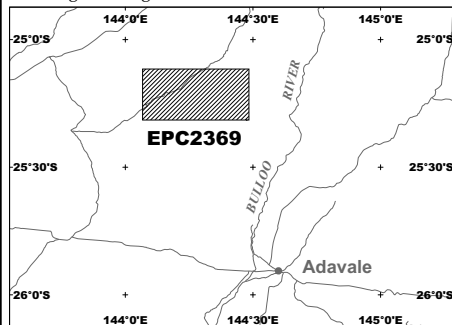
Exploration Permit 18985 sought by Copper Strike Ltd, ACN 108 398 983, over an area of 31 sub-blocks (100km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 29km WNW of Greenvale, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council and Etheridge Shire Council.



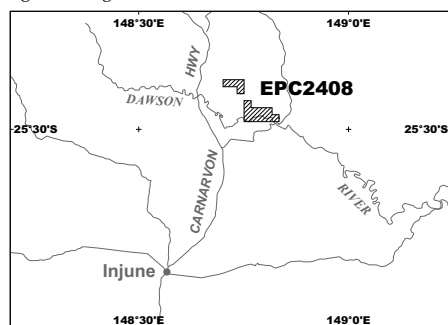
Exploration Permit 2275 sought by Blue Dog Exploration (Aust) Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (968km<sup>2</sup>) centred approximately 108km NNE of Richmond, in the locality of Richmond Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council.



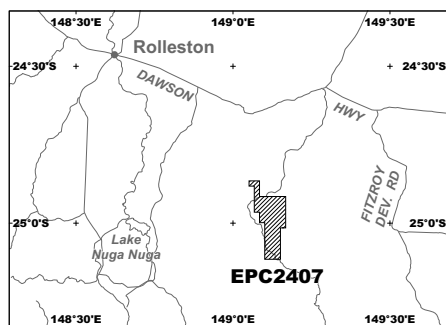
Exploration Permit 2369 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (932km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 82km NW of Adavale, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council, Barcoo Shire Council and Longreach Regional Council.



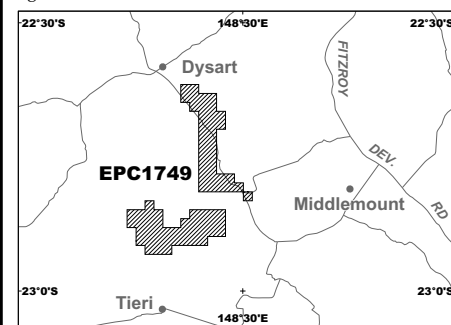
Exploration Permit 2408 sought by Queensland Coal Corporation Pty Ltd, ACN 130 691 904 over an area of 14 sub-blocks (43km<sup>2</sup>) centred approximately 50km NE of Injune, in the locality of Maranoa Regional and Central Highlands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 2407 sought by Queensland Coal Corporation Pty Ltd, ACN 130 691 904 over an area of 54 sub-blocks (168km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 77km SE of Rolleston, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council and Banana Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 1749 sought by Qld Coal Aust No. 1 Pty Ltd, ACN 135 731 154, over an area of 74 sub-blocks (233km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 21km SSE of Dysart, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council.



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**Notification Day: 26 April 2012**





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
16/332	DAVYHURST GOLD PTY LTD	392760	91.66HA	79km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 120° 44' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
16/416	MINERALS INVESCO PTY LTD	387264	15.65HA	67km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 120° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
27/411	CARRICK GOLD LTD	391925	349.21HA	62km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
30/335	DAVYHURST GOLD PTY LTD	391361	158.27HA	66km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 6' S Long: 120° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
40/295	MIDAS RESOURCES LTD	392626	21.44HA	27km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
40/295	MIDAS RESOURCES LTD	392628	23.52HA	27km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
74/385	ZETEK RESOURCES PTY LTD	392270	51.14HA	14km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 120° 11' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
74/413	ZETEK RESOURCES PTY LTD	392279	89.54HA	25km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 43' S Long: 120° 12' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
77/1399	SONS OF GWALIA LTD	385918	19.87HA	84km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 40' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE
77/1416	ST BARBARA LIMITED	385919	45.47HA	82km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 40' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.  
**Notification day:** 4 April 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 **4 July 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.  
**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 4 August 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.  
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Sport

Thurston reaches out to remote Q’land kids

COWBOYS co-captain Johnathan Thurston’s inspiring 120km journey to talk to children in a remote ‘virtual’ classroom was a joint March winner of One Community’s ‘In a League of Their Own’ award.

On his day off, Thurston travelled to Charters Towers School of Distance Education where the school’s first-ever ‘virtual’ classroom brought together more than 60 students from various regions across north and north-west Queensland including Townsville, Clermont, Hughenden, Richmond, Charters Towers and the Whitsundays.

During the two-hour session, students were not only able to interact with Thurston individually, they were also able to watch his every move through the use of innovative technology that included a wireless headset connected to a

computer and phone, a second computer connected to a large interactive ‘smart’ board, a web cam, and the use of an online teleconferencing program.

“To be able to interact with kids sitting in front of me in the classroom and at the same time speak with students 500km away was an amazing experience and I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did. It’s a great initiative by the Charters Towers School of Distance Education,” Thurston said.

Senior teacher at Charters Towers School of Distance Education Richard Heard said: “To bring all these students together and have someone as special as Johnathan Thurston as our guest speaker was amazing as it gave our students an opportunity to see and talk to one of Rugby League’s greatest players, something they could not have done any other way.”

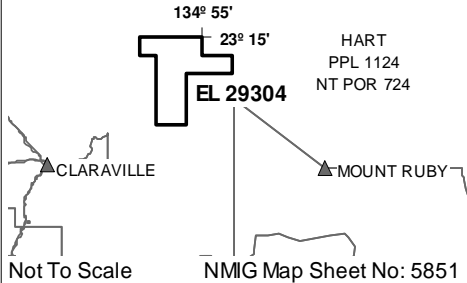
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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.

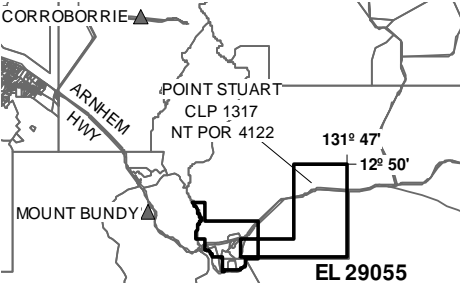
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29304 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE and GEMPART PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 15 Blocks (47 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



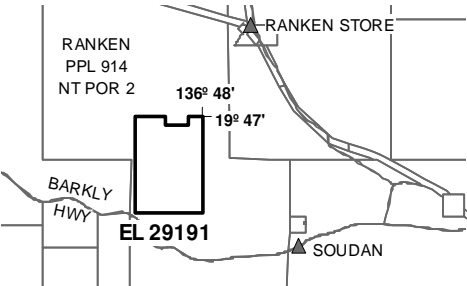
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Exploration Licence 29055 sought by AUSTRALIAN GEOSCIENCE PTY LIMITED, ACN 092 577 029 over an area of 26 Blocks (79 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



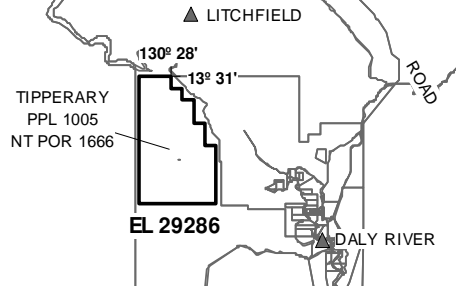
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Exploration Licence 29191 sought by CENTURY HILL PTY LTD, ACN 125 681 209 over an area of 105 Blocks (339 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANKEN locality.



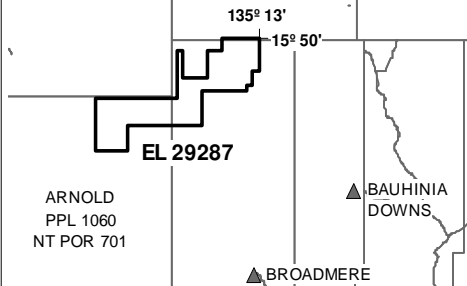
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Exploration Licence 29286 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 64 Blocks (214 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GREENWOOD locality.



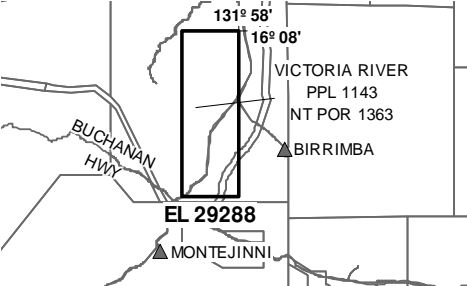
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Exploration Licence 29287 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 162 Blocks (534 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MANTUNGULA locality.



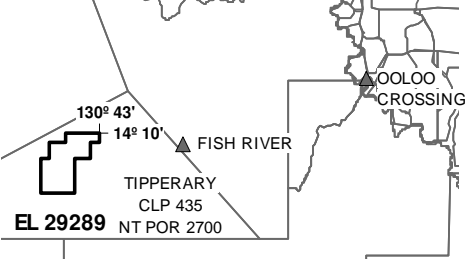
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Exploration Licence 29288 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 216 Blocks (712 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.



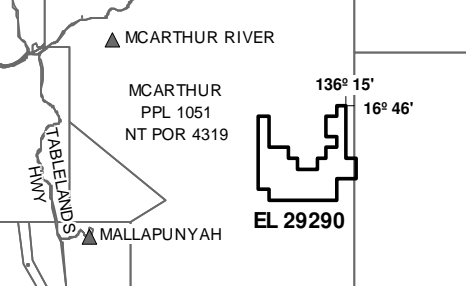
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Exploration Licence 29289 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 30 Blocks (100 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality.



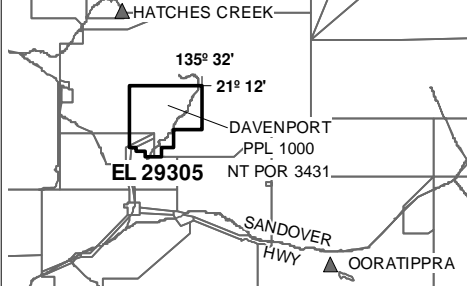
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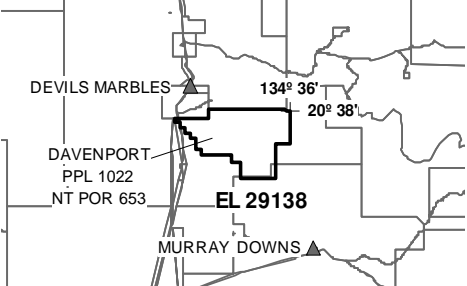
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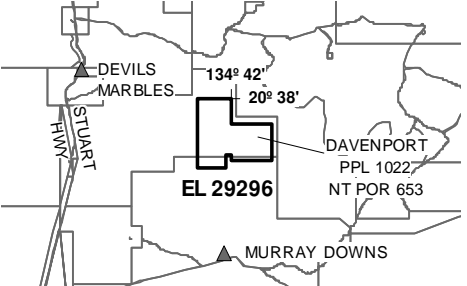
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Exploration Licence 29138 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 199 Blocks (596 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 29296 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 106 Blocks (340 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



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# Autio-pilot

SAMUEL AUTIO

By PETER ARGENT



Palmerston Magpies talent Samuel Autio.

The strongly-built key position player who can also ruck, has all the tools recruiting officers from AFL clubs look for.

"I gave Sam a crack at NTFL Premier League when he was 15," Magpies coach and territory great Russell Jeffery said.

"We went back to complete Year 12 studies last year and this was an important catalyst to his brilliant 2011-12 season.

## Exceptional

"His improvement over the northern winter was exceptional and he went on to win our (Palmerston's) Premier League best and fairest award.

"I played him down back, up forward and in ruck and he gave me magnificent service all season.

"He only went back to play in the under 18s to get qualified for the finals.

"Sam is the most exciting talent I've seen in Darwin in the

three years since I've been back coaching.

"He's a pretty laid-back character until he steps over the white – I like his aggression at the ball – that's something you can't teach footballers.

"GWS Giants showed some interest in him in 2010, and he's training with the Thunder before going down south in an effort to get ready for the national under 18s.

"He actually turned 18 on grand final day."

Among Autio's strengths is his ability to read the play, along with having excellent skills for a big man and being athletic.

Already in his third year of Premier League football, Autio played 12 senior games for the Magpies and won a place in the 2011-12 NTFL Team of the Year, selected on the interchange bench.

This included a ten-goal best-on-ground effort against the Darwin Buffaloes in February.

Autio was among Palmerston's best three players in nine of his 12 appearances

during the recently completed season.

Returning to the Magpies under 18s, he played three games during the minor round to qualify for finals and was a key player in the second semi-final and grand final victories.

To top off an eight-point premiership victory at this level, Autio kicked two goals in that win and received the Haritos Medal for the player judged best on ground in the 2011-12 NTFL under 18s grand final.

The Woodville-West Torrens

Football Club in South Australia's SANFL competition is keen to get Autio down for a few games during their 2012 campaign.

In 2010 Autio was a member of the Flying Boomerangs squad on a two-week tour of South Africa.



# Yow Yeh can bounce back – Lazarus, Gee



CHAMPION Brisbane forwards Glenn Lazarus and Andrew Gee, who beat career-threatening injuries to win premierships, say young Broncos winger Jharal Yow Yeh will play State of Origin and

Test football again.

Yow Yeh suffered a dislocation and compound fracture of his lower right leg against South Sydney in Perth on 13 March.

He arrived home a couple of days later and was greeted by his mother and grandmother before being admitted to Brisbane Private Hospital.

With the swelling still going down and possible infection a cause for concern, it may be some time before leading Brisbane orthopaedic specialist Peter Meyers can operate.

Gee, who played 355 games for Brisbane, sustained a serious foot injury touring Papua New Guinea with the Kangaroos in the early 1990s.

He was told he may not be able to play rugby league again.

"The first time the doctor in Australia looked at it (foot) he said I'd be very lucky to play again," said Gee.

"They're not good words to hear. Certainly the doctors haven't said anything like that to Jharal."

Gee, who had not seen a worse injury, was playing the day Lazarus suffered a similar leg injury in the World Club Challenge final in England in 1997.

"The difference is Jharal is very young and you heal better when you're younger," he said.

Lazarus, who struggles to walk as a consequence of the injury, says Yow Yeh will find it mentally tough at times not to be able to play.

"On weekends when Brisbane are playing and when Origin comes around, he'll feel left out. It can get the better of you at times," he said.

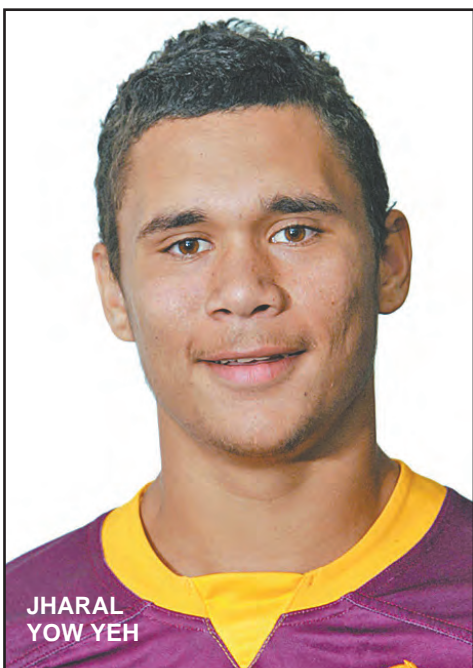
"If I could give Jharal a piece of advice, it would be to be very patient and to keep off the leg, not force his comeback which was the mistake I made."

Lazarus came back from his injury to win a premiership with Melbourne in 1999, claiming a unique place in NRL history as the only player to win titles with three different clubs: Canberra (1989-91), Brisbane (1992-93) and Melbourne (1999).

Gee said all Yow Yeh

had to do was think about getting his leg right.

"The best thing he can do is immerse himself in his rehabilitation. If he does that, he'll get back to the playing level he was at before the injury," he said. – AAP



JHARAL YOW YEH

# Ipswich to host next three Murri carnivals



THE Arthur Beetson Foundation has won the hosting rights for the next three Queensland Rugby League-endorsed Murri Rugby League

carnivals.

This year's carnival will be held on 27-30 September at the Neville Bonner Sports Complex, Briggs Road, Ipswich, just west of Brisbane.

Following the inaugural carnival last year at Mudgeeraba, on the Gold Coast, the QRL called for tenders for this year's carnival.

Former rugby league star Tony Currie was the driving force behind the Mudgeeraba carnival, and again is involved in the Arthur

Beetson Foundation.

This year's carnival will include under 15 teams competing, with selectors on hand to choose Queensland's under 16 team to play NSW in a curtain-raiser to next year's NRL All Stars game in February.

The Murri carnival open men's competition will offer \$50,000 to the winners, while the winners of the women's competition will get \$8000.

For more details and registration forms, email Tony Currie or Troy Byers at tony@murrirugbyleague.com.au phone 0402 030 002, or troy@murrirugbyleague.com.au phone 0425 769 488.

The website: www.murrirugbyleague.com.au will soon post details.

# Langer backs Corey Norman

AT 165cm, Allan Langer is not exactly an expert on how to fill big shoes.

But the Broncos legend believed Corey Norman had done just that in Darren Lockyer's absence at Brisbane.

He believed Norman had a bright future wearing the No 6 jersey synonymous with Lockyer.

"He (Norman) was the player probably under the most pressure leading into this season," Langer said.

"But I think he is doing a

marvellous job.

Fomer Bronco Michael Hancock said he was also convinced that Norman's future lay at pivot.

"Every time Corey played (at five-eighth) in the past, he knew Darren was coming back – now it is all Corey Norman," said former flyer Hancock, second behind Lockyer on the all-time list for Broncos' games with 274.

"I think it will give him confidence that there is no more Darren Lockyer." – AAP



# The new Jet star

## Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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**L**EWIS Jetta's two goals against Greater Western Sydney (GWS) in the season's opening game marked a performance that I believe is the opening statement of a new maturity and confidence for this rising star.

Last year was his second year at the Sydney Swans and Jetta admits things didn't always go to plan in an up-and-down season.

Jetta played 20 of the 24 games for the year, but found himself in the grandstands as an emergency for the Swans' two finals appearances.

Juggling fatherhood and a career in the AFL, Jetta worked on a plan to improve in 2012 and get back to the form he showed in his debut season.

His start last week suggests his strategy is working.

By his own admission, last season was up and down.

"There were some games where I played good, and some games where I wasn't as good," Jetta said.

"It's hard to know why, but some weekends I would feel ready to go out there, and then I was sometimes sub.

"And then I might get a full game and not feel so good.

"I did enjoy the year though. I settled down. Last year I was still a bit worried about home (WA) but it has been good having Jess and baby here in Sydney."

Like most players, Jetta struggled to find a balance between his life off the field and the increasing demands of being an AFL player.

### Off-field adjustments

Like most young parents, he also had to adjust to being a father for the first time.

Fans often just see and judge footballers for what they see on the field and forget about the normal challenges of human life they have to deal with away from the game.

Jetta's story is but one example of this.

"It was a challenging year, becoming a dad at a young age," he said.

"Last year was about trying to find a good balance between fatherhood and being a professional athlete.

"It wasn't until late in the season that we started teaching baby sleeping routines, and it started working really well.

"That was a bit of the reason why I was struggling to play well."

Jetta nevertheless saw promise in the team's



The Sydney Swans' Lewis Jetta celebrates a goal against the GWS Giants during their round one AFL match at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on Saturday 4 March. – AAP Image

performance. "We were quiet at the start of the year and kicked into gear and came home strong towards the end of the season which was what we needed leading into finals," he said.

He sees this as the foundation for a better team performance in 2012 and committed himself to a strong off-season to achieve this personal goal.

But he made sure he came back refreshed from some time home in WA, where he hung out with the family, went to the beach, as well as doing a bit of camping and some hunting and getting some kangaroos.

He came back to what he described as 'the hardest pre-season I've done' since he

arrived at the Swans two years ago.

"We've done some really hard sessions, with lots of repeat running. It can make you feel pretty sick," he said.

"But there's one thing that always helps me get through it, and that's the way the boys all urge each other on and talk a lot out there.

"There are always a few guys standing at the finish line when a few of us were finishing our run, and just hearing their voices and support gets me there."

That is an important part of any team culture and provides a sense of belonging and acceptance which are values that are important to most

of the Indigenous players.

This sense of belonging does not happen overnight, and you can sense that Jetta is finally beginning to feel at home.

"I've learnt a lot the last two years since I joined the Swans in the 2009 draft," he said.

"Your work rate in the off season makes such a big difference to how you play during the season.

"And no matter how hard it is now, I love it."

These are the words of a new man who – apart from the continued guidance of Adam Goodes – will have the support of another brother in Tony Armstrong.

Armstrong come over from Adelaide in trade week and had adjusted to the club well.

You can also sense the growth of confidence in Lewis through his involvement in off-field activities.

"I've got involved in helping to raise money for Indigenous literacy, through the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation's Wall of Hands," Jetta said.

"A lot of Indigenous kids in remote areas can't read and the Wall of Hands wants to help fix that.

"I know how important school is. I left for two years and then went back and finished school and it made a big difference to my life."

This is the sign of a man who has a defined purpose in his life.

It is only early days, but I believe this new maturity is already evident in his form on the field.

Look for this particular Jet to take off.

He is the new Jet star! Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!!

# Yarran magic deflates Tigers



Carlton's Christopher Yarran gets a kick away during the round one AFL match against Richmond at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Thursday night. Carlton won 18.17 (125) to 12.9 (81). – AAP Image



CARLTON star Bryce Gibbs says he can barely believe some of the things Chris Yarran does on an AFL field, but it is getting easier the more it happens.

Yarran's early contender for goal of the year, in the final quarter against Richmond at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) last Thursday night, will be hard to top.

The Indigenous speedster somehow threaded his way along the boundary line, while managing to shrug off two opponents, before calmly splitting the sticks from an acute angle.

A tight tussle quickly became a Carlton avalanche and Gibbs said the magnificent major had proved a big team-lifter.

"It was. I was at halfback and I just looked at Lachie Henderson and we just laughed at each other," Gibbs said.

"He does some things that you can't believe sometimes.

"But as it's going on in his career, it's just becoming more natural to him and he does that sort of thing at training as well.

"I'm not too surprised that he has the ability to do it, but it's great to watch."

Yarran also scored a goal off three steps in the first term from just inside the 50m arc.

Coach Brett Ratten said the 21-year-old running defender was fast proving himself a big-game performer.

"What can you say? Not too many people can do what he did with the gaps he had to try to run through and then still score the goal," Ratten said.

"He's very talented, Chris, and he's really grabbing his opportunity on the big stage to do some special things at certain times. That was one of them."

Yarran killed off a Richmond comeback as the Blues put aside a

sluggish summer to start their AFL season with a bang.

In front of a crowd of 78,285, Carlton won 18.17 (125) to 12.9 (81).

Carlton showed their winless pre-season was no reason to doubt their top-four ambitions, as they notched their eighth straight victory over the Tigers.

While it was another deflating season-opening loss for Richmond, they at least put up a fight, charging back from a 32-point deficit in the third quarter to close to within six points early in the last.

But their fight evaporated when running defender Yarran delivered a piece of magic ten minutes into the term.

Replays suggesting the ball might have crossed the line did not detract from the goal's brilliance.

Before Richmond scored again, Carlton added three more quick majors to destroy the contest.

Yarran finished with 22 touches and two goals. – AAP





The convoy arrives in Jamie Jackway's Townsville street.



Jamie Jackway greets a cyclist to his new home with wife Melinee and daughter Noelani near them.

# Jamie's street party

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



THE life of former star Indigenous basketball and All Blacks rugby league carnival forward Jamie Jackway was shattered when he had an horrific accident in the Torres Strait on 9 November 2009 which left him a quadriplegic.

Of Darnley Island descent, Jamie was a Thursday Island-based paramedic who suffered serious injuries while part of a crew that was sent to retrieve a cardiac patient from container ship *Maersk Duffield* about 130km west of Horn Island, in Torres Strait waters.

Their helicopter hovered overhead and Jamie and another paramedic were lowered on a winch line that broke.

He fell 16 metres on to the ship and suffered multiple fractures to his ribs,

arms, pelvis, as well as internal bleeding, and severe injuries to his C5 and C6 vertebra.

Jamie woke up in the Intensive Care Ward at Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital, where he spent three months, and another nine months in the spinal ward where he underwent rehabilitation.

While in hospital, Jamie also had a visit from former champion boxing legends 'Aussie' Joe Bugner and the now deceased 'Smokin' Joe Frazier.

## House appeal

When he moved back to Townsville, he lived in a townhouse and the ambulance community started raising money for a new house through the Jamie Jackway Appeal.

There have been many fundraising events that culminated on 23 March when Jamie and his family moved into a new purpose-built house with wheelchair access, in the Townsville suburb of Kelso.

Joy showed on the face of the

34-year-old Jamie as a street party was attended by more than 100 people who helped with the fundraising for the house.

Living in the house with Jamie are his wife Melinee and children Kavakore, 12, T'challa, 9, and Noelani, 14.

"I just can't thank everybody enough. It is a wonderful house in a quiet street and the kids are already playing on their scooters and they love it," Jamie said.

"A lot of people have helped us. My family helps keep me active. I am very positive about the future."

As part of the Jamie Jackway Appeal Ironman Event, the two cycling crews of paramedics left Brisbane and Cairns to raise funds.

Twelve cyclists, who set off from Brisbane and rode 1650km, arrived in Townsville on the day of Mr Jackway's street party.

On the same day, kayaker Gary Nicholson also arrived. He had paddled the entire journey, averaging almost 100km a day, and was met by media

and other support paramedics along the Townsville Strand.

A team of 11 cyclists and a support crew set off from Cairns and travelled 350km to Townsville and they all formed part of a convoy that arrived at Jamie's street party.

The cyclists and lone kayaker travelled through heavy rain, strong winds and intense heat along the way to complete their journeys.

At the street party, Jamie even had time to yarn about his days playing for the Walkabouts at northern All Blacks carnivals, his games in the Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition on Thursday Island, and his Torres Strait basketball matches.



Jamie Jackway with cyclists and kayaker Gary Nicholson who raised funds for his new house.



**Nambucca Valley Rams  
Aboriginal Rugby League Club**

## Nambucca Valley Rams Fundraising Reunion

The Nambucca Valley Rams Aboriginal Rugby League Club would like to invite past and present players to celebrate 26 years of participating in the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnivals by attending our formal fundraising reunion dinner.

The event will be held at the Nambucca Heads Bowling Club on Saturday 2 June 2012.

Tickets will be sold at the Nambucca Heads Bowling Club for \$50 per person. Ticket sales will include a three course meal and entertainment. All proceeds raised will go to supporting the clubs continued participation in future Knockouts.

All enquiries for the event please contact:  
Kelvin Jarrett on (02) 8752 4347.

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The Redfern Red Sox under 8s after their premiership success.

# Undefeated premiers!



TWO years ago, Gary Fishburn established an Indigenous baseball side in the Redfern area. He wanted to introduce mostly Indigenous children to baseball in the inner-city area.

After a lot of planning and making sure the club would be viable, he came together with two other Indigenous players, Darren Moss and Dominic Zahra, who together recruited a small group of people who went on to find the players.

They started by simply going down to 'The Block' in Redfern and throwing a baseball around with the locals.

In 2011, the Redfern Red Sox registered in the Ryde-Hornsby Baseball League.

A local school, Alexandria Park Community School, let them use part of their playground as their home ground – and the Redfern Red Sox were born.

## Humble beginnings

They were humble beginnings, with not enough money for team shirts – red T-shirts were made to do in the first season.

But as a result, the Red Sox have introduced lots of talented players to baseball.

In the first year, one of their players was selected to play in a representative team.

This season, four teams were registered.

With fundraising and the assistance of parents, the teams soon became competitive.

Uniforms were designed and printed in Indigenous colours.

Other clubs in the league were encouraging and gave the Red Sox their spare equipment.

The locals have taken to the

club. This season, City of Sydney Council allowed use of a local small park – Perry Park – in Alexandria.

Last month, the club achieved its first success with the under 8s winning the grand final – Ryde-Hornsby Baseball League under 8 South minor premiers 2012 – undefeated!

Coach Darren Moss said: "We are very proud of our players; we have introduced a lot of talented children into this great game. Their sporting talents are a perfect fit for baseball. They can throw, they can all catch, and boy, can they hit!"

Ryde-Hornsby Baseball League president Stuart Tabrett has been a great help to the club in its fledgling years.

"It's an excellent result for the team and the club. Congratulations," he said.



A Red Sox under 8 batter tees off.

# Barambah wins thrill-a-ball final



MORE than 300 runs from 40 overs put the Barambah cricket team from Cherbourg in a strong position in the South Burnett B-grade premierships last month.

But in the end it was only just enough as their opponents, the Kingaroy Warriors, fell agonisingly short of reaching the target.

Organisers said the game was an epic – a thrill-a-ball.

It was the second time in three years that Barambah had won the B-grade premiership.

The Cherbourg-based players gave a display of huge hits to score 304 in 40 overs.

"Quick singles were not an option," team spokesperson and all-rounder C Zala said.

Gordon Fisher showed the way, reaching 109 off about 70 balls.

He was well supported by Bernard Hopkins, who scored 65 off 36 balls.

Their Kingaroy Warriors opponents were not daunted.

They came out swinging in the dark, overcast conditions and openers Trevor Hansen and Steve Price scored a quick 83

as the rain clouds moved in.

At the start of the 20th over, Warriors were told 11 runs were needed if they wanted to walk from the field as winners, due to bad light.

They fell just five short.

But both teams agreed to continue playing despite the rain.

In the final over, Kingaroy needed 14 runs to claim the premiership, but a tidy over from Zala left them nine short.

"It was so dark at the end, nobody could see the ball," Zala said.

"It was miserable, but everybody wanted to play in the right spirit.

"People at the grounds said they'd never seen a game like it."

Zala said Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Warren Collins could claim a large part the side's glory.

The 53-year-old fielded in the outer and dived numerous times to save boundaries.

"It could've been the difference between our winning and losing," Zala said.

## Looking to expand

Barambah now hopes to field A- and B-grade sides in the South Burnett competition next year.

They don't care if their players are any good.

"It's about fun, having a purpose and getting support from your team-mates so we can all lead a happier life," Zala said.

"The social benefits cricket has brought Cherbourg have been huge and could potentially be much greater.

"We want many more players to join our team."

Barambah now hopes to attract sponsors, establish nets, a proper turf pitch in Cherbourg and obtain equipment for more players to use.

Cherbourg was the home of Eddie Gilbert, who bowled the great Don Bradman for a duck when 'The Don' was in his prime.

Zala said there could be others like him in the community, but that wasn't the aim of the game.

"It's about having a good time with your mates each week," he said.



Barambah's Curtis Hill, left, chats with the padded-up Gordon Fisher, who went on to score 109 off just 70 balls.



Small on style, but big on effectiveness.



The winning Barambah team, from left, Ivan Harrison, Edwin Simpson, Keith Walsh, Neil Barrett, Craig Currie, Capt Peter Mickelo, Warren Collins, Gordon Fisher, Bernard Hopkins, C Zala, Curtis Hill and Errol Simpson.



# Best of the best

**F**or the 2012 AFL season, *Koori Mail* football correspondent Peter Argent rates his top 20 Indigenous players. It wasn't an easy task. Choosing the number-one ranked player was hard enough, and it didn't get any easier from there. There are more than a handful of exciting players, including Liam Jurrah, Courtenay Dempsey, Lewis Jetta, Michael Johnson, Lindsay Thomas and Antoni Grover, who could consider themselves unlucky not to be in the top 20. Areas that came under consideration when selecting the top 20 included the footballer's importance to his club, his individual abilities and where he may be positioned in the entire AFL landscape.

## 1. Adam Goodes (Sydney)

The most professional Indigenous footballer in the AFL currently, Goodes delivers consistently for the Swans. His record and durability get him the number-one position just in front of 'Buddy' Franklin.

## 2. Lance Franklin (Hawthorn)

Hawthorn's 2008 premiership player and dual Coleman medallist, Franklin is a game-changer. He is one of the most exciting footballers in the game.

## 3. Daniel Wells (North Melbourne)

A winner of the Syd Barker Medal as the Shinboners' best and fairest last year (equal with Andrew Swallow), Wells is a versatile player who is a lynchpin of North's hopes to return to finals football in 2012.

## 4. Cyril Rioli (Hawthorn)

His football heritage is unquestioned – the mark he's made on the AFL landscape is already significant – and he still has plenty to offer.

## 5. Shaun Burgoyne (Hawthorn)

One of the elite stoppage players in the AFL, Burgoyne is a magnificent finisher and is exciting to watch.

## 6. Graham Johncock (Adelaide)

Compact, courageous, even kamikaze in



The Sydney Swans' Adam Goodes comes in at the top of Peter Argent's top 20 Indigenous AFL players.



Lance Franklin is set for another big year for the Hawthorn Hawks.

his attack on the ball, Johncock is among the best small defenders in the game. He's a key member of the Crows backline.

## 7. Patty Ryder (Essendon)

Essendon's key position player who can also ruck, Ryder has the athleticism and skills to match it with and beat any big man in the competition.



The Fremantle Dockers' Stephen Hill is No 8 on Peter Argent's top 20 list. His best is probably ahead of him.

## 8. Stephen Hill (Fremantle)

A lightning quick midfielder with exceptional skills, Hill is developing into a marquee player at the Dockers. He is a match-winner and still has the majority of his career ahead of him.

## 9. Eddie Betts (Carlton)

A creative small forward who can kick 50-plus goals in a season, Betts is a diamond and is coming into the peak of his career.

## 10. Mathew Stokes (Geelong)

Now a dual premiership player, Stokes dealt with his off-field issues and

continues to be a consistent and well-respected player in the potent Cats' forward line.

## 11. Chris Yarran (Carlton)

Moving to half back last year catapulted Yarran into one of the Blues' key players. He is expected to be even more dangerous in 2012.

## 12. Danyale Pearce (Port Adelaide)

For a number of years seen as a barometer of how the Power are travelling, he moved during the second part of last season to be a linkman and distributor of the ball from half back. This makes him a key for Port Adelaide.

## 13. Andrew Walker (Carlton)

After making a name for himself initially across half back, Walker returned from injury and developed into a powerful lead-up goal-kicking forward in 2011.



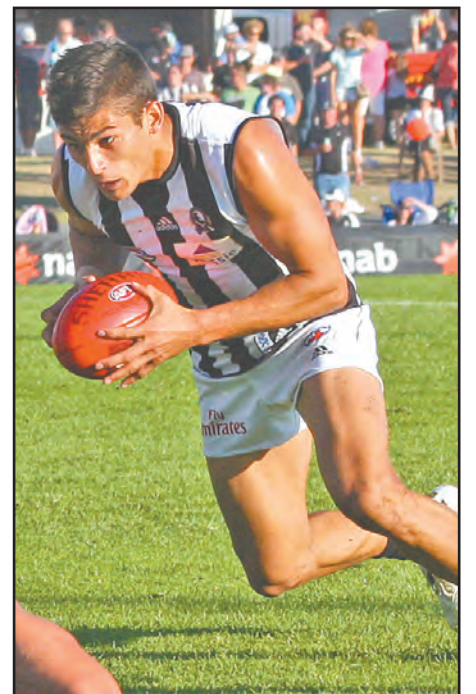
Chris Yarran has become a vital link for Carlton.

## 14. Travis Varcoe (Geelong)

While injury will curtail the start to Varcoe's season, he should see more time in the midfield this year and further develop his extraordinary talent.

## 15. Sharrod Wellingham (Collingwood)

Originally an elevated rookie, Wellingham is on the brink of forcing his way into the Magpies' midfield more consistently and



The Magpies' Sharrod Wellingham will be a key player.

becoming a quality on-baller at this powerful club, next to Dane Swan and Scott Pendlebury.

## 16. Jarrod Harbrow (Gold Coast)

While last season wasn't as consistent as the previous two with the Bulldogs, Harbrow is still an elite half back after his first year in a Suns' jumper.

## 17. Liam Jones (Western Bulldogs)

The son of an AFL footballer, Jones will take over the key forwards' duties from Barry Hall this year. He will be a key marking target for the Doggies.

## 18. Aaron Davey (Melbourne)

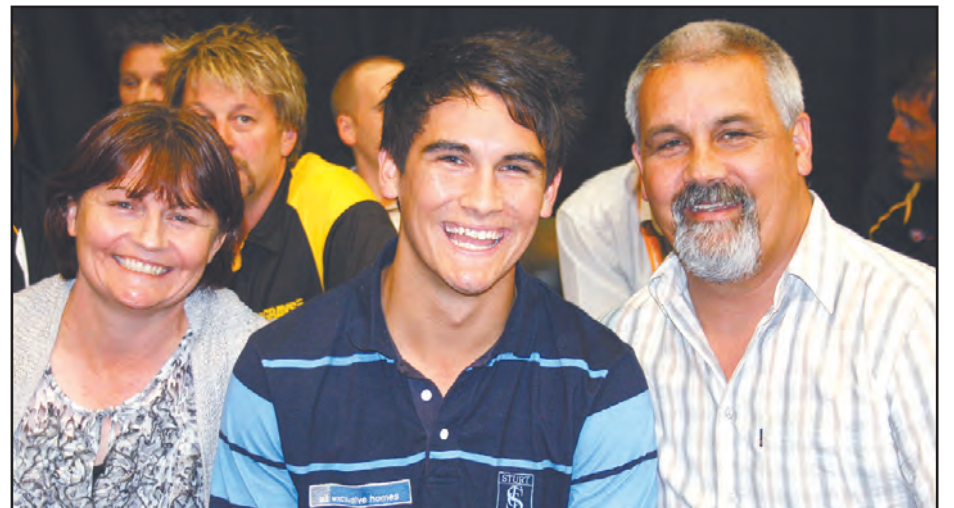
While 2011 was a season to forget, Davey is still an experienced and exceptionally skilled player. Team-mates love to see him with the ball in his hand.

## 19. Curtly Hampton (GWS)

This lad from Alice Springs bided his time in the NEAFL last year and is a freakish talent who will be on the lips of supporters by the end of the season.

## 20. Chad Wingard (Port Adelaide)

Selecting Chad yet to play a game at the start of the season is a bit of a gamble, but he's a gun. He is capable of taking a big mark, kicking the winning goal and breaking a game open, although he has a slight frame.



Chad Wingard with his mum and dad Wendy and Trevor. His career is just beginning, but he is expected to be one of the AFL's best. Picture: Peter Argent



# They're off to India



**BEN  
ABBATANGELO**  
Picture: Peter Argent

INDIGENOUS cricketers D'Arcy Short and Ben Abbatangelo left Australia for India on Saturday on their Cricket Australian scholarships.

All-rounder Short, 21, made his first-class debut for Western Australia in the Ryobi Cup against NSW in the season gone, having previously impressed at the Imparja Cup – Cricket Australia's Indigenous cricket tournament.

Abbatangelo, a 19-year-old top-order batsman from Victoria, secured his scholarship after a standout 2012 Imparja Cup in his first year as captain of Victoria.

The honour of leading his State to Alice Springs for the 2012 Imparja Cup came as reward for consistent form for Northcote in the Victorian Premier cricket competition, form also acknowledged with selection for the Victorian under-19 side.

The scholarships were awarded by former Australian off-spinner and national Indigenous chairman of selectors Ray Bright, who has tracked the form of Short and Abbatangelo and

passed judgment to gain the duo their boarding passes to India.

The two-week trip will take the pair to India's Global Cricket School in Mumbai, exposing them to the rigours of full-time cricket.

Not confined to teachings in the confines of cricket school, the twosome will take in the Indian Premier League on 6 April and experience the culture of India.

The trip will act as a precursor to the Indigenous Development squad tour of India in October, of which Short and Abbatangelo will be a part.

The Indigenous Development squad comprises the brightest prospects from the 2012 Imparja Cup.

This is the second year in which Australia's brightest Indigenous talent has toured India under the scholarship program.

In 2011, Cameron Trask (Queensland) and Fletcher Stewart (Victoria) received the inaugural scholarships.

The Imparja Cup is supported by the Australian Government's Learn Earn Legend program.



**D'ARCY SHORT**

## Indigenous boxers bound for London

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all worked hard. That's what's been on show today."

Daly said the team expect to go into London on a high.

"They're only kids, but in saying that this team has got some rough diamonds that have every chance – anything can happen."

Australia's female boxing hopefuls will compete at the world championships in May hoping to join the ten men in London for the first Olympics to include women's boxing.

Hammond told *ABC Radio* he was nervous, excited and confident heading into the Oceania competition.

But his decisive wins left no doubt that he was a class above the rest.

He defeated opponents from Samoa, Tonga and New Zealand to secure his place at the London Olympics.

"I've been thinking about this for six years, I used to watch it on TV and I never thought I would be one of those people on TV," he told *ABC Radio*.

"When I was young, I used to watch the Olympics and I never thought I would be there, but look at me now, I'm one of them."

His said his victory left him speechless and it has been worth all the hard work he's put into his training over the past six years.

One of his trainers, Danny Cheetham said Cameron first walked into the gym when he was 13 years old, and won his first 13 bouts before being talent spotted by the Australian Institute of Sport.

"It is fantastic he deserves all the success he gets, when you look at the scores. It's a shutout and to be able to do that at that level just is testimony to Cameron's skill level,"

he told *ABC Radio*.

The *Moree Champion* said four weeks of intensive training at the Australian Institute of Sport had prepared Hammond for the qualifier.

Hammond said after going into the nationals a little unprepared and still coming out on top, the Olympic qualifier wasn't expected to be too much trouble.

Australian boxing coach Don Abbenett couldn't agree more.

"He didn't prepare himself well for the nationals and got through on his natural talent," Abbenett said.

"This time he is ready; he has prepared himself. Hammond will be very dangerous; one of the ones to look out for."

Abbenett has been following the Moree boxer since 2007 and is confident he will be a force to be reckoned with now that he has made the Australian team.

"He has been training hard and we all know what he is capable of. I'm confident that he will go through and I'm confident he will impress in London," he told the *Moree Champion*.

– **Graham Hunt with AAP**



**DAMIEN  
HOOPER**

## Skipper retires after NTFL grand final loss

By **PETER ARGENT**

AFTER 20 years of service, Nightcliff Tigers big man and captain Robert Campbell announced his retirement from Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) Premier League football at the conclusion of the 2011-12 grand final.

Campbell, 38, endured a third season-deciding loss as his beloved Tigers went down to the Tiwi Bombers by 14 points after being a part of the Tigers' NTFL under 18s flag in 1992 as a 18-year-old.

"Robert has been a real general in defence for the Tigers over the past decade," coach Maurice 'Mo' Motlop said.

"He is a kamikaze footballer who puts his body on the line for his team – his courage is undoubted."

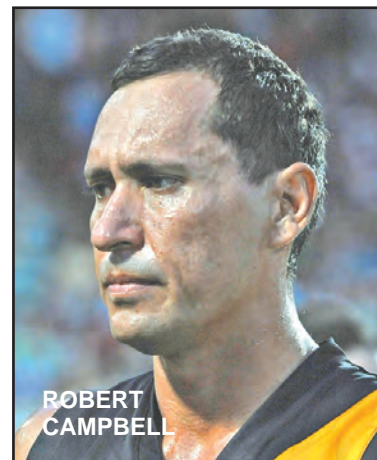
"After coming up from Tennant Creek as a 17-year-old, he has been a loyal servant of the Nightcliff Football Club."

"His leadership around the club and especially on the field has been excellent."

Campbell only started playing football in his mid-teens in his local Barkley Football League.

A strongly built ruckman turned defender, Campbell's skill set included strong bodywork, long kicking and being a noted overhead marker.

Playing twice in the Northern Territory's distinctive jumper,



**ROBERT  
CAMPBELL**

Campbell participated in games against SANFL teams Norwood and North Adelaide, but also had his share of injuries.

These included a pair of knee injuries and a neck problem in 2005. That injury threatened to finish his career.

He said in an interview after the grand final that despite the 47 years since the Tigers' last success, the future was bright.

"We came from last to get with 14 points of the premiers after being beaten by them by over 100 points two weeks earlier," Campbell said.

"This club is in a great position, but we've got to maintain that standard."

The vastly experienced Campbell also said he had some aspirations to coach after time out to recharge his batteries.



# Tigers tops in Cairns

By ALF WILSON



A STRONG North Cairns Tigers, with 14 Indigenous players, easily won the Cairns women's Australian rules summer grand final to finish the season undefeated.

In the 23 March decider at Cazaly's Oval, the Tigers 5.8 (38) beat the Central Trinity Beach Bulldogs 1.3 (9).

Maddison Peeters booted three goals for the Tigers, with singles to Norah Nona and Vivian Pearson.

The Bulldogs' lone goal kicker was Beverley Speed.

Tigers coach Jo Butland said her side had 14 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander players. That included a few who started the season, but didn't play in the final.

"We have a very multicultural team with a Cook Islander, a New Zealand Maori and an Irish girl in our team," Butland said.

"In our winning grand final team, there were ten Torres Strait Islanders."

## Second in a row

It was the second premiership in a row for the high-rolling Tigers who last lost a game in the final round of the 2010-11 season.

"It was a great win and all the girls played well," Butland said.

"The win was set up in the second quarter when, running with the breeze, we kicked three goals and kept them scoreless. Maddi Peeters presented well up forward and worked hard to get the best-on-the-ground award.

"We had consistent efforts from Malita Sagaukaz, Sodyla Kris, T'Kehya Nandy, Viv Pearson, Staci Trindle-Price, Selina Goodman, Norah Nona and Awena Mueller and that proved the difference.

"Our teamwork and ability to get girls around the footy and work hard for each other was a credit to our club culture and the closeness of the team.

"It was great to finish the season undefeated, a feat not achieved for a very long time in women's footy here in Cairns."

## Bulldogs' success

The Bulldogs also had a great season, finishing third at the end of the home and away fixtures.

In the preliminary final a week earlier, the Bulldogs defeated the second placed-side Manunda Hawks 5.0 (30) to 3.6 (24).

In the qualifying semi-final at Watson's Oval the Tigers 5.5 (35) beat the Manunda Hawks 2.2 (14).

The other side in the competition was South Cairns.

At the competition season presentation night winners were:

Best and fairest, Selina Goodman (North Cairns); runner-up, Monika Duggan



The Victorious North Cairns Tigers. Coach Jo Butland is the tall player holding the trophy.



Sodyla Kris in possession for the North Cairns Tigers.

(Manunda Hawks).

Leading goal kicker, Kat Fatnowna (Centrals Trinity Beach).

Bulldogs); runner-up, Ruby Leete (South Cairns).

Coach of the Year, Jo Butland (North Cairns Tigers).

Outstanding Service Awards, Jo Butland, Mel Smith and Ellie Martin (for 10 years service to AFL Cairns).



Awena Mueller sizes up her options for the North Cairns Tigers.

## Bo scores, but women's sevens come up short

**B**O De La Cruz scored a try as the Qantas Women's Sevens side fell agonisingly short of glory at the IRB Women's Sevens rugby union Challenge Cup in Hong Kong, with a last-minute try sealing a 15-10 win for England in the final game of the day.

In a marked improvement from their previous outing in Dubai in November last year, the Australians advanced to the championship game with a 33-0 win over the United States

in their day two semi-final.

Coach Chris Lane said he was pleased to see an improved side take the field in Hong Kong, having worked hard in the break since the Dubai competition.

"We were obviously disappointed to lose the final, but it was an incredibly close game and I was really proud of the way the girls played," Lane said.

"We improved individually and as a team since Dubai, so

it was pleasing to see the hard work pay off.

"The girls worked hard and deserved to be in the final, but the England side we faced was very good.

## London next

"We've got some time now to rest up and prepare for tournaments in London and The Netherlands and we'll be looking to build on what we achieved here."

The final saw the two teams

locked at 10-10 following tries to Australia's Bo De La Cruz and Emilee Cherry, before England broke the deadlock with less than a minute left in the game.

The Australian women advanced to day two of the tournament undefeated, having secured wins in the pool stages against The Netherlands and hosts Hong Kong.

It didn't take the Australians long to find their rhythm on

the opening day, with De La Cruz scoring a total of four tries – two against The Netherlands and two against Hong Kong.

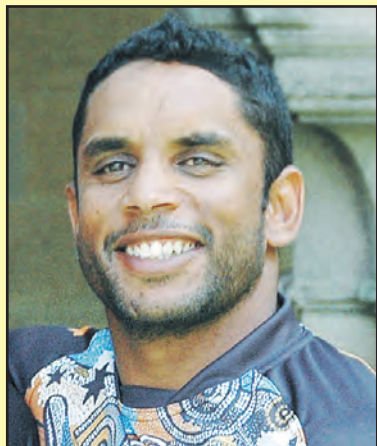
They beat The Netherlands 28-21 and Hong Kong 52-0, earning them a semi-final berth against the United States.

The women have a seven-week break from competition before heading to another IRB-sanctioned tournament in London.



# True colours

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

Michael Searle has been the subject of unrelenting and sometimes very personal criticism.

I feel for everybody involved – and their families – as this speculation affects people's certainty about their future.

But above all, I feel for Searley, who has been the heart and soul of bringing an NRL team back to the Gold Coast.

Put simply, Michael Searle is one of the best people I have ever known.

He is the reason I signed up when the Titans entered the NRL in 2007 – and he is the reason I am working with the club as I enter the next phase of my life.

I don't know much about Michael as a businessman except that he built the football club from nothing and has risked much of his own money to pursue the shared dream of the Titans.

At the time of writing this, I hope and believe he deserves every opportunity to save the club he's fought so desperately to breathe life into.

### Good heart

All I see is a man with a good heart.

And there is no greater evidence of his true spirit than in the programs I am privileged to be a part of beside my colleagues Dean Widders, Clinton Toopi and the rest of the Titans 4 Tomorrow team.

Through our two key programs – the Learn Earn Legend School to Work program and the The Titans Achievement Program – we are literally reaching out to hundreds of Indigenous kids and helping them reach their dreams.

These programs are run in partnership with the Federal Government but, put simply, they would not have occurred without the vision of Searle.

Indigenous Australia owes most of the benefits that have come from the All Stars concept to Michael.

The players were clearly told that the Dreamtime team would be a 'one-off chance' and it took Searle's involvement and commitment to get the support of all the NRL clubs for the concept.

The game has spawned numerous programs for Indigenous kids and there are hundreds of kids who owe Michael a debt of gratitude without



MICHAEL SEARLE

having met him. While many in the game's administration want to take credit for the success of the All Stars, it quite simply would not have happened without the passion and vision of Searle.

Above and beyond this, he just wants to make a real difference to the lives of kids.

He wants us to go there and kick goals so these kids get a better education and better awareness of health programs.

I know they're changing lives and I know they're definitely saving lives and making a big difference.

### Lot to offer

It is because of this alone that I believe Searle still has a lot to offer because he 'thinks outside the box'.

He is a big man with a big heart to match this vision.

It is times like this that he needs people to show their true colours and get behind a person who has given so much to our people as well as the Titans and the game.

He is not just my boss.

He is my mentor and my mate.

Whatever happens, I'll be there with him continuing to change people's lives.

# Tanisha loves her sport



IT'S a toss-up between netball and touch football for promising Hunter Valley teenager Tanisha Stanton.

The 16-year-old is representing NSW at the Australian under 17 netball titles in Tasmania. The tournament began last Friday and ends today (Wednesday).

Her talent has been recognised nationally – she was the 2011 Deadly Awards Most Promising Sport Talent.

Tanisha has excelled over the past month or two, with another notable achievement being granted a NSW Institute of Sport netball scholarship – she is a member of the Waratah Cup State League Hunter United team that plays in Sydney each Wednesday evening. This is just one rung below the NSW Swifts.

Tanisha is a busy girl. Her State team commitments involve several trips to Sydney each week to prepare, but she still finds time to give back to her local club and association.

She also is in the Newcastle Netball Association 19 years and under team that will compete at the June long weekend NSW State Championships.

Tanisha attends Hunter Sports High, where she continues to pursue her love for touch football.

In recent weeks she was a member of the Under 18s Manly touch football team that won the State title in Wollongong.

She also has been named in the NSW State of Origin Under 20s women's touch team.

Tanisha is originally from Dubbo, but lives in Newcastle.



TANISHA STANTON

## Surfing title returns after long absence



A WILDCARD entry into the Australian Open Surf Masters event at Port Macquarie in

August awaits the winner of the revived Australian Indigenous Surfing Championship at Bells Beach, Victoria.

The Indigenous event will be open to men only and will run from Sunday 27 May to Friday 1 June.

Entries close on Tuesday 22 May.

Surfing Victoria will host the event, which has not been held since the mid-1990s.

The opening ceremony will be held at 3pm on Sunday 27 May, with a competitor briefing at 6pm

at the Surf World Museum.

Competition will start on Monday 28 May if conditions suit.

In addition to the wildcard entry to the Surf Masters event, the winner will receive \$1000, with \$500 to the runner-up and \$250 to the third placegetter.

Surfing Australia will pay the winner's entry fee to the Surf Masters, but the winner will be up for travel and accommodation.

The winner and runner-up also will receive a two-day all-expenses-paid trip to a camp at Surfing Australia's High-Performance Centre on the Tweed coast.

Contact details: Steve Parker (email [steve@surfingvic.com](mailto:steve@surfingvic.com) or phone 0447 388 001).

## Patty Mills back in NBA



AUSTRALIAN Boomers point guard Patty Mills is back in the National Basketball Association (NBA) after signing with the San Antonio Spurs.

In a promising sign for the Boomers' London Olympics campaign, 23-year-old Mills links up with Australian team coach Brett Brown, an assistant coach with the high-flying Spurs who are coming second in the NBA's Western Conference.

The Spurs announced they had signed Mills, a former back-up player at the Portland Trailblazers, after US work visa issues were resolved.

He fills the void left by point guard T J Ford, who retired this month following another scare to his surgically-repaired spine.

But Mills could find himself pressed straight into big minutes on court after the Spurs' No 1 point guard Tony Parker injured a hamstring in their win over Minnesota on 22 March.

The Spurs said he was to be in uniform on Tuesday night against the Phoenix Suns.

Mills' career had been limbo since a deal with China's Xinjiang Flying Tigers fell apart in acrimonious circumstances late last year after the club accused him of faking injury – an allegation he strenuously denied.

Mills averaged 5.1 points and around 11 minutes a game in two seasons and 74 games with Portland.

His NBA club Portland Trail Blazers had a full roster and after a protracted battle to get his clearance from China, the Blazers decided to renounce their rights to his contract, freeing the way for Mills to join the Spurs.

The Spurs have had previous success with Australians, with Andrew Gaze part of their 1999 championship-winning side.

Mills has also been nominated for the Australian NBL rookie of the year award to be announced this week after he started the season at the Melbourne Tigers during the NBA lockout. – AAP



# Where are they?

## RUGBY UNION



**Introducing  
MATT HODGSON**

**WE** welcome Matt as an occasional columnist with the *Koori Mail*. He is an Australian representative (Wallaby) and has also played Australian Sevens. He currently plays Super 15 Rugby with the Perth-based Western Force after an earlier stint with the NSW Waratahs.

**W**HY aren't there more Indigenous people playing Rugby?

I moved to Perth in 2005 as an inaugural member of the Western Force and found myself in a culture that was very AFL-driven.

I have grown to love the game and am a vocal Fremantle Dockers supporter.

After spending years watching AFL, I have noticed the large number of Aboriginal people playing the sport at the top level.

It got me thinking – why is there not more playing top-level rugby union, especially at seeing the likes of Kurtley Beale entering the international stage?

I have seen first-hand the natural sporting ability that Indigenous youth possess through my involvement with the Lloyd McDermott Program – and trips to the communities out past Newman, in Western Australia, through the Force's community development program.

### Natural ability

Without ever seeing – or for some hearing – of the game rugby union, they have the ability to pick up the ball and perform the very skills that have taken professional players years to master.

Even after spending a short time introducing some skills and the differences between the rugby and AFL games, we can already see improvement and just a natural ability to play ball sports.

AFL and rugby league have already created pathways and we are seeing large numbers enter those environments.

The National Rugby League (NRL) has gone as far as to create an annual game which hosts a whole side of the Aboriginal talent, including Sam Thaiday and Preston Campbell.

The involvement of Indigenous players at all levels in the NRL and AFL is on the



**Indigenous Wallaby Kurtley Beale. *Koori Mail* columnist and fellow Wallaby Matt Hodgson poses the question: Why does rugby union not have a broader Indigenous base?**

increase, with nearly every team hosting a number of Indigenous players.

If these two codes have these numbers and players excelling, why doesn't rugby union have a larger influx?

Since the start of international rugby union, there have been only 13 Aboriginal players wear the green and gold of Australia.

With a large number of these players being in the modern era (like Kurtley and the Faainga brothers), it is time that we have

more Indigenous players in Super Rugby and in Australian colours.

I do not wish to impede the work done by AFL or rugby league; rather, I wish to give Indigenous people increased options.

Rugby union can provide another opportunity in sport and another pathway in life.

Rugby union has the unique ability to include many more body types than those who fit into the typical body type of successful AFL and NRL athletes – from the Will Genia smaller-framed speed machines, the solid builds of the Pek Cowans, to the towering Nathan Sharpes, to the middle-of-the-range players such as myself.

### All body types

Rugby teams need a combination of all body types and skills to be able to build a team.

In my life, I have adjusted my involvement in rugby to reflect my changing body and skills. I started rugby at the age of 13 as a swift-moving back.

As I matured, I gained more muscle and became more suited to a role in the back row.

And if I had kept bulking up, I very well could have evolved into a hooker in the front row.

Rugby can provide an opportunity for a job if the individual is dedicated and gifted enough.

But for the masses, it can also provide another avenue for a healthier lifestyle involving physical activity, community involvement, mateship and a life time of enjoyment that comes with playing rugby.

I am hopeful that in the years to come, there will be a greater number of Indigenous players representing our country, but more so just seeing that they have the opportunity to participate in rugby union.

## Alice Springs to host national tournament

**T**HE Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) will hold its annual National Indigenous under 18 championships in Alice Springs from the 20-23 April.

The tournament is a well-established event and is open to Indigenous lads 18 and under.

It has 'No School – No Play' and 'Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug free' codes of conduct.

It also looks to promote a healthy lifestyle, anti-gambling, and targets alcohol, and tobacco intervention, preventative awareness programs, domestic and child abuse issues, men being men, and cultural responsibility

Four days will be dedicated to workshops and rugby games.

Boys wanting to take part should fill out an application form. They must be turning 17 or 18 in 2012, meaning their date of birth is in 1994 or 1995.

The four teams to take part in the championship will be New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory, and Combined States.

# Top women 7s players gather

**I**NDIGENOUS players descended on Redfern's National Centre for Indigenous Excellence last weekend in a bid to gain selection in the Australian Indigenous women's rugby union 7s squad.

The selection camp last Saturday and Sunday featured players from NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory, who were invited based on their performances at the Gambling Help Ella 7s tournament in Coffs Harbour and Ipswich, along with players identified through the Australian Rugby Union talent ID program.

The squad will train under recently-appointed coach Selena Tranter, who remains Australia's most-capped Wallaroo.

While the National Indigenous Women's Sevens program is in its infancy, Tranter was impressed with the rugby she had seen.

"I've seen a really good standard of rugby," she said.

"They're very skilful and I want to see them playing with their natural talent.

"You don't want to inhibit that running rugby style, which is why we've structured a program that will encourage, not inhibit their natural talent."

Tranter said she hoped the

new program, combined with enthusiastic players, would help create a strong rugby culture and assist Indigenous players along the selection pathway.

"This is the inaugural year of the team so it's an open book in terms of where we go with it," she said.

"While the goal of this program is to feed as many Indigenous players into the Wallaroos and Qantas Women's Sevens as possible, we also want to ensure we are establishing a really strong culture."

The National Indigenous Women's Sevens side will compete in Australian Rugby Union's inaugural National Women's Sevens Championship at St Ignatius College, Riverview, from Friday 13-15 April.

The women at last weekend's Sydney camp were:

Tori Canhan (Coonamble, NSW), Sharon McGrady (Coffs Harbour, NSW), Taleena Simon (Sydney, NSW), Lavina Mealey (Sydney, NSW), Simone Smith (Port Macquarie, NSW), Vanessa Lee Chea (Cairns, Qld), Candice Clay (Newcastle, NSW), Nyoka Boney (Dubbo, NSW), Theresa Anderson (Brisbane, Qld), Zenetra Astil (Coonamble, NSW), Marinda Clarke (Taree, NSW),

Judith Nabalarua (Port Macquarie, NSW), Alysha Mundy-Williams (Bomaderry, NSW), Taylor Jarrett (Coffs Harbour, NSW), Zayla Jarrett (Coffs

Harbour, NSW), Mahalia Murphy (La Perouse, NSW), Paris Robinson (Gold Coast, Qld), Sam Sharpley (Coonamble, NSW), Jaylene Chevalier (Darwin, NT).

## Walker finally debuts

**S**HANNON Walker finally has made his debut in international rugby union sevens.

The former rugby league star, who joined the Qantas Men's Sevens last year, turned out for Australia in the Hong Kong leg of the HSBC Sevens World Series.

The series was to continue last weekend with the seventh leg in Tokyo, Japan. There, they were drawn in the same pool as series leaders New Zealand, the United States and Hong Kong.

The pools were announced before the Hong Kong final, which saw Fiji claim a thrilling 35-28 win over series leaders New Zealand.

Australia is sixth on the HSBC Sevens World Series rankings.

Australia finished up as

Plate semi-finalists in Hong Kong after falling in the Cup quarter-final to England 19-14 and coming up short against Argentina in the Plate semi-final, 21-12.

The Australian men started the pool stage in strong form, with a 31-10 win over France on day one before a 29-14 win over Scotland on day two. They finished off day two with a 22-5 loss to Fiji to finish second in their pool.

Coach Michael O'Connor gave game time to debutants Walker and Matt Lucas.

"It was good to finally get Shannon on the field I have no doubts that he'll learn a lot from the experience," he said.

Walker made his much-awaited debut in the Aussie jersey, coming on as a substitute in the second half against France.



# Buffaloes reign

Story and pictures by PETER ARGENT



AFTER 18 minor round games, the Tiwi Islands Football League (TIFL) competition came down to a Tuyu Buffaloes-Imalu Tigers grand final. Before a bumper crowd at the Buffaloes' home ground of Stanley Tipiloura Oval on Bathurst Island, the Buffaloes won 12.12 (84) to 11.5 (71).

It promised to be a tough and exciting encounter – and it delivered.

Collecting their first title in seven years, Tuyu led all the way.

They survived a third-quarter charge led by Graham 'the aeroplane man' Puruntatameri, who kicked four goals.

## Off to flying start

The Buffaloes were out of the blocks early, increasing a 15-point quarter-time lead to 37 points at half-time.

Due to an electrical fault, an official was required to run from the timekeeper's box, above the Wurruumiyanga club, out on to the oval to inform the umpires the quarter had finished.

Angelo Orsto and Samuel Puruntatameri each kicked three goals for the victors, with Orsto's last sealing the title.

Others to impress included Harley Puruntatameri and Wayne Pilaui, who each kicked two goals.

It was a bitter-sweet day for the Tigers' silky-skilled outside wingman Joseph Bourke, who won the Brother Pye Medal for best on ground in a losing side.

Along with quicksilver forward Graham Puruntatameri, sibling Jason Puruntatameri was excellent in his on-ball role, while David Kantilla also lifted with three second-half majors.

Camden Vigola Ross also kicked the Tigers' first goal after half-time and his team's final goal for the game.

## Over the Moon

Coach Leslie 'Shanghai' Tungatulum said the Buffaloes had come from fourth on the ladder to collect the crown, and as a first-year coach he was over the Moon as he lifted the M J Rioli Cup.

A pair of players who were involved in the Tiwi Bombers' success 24 hours earlier, left-footer Dion Munkara and Rupert Pupangamirri, were also key parts of the Buffaloes success.

Before the game started, a number of the Tiwi Bombers did a lap of honour with the NTFL premiership Cup, and there was an awards presentation where Ted Whitten Jnr presented the medal named after his father, for the best and fairest player in the TIFL.

This was won by Aaron Daniels, of the Mulurri Magpies.

The Magpies were minor premiers, but fell out of the finals race in straight sets.



● RIGHT: Tuyu Buffaloes coach Leslie Tungatulum and players lift the M J Rioli Memorial Cup in triumph.

● LEFT: Tuyu Buffaloes best on ground Joseph Bourke, winner of the Brother Tye Medal.

● RIGHT: Dion Munkara sends the Buffaloes into attack.

● BELOW: Samuel Puruntatameri in possession for the Tuyu Buffaloes.



The Imalu Tigers run on to the ground for the Tiwi Islands grand final on Bathurst Island.





Jubilant Buffaloes players jump over Angelo Orsto after he kicked the match-sealing goal in the Tiwi Islands grand final.



The Tuyu Buffaloes' Lee Morris Ullunhura wins the ball.



Match officials for the 2011-12 Tiwi Islands Australian football grand final.



Ted Whitten Medallist Aaron Daniels with Ted Whitten Jnr.

## Whitten Jnr continues great family tradition

**F**OOTSCRAY legend – the VFL's Mr Football – the late great E J 'Ted' Whitten, had a love of Tiwi football that permeates beyond his passing nearly two decades ago.

The Tiwi Islands Football League's annual best and fairest award is named after him and has been presented since 1970, the year he retired from VFL football.

A consistent visitor to the Tiwi Islands over his lifetime, E J 'Ted' Snr would make the trip to the islands to present the perpetual medal until the early 1990s.

From that point he was too ill to continue the tradition, due to prostate cancer, which eventually took his life.

### Special brand

He was amazed and excited by the special brand of football played on the islands, and the Tiwi people loved him.

He in turn held a place close to his heart for them.

Many became life-long friends, with Whitten embracing the warmth and hospitality of the people over the many games he attended.

This special bond is clearly illustrated by a memorial pole in the Wurrumiyanga Club, with Ted Snr's photo affixed to it.

His son Ted Whitten Jnr has continued this tradition – with the support of the AFL – and was on hand to present the 2011-12 Medal to outstanding Muluwirri Magpies talent Aaron Daniels.

"You won't see any more exciting and spectacular football than this," Ted Whitten Jnr told the *Koori Mail*.

"It is a proud association for our family and a great honour left by Dad to me to perpetuate.

"Dad had been coming up here for many years before I got involved and really had a special attachment to the Tiwi people.

"He also loved the way they played their football in such an uninhibited manner.

"It is the most unique football to watch; the style is spectacular.

"The players run like the wind, fly through the air, dodge and weave all game.

"There are also plenty of mistakes and you could call it 'hit and miss', but that adds to the excitement of the game."

Whitten Jnr, a talented player in his own right, has maintained his father's tradition for the past 18 years, continuing to foster the friendships his dad started.

"The first year I came up for two days and now there is a touring party of 12 for this trip that took a week," Whitten Jnr said.

"I've taken Dad's brother Don and am now keen to get my son to enjoy the footy on the Tiwi Islands.

"We also watched the NTFL grand final the night before.

"It was an enormous effort by the Bombers to win a flag in such a short time and shows the remarkable abilities of the best players from the Tiwis."

In more than four decades since this TIFL Medal started, the only triple Ted Whitten Medal winners were Vivian Kerinaia during the 1980s, and Hughie Kerinaia in the early 1970s.

Tiwi Bombers foundation player and cult hero with the kids on the Islands, Ephrem Tipugwuti, shared the medal with Freddie Puruntatameri in the 2002-03 season. That was one of three times the Ted Whitten Medal has been shared.

– PETER ARGENT



# Softball puts focus on Participation key to sport's growth

Story and pictures by GRAHAM HUNT



SOFTBALL is the latest sport to seriously engage Indigenous Australians as it seeks to broaden its base. Softball Australia last month launched its Indigenous Softball Program at the International Softball Complex in the Canberra suburb of Hawker.

It was held before the Australian and Japanese women's teams locked horns in the fifth and sixth games of their seven-match series.

Softball Australia said the purpose of the program was to increase participation of Indigenous Australians from targeted urban, rural and remote areas in all facets and levels of softball.

It said it would do this by embedding softball as the sport of choice for Indigenous women; positioning softball as an attractive option for Indigenous men; and supporting government health and wider policy objectives.

## 8000 Indigenous participants

Softball Australia said it would provide more than 100 activities, including softball competitions, coaching and officiating, training sessions, and junior development programs to more than 8000 Indigenous participants.

It said Indigenous softball role models Stacey Porter, Jeff Goolagong and Vanessa Stokes would inspire other Indigenous Australians to aim for the top.

Porter, a member of the Australian open women's team Aussie Spirit, participated in the Athens and Beijing Olympic Games. Goolagong, a member of the Australian open men's team Aussie Steelers, is a world champion.

Stokes, a member of the Australian open

women's squad, is well on her way to becoming a world-class pitcher.

"With the support of our member States, the Australian Government, our principal partner the Australian Sports Commission and other program partners, the Indigenous Softball Program will use softball as a vehicle to close the health and opportunity gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Softball Australia said.

## Delivered

It said the program has already been delivered throughout Australia, including the Northern Territory (Alice Springs and surrounding communities, East Arnhem, Daly River, Wadeye, Katherine and Tennant Creek); South Australia (APY Lands in partnership with Softball South Australia and the South Australian National Football League); Western Australia (throughout the Kimberleys, Broome, Port Hedland and the Western District).

Australian Sports Commission deputy director, strategy and relations Phil Borgeaud said: "The Australian Sports Commission is committed to providing increased opportunities for Indigenous Australians to participate in sport, and is particularly proud to partner with Softball Australia in the launch and delivery of the Indigenous Softball Program."

"The program will provide a pathway for Indigenous Australians to participate in elite competition."

Softball Australia director Helen Langenberg welcomed the program and said her organisation was committed to producing positive health and social outcomes by providing female and male Indigenous Australians of all ages and abilities with opportunities to participate in softball – as players, coaches, umpires, administrators and volunteers.



● TOP: Jeff Goolagong demonstrates fielding techniques to the girls.

● ABOVE: NSW Indigenous player Jordan Griffen makes contact during the game against local team the ACT WhISPers.



Girls from the WhISPers and NSW teams during a drills session with Australian men's softball representative Jeff Goolagong before their match at the Hawker International Softball Centre, Canberra.



Jeff Goolagong with NSW Indigenous player Natasha Young, 14, from Sydney, during the drills session.



# Indigenous Program

● **RIGHT:** Two-time World Championships player Jeff Goolagong, from the ACT, was at the launch of the Indigenous Softball Program. The achievements of the nephew of tennis great Evonne Goolagong are many, but the pinnacle came at the 2009 XII International Softball Federation Men's World Championships, where the Aussie Steelers were crowned world champions.



Auntie Agnes Shea, of the Ngunnawal (Canberra) mob, welcomed players, officials and spectators to country.

## Vanessa steps up to the plate

**I**NDIGENOUS pitcher Vanessa Stokes played a big part in her debut softball match for Australia against Japan last month in Canberra.

She was one of two Indigenous players turned out for Australia in the seven-match softball series against Japan at the International Softball Centre in the Canberra suburb of Hawker.

South Australian Stokes looked to have consolidated her position in the national squad with impressive displays on the mound.

Stacey Porter again was one of the batting heroes in a series dominated by world number-two team Japan.

The Japanese won the series 5-2, with Australia winning the fifth and seventh games.

Porter, from Tamworth, and Stokes played big parts in Australia's 5-3 win in the fifth game at Hawker.

Porter, 30, has been a regular fixture in the Australian team and won a silver medal at the 2004

Athens Olympics and a bronze medal in Beijing in 2008.

Her overseas experience includes playing for the University of Hawaii from 2001 to 2003.

She also has played professional softball in Japan.

Softball Australia officials were said to be delighted with Stokes' debut performance for her country.

Stokes plays club softball in South Australia and now has represented Australia at junior and senior levels.

Her aim is to be part of Australia's 2012 International Softball Federation (ISF) XIII Women's World Championship campaign.

She is from Gepps Cross, South Australia, but grew up in Darwin.

She moved to South Australia after her Darwin-based softball coach moved there and encouraged her to move as well.

Wikipedia says her mother also played competitive sport, representing her State in national competitions in softball and soccer.

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● **LEFT:** Monique Clare, of the NSW Indigenous team, in action on the plate during the game against the ACT WhiSPers.

● **BELOW LEFT:** NSW Indigenous player Natasha Young ready to hit.

● **BELOW:** ACT WhiSPers pitcher Jacinta Ellemes-Williams.



A proud moment for South Australian Vanessa Stokes (centre) as she lines up with the Australian Spirit women's open softball team during formalities before the start of the fifth game in the seven-game series against world No 2 side Japan. Stokes made her debut in that game and starred on the mound.



The NSW Indigenous team with head coach Craig Ervine, of Wagga Wagga, left rear, and assistant coach Paul Young, of Sydney.



The ACT WhiSPers team after their game against the NSW girls.



Stacey Porter running between second and third bases to score Australia's first run in the fifth match against Japan. Australia won that game 5-3, but Japan won the seven-game series 5-2.





## Our newest international

Meet Vanessa Stokes, a 25-year-old pitcher from South Australia, who late last month became Australia's second Indigenous international softball player. She took her place in the Aussie Spirit open women's team alongside Stacey Porter. Stokes made her debut in the fifth game of a seven-match series against world number two team Japan at the International Softball Centre in the Canberra suburb of Hawker. She helped Australia to their first win of the series. Japan were too consistent for the Aussies, winning the series 5-2. Picture: Graham Hunt ● **Indigenous Softball Program launched – See pages 94-95**

# Bound for London



Moree's Cameron Hammond in action in February at the Australian titles in Hobart. Photo: Jillian Mundy



MOREE'S Cameron Hammond has joined Queenslander Damien Hooper in the Australian boxing team for this year's London Olympic Games.

Welterweight (69kg) Hammond had decisive wins at the Oceania Olympic boxing qualifying tournament in Canberra last month.

The Oceania tournament brought together the best amateur boxers from Australia, Samoa, Tonga and New Zealand.

Light-heavyweight (81kg) Hooper earlier had qualified for the London Olympics by finishing in the top eight at last year's World Championships.

He was the only Australian to gain such an early entry.

Hooper is delighted to have Hammond with him in the Australian team.

The two Indigenous fighters train together at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Hooper was ringside when Hammond took his first step towards the London Olympics. That was in Hobart last February, where Hammond won the

Australian title, and qualified for the next leg – the Oceania tournament.

Now that the Oceania tournament is out of the way, Hooper, Hammond and the other eight Australian London-bound fighters will take part in a six-week tour that takes in China, Thailand, Serbia and Lithuania ahead of the Games, which start in late July.

The Australians pulled off a stunning coup at the Oceania qualifier on 25 March, winning all nine finals to claim nine tickets to the London Games.

It means Australia will field a fighter in all ten men's weight divisions at the Olympics.

Elated assistant coach Mick Daly wasn't sure if it had ever happened before.

"I think it's the first time Australia has been in every weight division – it's a clean knockout," he said.

"It's just a credit to the boys – their attitude, their dedication.

"It's been a really good preparation and they've

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