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Red, black and yellow at Bluesfest



TINY tot Kalimna Kay was the youngest member of the Arakwal Dubay Dancers who performed during the Arakwal welcome to country ceremony at the 2012 Byron Bay Bluesfest over the Easter long weekend. An estimated 80,000 people flocked to the five-day event in far northern New South Wales, which boasted an eclectic line up including John Fogerty, Cold Chisel, Earth Wind and Fire, The Pogues, Angelique Kidjo, Ziggy Marley, Dubmarine and Busby Marou. For more on Bluesfest, see pages 18-19. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

We've lost 4 of our best



IT'S been a sad few weeks for Indigenous Australia, with the

deaths of four of our very best. Singing legend Jimmy Little passed away on 2 April, drawing tributes from across the country.

Just a day earlier Yindjibarndi (Western Australia) Elder Mr Cheedy – a life-long campaigner for his country and his people – also passed on, aged 105.

Last month, the first Noongar dentist and NAIDOC Perth's 2011 Tertiary Scholar of the Year Chantel Thorn also died, at the tragically young age of just 28.

And on 3 April we lost Australia's longest-serving ATSIC commissioner Steve Gordon, a legend in the NSW north-west and beyond.

All won praise for their contributions to Indigenous and wider Australia.

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JIMMY LITTLE



MR CHEEDY



CHANTEL THORN



STEVE GORDON

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My FAMILY

GERALDINE KRIS – Cairns, Qld

FAMILY is so important to me at our home at tropical Cairns in far North Queensland.

I love nothing better than to come down to the beautiful Cairns Esplanade with my partner William Solomon and our children Linda, aged 8, and baby Kailarg, aged one.

Holidays are a special time for us as we're Christians.

We spent Easter Sunday afternoon enjoying family time on the Esplanade. It was good just to be able to sit around on the green grass and talk to each other and look at all of the people around us.

We are proud of our Torres Strait Islander descent.

My descendants are from St Paul's on Moa Island and William's are from Badu Island.

Thousands of men, women and children walk or jog along the Esplanade path every weekend and there were so many people here over Easter.

I have never seen so many Torres Strait Islanders here – there seem to be some from just about every island in the Torres Strait Island – and we know many of them.

Some were sitting on chairs near us and were also spending family time together.

Lots of tourists come down here as well and just across the road is the eating precinct where there are lots of different shops.

It was a bit hot late on this day so I walked across the road and purchased soft-serve ice-cream cones for us.

The children just loved them; Kailarg had ice-cream all over her face. She looked beautiful and lots of people were looking.

There is nothing better than time together. We were so happy to have our picture taken because our family



and friends in the Torres Strait will see us.

So many people of Torres Strait Islander descent live in Cairns, many whose families moved here decades ago.

We love living in Cairns but in the not too distant future we hope to get back to visit the Torres Strait, together as a family.

– As told to ALF WILSON

● Pictured above: Geraldine Kris with her partner William Solomon and children Linda Solomon, 8, and baby Kailarg, aged one, enjoying an Easter soft serve ice-cream cone.

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OUR CHILDREN



Some of the kids from the Jarjum Pre-School in Lismore, New South Wales, about to set off on a fundraising walk. With everyone paying \$5, they trekked all the way back to their pre-school, where a jumping castle and other fun activities were waiting.

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AFL scores with will.i.am



Well done, brother ... Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes with Black Eyed Peas frontman will.i.am.



SYDNEY Swans AFL star Adam Goodes has teamed up with Black Eyed Peas band front man will.i.am for a clinic with more than 100 young Indigenous footballers.

During his Australian tour, will.i.am was keen to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and Australia's own football code, so Goodes and fellow players Lewis Jetta and Tony Armstrong were more than happy to lend a hand and show him how to kick a Sherrin.

Following a traditional welcome to country at the Sydney Cricket Ground, will.i.am participated in the clinic, then visited the Block in Redfern.

"It's a huge honour, not only as a football club but as Aboriginal people, to have will here who wants to learn about our culture, wants to see our people and interact with our people," Goodes said.

"It just shows us that people from everywhere in the world want to experience our culture."

Impressive form

Will.i.am showed impressive form in front of goal and successfully challenged Goodes in a 30-metre sprint.

"I learned so much today," will.i.am said. "My first kick of the football actually knocked someone down but I would like to play a game one day, I'd love to give it a go.

"My speed and agility... I think I'd score.

"This game is like a combination of a bunch of sports in the States; it's like the ultimate game really and that's why I want to give it a shot."

Will.i.am was keen to share his AFL experience with others.

"I take pride in travelling and learning new things and then going home and telling people about things they probably aren't (used to)," he said.

"So playing (AFL) a few times then going to London or Brazil and telling people that I collaborated and had fun with footy (is what I'll be doing)."

Sniffing hits community



AN outbreak of petrol sniffing in the remote community of Beswick in the Northern Territory has prompted

calls for the introduction of low-aromatic Opal fuel into petrol outlets in regional centre Katherine.

As many as 35 young people, some as young as six, are believed to be inhaling petrol fumes daily in Beswick, about an hour's drive south-east of Katherine.

Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Graham Castine and Beswick resident Malcolm Fox said genuine action was needed to save young people's lives.

Mr Castine said it was frustrating to see young people devastated by petrol sniffing.

"Imagine living in a community where disempowerment is a fact of life and where young people suffer long-term brain damage, and you might get the picture," he said.

Mr Fox, who coaches the Beswick Bears football team, said unchecked petrol sniffing threatened the well-being of the whole town.

"There is not a lot of future for the young kids who get mixed up with the petrol," he said.

"We need much more genuine support out here so that we can help the kids."

Mr Fox said that while the Federal Government had indicated it would support the roll-out of Opal in Katherine, the next step was for local retailers to take up the offer and switch to the non-sniffable fuel.

Prevention

Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service (CAYLUS) manager Blair McFarland, who runs a petrol sniffing prevention project based in Alice Springs, also called on retailers in Katherine to switch to using the fuel.

"Petrol sniffing leaves a trail of broken human beings and devastated families. It also costs taxpayers millions of dollars to meet the ongoing care needs of those who have succumbed," he said.

"Opal has been used in place of standard unleaded fuel at all outlets in Alice Springs for over five years without any problems. For the good of the town, retailers in Katherine need to make the switch."

Meanwhile, the Australian Greens said the petrol-sniffing outbreak demonstrated the need for legislation to support Opal.

Senator Rachel Siewert said she has a Private Member's Bill before the Senate that could be used to mandate the sale of non-sniffable fuel in at-risk communities if retailers were unwilling to participate in efforts to reduce petrol sniffing.

"While of course we would like to see retailers in Katherine roll out non-sniffable fuel voluntarily, and call on them to do so, such legislation would ensure it happens," she said.

"Our legislation is designed to enhance the roll out of Opal and, importantly, lessen the harm on communities.

"The Bill gives the Minister power to designate areas as 'low aromatic areas', allowing for the provision of materials and assistance for the roll out of low-aromatic fuel and the introduction of controls over the storage and rollout of other fuel types."

Late last month, about 70 concerned people met in Katherine to discuss the push for the roll-out of Opal in the region before the next wet season.



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Accused murderer brought to site



Police dig at Butlers Falls near Dubbo last week, in search of Lateesha Nolan's remains. *Photos courtesy of the Daily Liberal newspaper.* Inset: Accused murderer Malcolm Naden with police at Butlers Falls near Dubbo late on Saturday. *Photo courtesy of Seven News*

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NSW police in search for remains



ACCUSED murderer Malcolm Naden was led onto the banks of a central NSW river on the weekend as police continued to search for the remains of his missing cousin.

Detectives began excavating parts of the Macquarie River bank at Butlers Falls, south of Dubbo, on Wednesday as they try to unearth the remains of mum-of-four Lateesha Nolan.

The 24-year-old disappeared from Dubbo in 2005 and Naden is suspected of involvement.

On Saturday he was escorted from Goulburn's Supermax jail, where he has been imprisoned since March, to the river bank.

Television footage showed Naden dressed in bright orange prison-issue overalls and shackled at the wrists.

He spent about an hour by the river and reportedly led officers to a site about 500 metres from the area that they

had been digging.

However, at the time of printing no remains had been found.

A NSW Police spokesman said detectives were confident they were on the right track but suggested any remains buried on the Macquarie River banks may have moved.

"Police are confident they are searching the correct area," the spokesman said.

Major floods

"However, two major floods have been through the area since 2005, which is impacting the search."

Naden spent almost seven years on the run before being captured in March.

He has been charged with the 2005 murder of 24-year-old Kristy Scholes, two counts of aggravated indecent assault on a 15-year-old girl in Dubbo and shoot with intent to murder a police officer at Nowendoc on December 7, 2011.

He is suspected of murdering Ms Nolan but has not yet been charged over her disappearance.

As a child, Ms Nolan and her family often visited the same river bank that was being searched at the weekend.

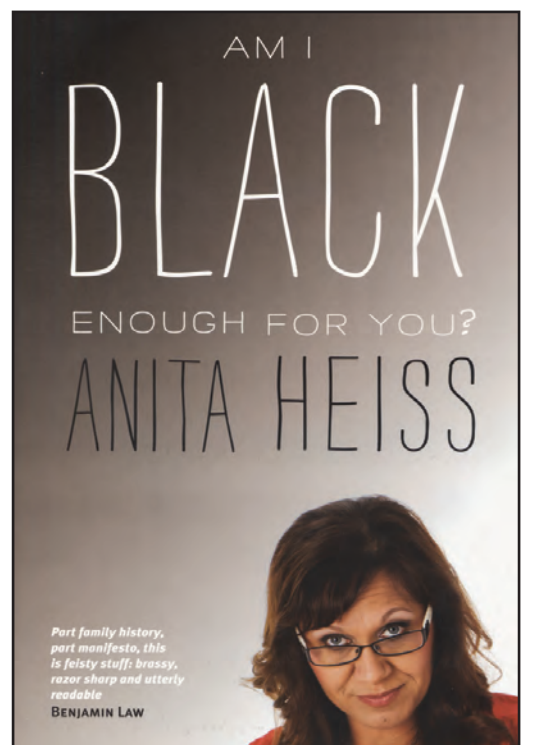
Her father Mick Peet, who now lives in Queensland, said he had fond memories of the area as a teenager and of when his daughter was a little girl.

"It's a nice little area out there," Mr Peet said on Thursday. "I had some pretty happy memories out there. She was only a kid when we used to go out there and swim around that area."

Mr Peet said that, if police did find his daughter's remains at the site, he would erect some type of memorial to mark the good and bad memories he now had of the popular picnic spot.

The officers who are working on the case are from the strike force set up to capture and charge Naden. – AAP

Koori author says she has no regrets



By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT'S not the way Anita Heiss would prefer to sell her books but, in an ironic twist, a wave of race-based hate surrounding the recent release of her memoir *Am I black enough for you?* is doing wonders for her numbers.

The Wiradjuri author, literacy campaigner and self-confessed 'concrete Koori' says she has no regrets about publishing the book – her 11th. And the backlash just shows how much work still needs to be done in breaking down stereotypes about Aboriginal people and facilitating change in thinking about issues like Aboriginal identity.

"I'm overwhelmed by the passionate and generous support from people and organisations around Australia, including booksellers who commented publicly against racism," Heiss told the *Koori Mail* on Sunday.

On the back cover of *Am I black enough for you*, Heiss declares herself Aboriginal.

"I'm just not the Aboriginal person a lot of people want or expect me to be," she says.

"After years of stereotyping Aboriginal Australians as either settlement dwellers or rioters in Redfern, the Australian media have discovered a new crime to charge them with: being too 'fair-skinned' to be an Australian Aboriginal," the jacket spiel continues.

Within days of its release by publisher Random House on 1 April, the 95,000-word tome sparked a flurry of online rants about perceived threats to freedom of speech.

Comment threads about Heiss's book are understood to have been swiftly removed from several Australian online forums, including the ABC's, but not the American site of internet book retail giant Amazon.

As of Sunday, there were 95 reviews on the US site, with 68 per cent per cent giving the book just one out of five stars.

Reviews

Many of those reviews railed against Heiss over the decision in a Federal Court case last September which found widely-syndicated columnist Andrew Bolt had breached Australia's *Racial Discrimination Act* when he wrote several error-ridden, acerbic articles about fair-skinned Aboriginal people who he claimed 'chose' to identify as Aboriginal for personal gain, through jobs, grants or kudos.

Heiss was one of nine Aboriginal people who took the controversial columnist to task after he mentioned them, and others, by name.

"This is a terrible day for free speech in this country," Bolt said outside the court, after Justice Mordecai Bromberg found he'd



A file photo of author Anita Heiss and, above, the cover of her latest book.

vilified the Aboriginal plaintiffs.

That sentiment was picked up in dozens of anti-Heiss comments posted online last week.

"We in Australia are unable to safely say no to Heiss, not publicly that is. The United States, unlike Australia, has a constitutional protection of free speech which we are unable to enjoy," said one review at Amazon.com

"Interesting that this woman asks this question, when in her home country she has taken legal action against a man who dared to answer it in the negative," said another.

Bolt himself appeared to continue the lament last week with reports that he'd posted on his blog "Only in America, it seems, is an open debate on this Australian issue able to be had ... That should embarrass us."

But other reviewers at Amazon.com expressed horror at the vitriolic tone of some comments, with some venturing that many of

Heiss's critics would never even see the book, let alone read it.

"It's only too clear that Andrew Bolt's little army has participated in his dog-whistle on these pages," said one.

"After reading pages and pages of this hate mail, all I can feel is embarrassed that this is the face Australia puts out there to the world," said another. "No wonder this country has the international reputation it does for being racist. With free speech comes responsibility towards fellow citizens, yet I am seeing none of that here."

Last Wednesday, *The Australian* newspaper – part of the News Ltd stable that also includes Andrew Bolt's main host publication Melbourne's *Herald Sun* – added fuel to the fire by printing commentary on Heiss's book by writer Caroline Overington, titled 'It's not about

being black enough, it's about need'.

The article prompted an open letter from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples describing much of the debate on Aboriginal identity to be 'a thinly veiled platform for racists to peddle their tired, ill-informed racist rhetoric'.

"Open racism is no secret in Australia and the majority of Australians oppose it," said Congress co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer. "Racism lies just beneath the surface and it bubbles out when Aboriginal identity is discussed.

"Let's be clear; Aboriginal identity is defined by us, no-one else. We are a diverse peoples reflecting the contemporary Australia we all inhabit."

The Australia Council for the Arts, which supported Heiss to help write her memoir, also weighed in.

Lydia Miller, from the council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board, said all Australian artists were entitled to apply for grants, 'and the question of need didn't come into it'.

Excellence

"What is important is excellence," Miller said. "As such, Heiss was awarded a fellowship through a peer review process. We congratulate her on her work."

Heiss declined to comment on Overington's piece, other than to say it had been responded to 'appropriately' by others. But she responded to the online onslaught thus:

"Although I'm the specific target, I think most recognise the racism expressed in places like the Amazon site is actually directed at Indigenous Australia generally, and reflects a much broader and often denied racist mindset in this country."

Asked whether the controversy had helped her sales, she replied "Absolutely, I've had bookshops tweet me saying they're ordering more stock. I saw another tweet yesterday that said 'To tell you the truth, I wouldn't have even known that Anita Heiss had written a new book until Bolt's trolls wrote about it."

"This is not how I want to sell books, but what Bolt has inadvertently done is mobilise a nation of readers and would-be readers and people who are embarrassed by what they've read on Amazon.

"I am pleased to say there's far more people in Australia today who are on our side than the alternative who seem to spend more time vocalising their hatred than doing anything constructive.

"I know that if I said to people 'Please go on Amazon and write a supportive review', they would do it, but I wouldn't do that. I know that in the end good will outrun evil anyway."



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Voters off to polls for Qld council elections

By DARREN COYNE and ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander voters across Queensland will be lining up on Saturday, 28 April, to cast their vote at the Queensland local government elections.

Whether they be in the Torres Strait or over in Townsville, Aurukun or Yarrabah, all registered voters will be required, at the risk of being fined, to turn out to their local polling booth to choose their representatives.

And the candidates running for those positions of leadership have just over a week now to convince their fellow community members why they should be the ones running the show for the next four years.

Some results are already set in stone. Mayors like Fred Gela of the Torres Strait Regional Council, and Fred Pascoe, the mayor of the Carpentaria Shire Council (which is not an Aboriginal-specific council) are elected automatically because they were the only nominated candidates.

But in other places like Mapoon, Wujal Wujal, Hopevale and Aurukun shire, and the Torres Shire Council, the mayoral incumbents all have a battle on their hands as other hopefuls vie for their positions.

In Cherbourg, for example, incumbent mayor Sam Murray is up against Ken Bone, who held the position for many years before losing it to Mr Murray at the 2008 elections.

And each community has its own issues, with Alcohol Management Plans, housing and infrastructure, mining and employment, just some that will sway voters on polling day.

Those elected will face the task of dealing with the new Liberal National Party (LNP) State Government, led by Premier Campbell Newman, the former lord mayor of Brisbane.

The LNP went to the recent election promising to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would have access to quality health care, education and employment opportunities.

They also promised to 'recognise, support and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their ongoing contribution, socially, environmentally, politically and economically' to the state of Queensland.

Mr Newman pledged to scrap some Wild Rivers declarations, review Alcohol Management Plans in remote Indigenous communities, and address land tenure issues in Cape York, all within 18 months.

For those elected to local government on 28 April, it will be their task to ensure the new Government delivers on those promises.

Anyone wanting further information on the Queensland Local Government election should visit www.ecq.qld.gov.au

Following is a list of the Aboriginal Shire and Torres Strait councils, their mayoral hopefuls and candidates. There are, of course, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates running for councils across the state which are not designated as Aboriginal or Island councils. We have not listed those candidates, but wish them the best of luck.

AURUKUN SHIRE: Mayoral Election Candidates: Dereck Walpo, Jonathan Korkaktain, Janine Chevathun, Phyllis Yunkaporta, Neville J Pootchemunka. Councillor Election: E Kerindun, A Woolla, Doris Poonkamelya, Angus Kerindun, Douglas Ahlers, Patrick Koongotema, Vera Koomeeta, Stanley Ahlers.

CHERBOURG: Mayoral Election Candidates: Sammy Murray, Kenny Bone. Councillor Election: Bert C Button, Bevan Costello, Gordon Wragge, Lillian Hopkins,



Fred Pascoe, who returns as Mayor of Carpentaria Shire Council.



Sam Murray, left, and Ken Bone, who are going head to head for the top job on Cherbourg Council.

Thomas Langton, Rory Boney, Lillian Gray, Maylene Saltner, Duncan Cobbo, Christine Stewart, Bronwyn Murray.

DOOMADGEE: Mayoral Election: Clarence Walden, Frederick O'Keefe, Peter O'Keefe, Edric Walden. Councillor Election: Mervyn Peter, Eugene Escott, Eleanor Logan, Tony Douglas, Martin Evans, Jason Ned, Lenore Ketchup, Elaine Cairns, Christopher, Athol Walden, Barry Walden.

HOPEVALE: Mayoral Election Candidates: Shane Gibson, Estelle Bowen, Victor Patrick Gibson, Shirley Patricia Costello, Gregory Raymond, McLean, Russell Gibson. Councillor Candidates: Christopher Woibo, Kenneth McIvor, Neville Ian Bowen, Carmen Rose Pearson, Paul Gauai Wallace, Dora Gibson, June Emily Pearson, Teneille Nuggins, Alisa M Woibo, Harold Derek Bowen, Doreen Hart, Graham Lex Bowen, Dwayne Richard Bowen, Judith Bowen.

KOWANYAMA: Mayoral Election:



Fred Gela, who returns as Mayor of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.



Thomas Hudson, Irene Gwen Deemal, Griffith Patrick, Robert Holness. Councillor Election: Teddy Bernard, Walter Parry, William Thomas, Michael Yam.

LOCKHART RIVER: Mayoral Election: Willie Clark, Johnson Chippendale, Rodney Accoom, Wayne Butcher. Councillor Election: Norman Bally, Abraham Omeenyo, Veronica Piva, Josiah Omeenyo, Paul Piva, Marshall Symonds, Gregory Omeenyo, Krystal Dean, Lorraine Clarmont.

MAPOON: Mayoral Election: Patrick Savo, William Busch, Roderick Burke, Peter Guivarra, Alex Ling. Councillor Election: Ricky Guivarra, Ailsa Ling, Bonnie Douthat, Beryl Woodley, Polly Smith, Daphne De Jersey, Sharon Booth, Aileen Addo, Christine Cooktown.

NAPRANUM: Mayoral Election: Roy Chevathen, Monica Dorante, Philemon Mene, Eddie Woodley. Councillor Election: Bow Waqata, Margie Adidi, Robert Dick, Dianne Callope, Mary Ann Coconut, Gloria

Wallis, Marietta Matasia, Rex Burke, Ernest Madua jnr, Moira Bosen, Yana O'Brien, Duri T Davai.

PALM ISLAND: Mayoral Election: Obadiah Geia, Alfred Lacey, Delena Ouf Foster, Raymond Sibley. Councillor Election: Mislam Sam, Edward Walsh, Frank Conway, Owen Marpoondin, Ruth Gorrige, Roy Prior, Archie Fraser, Collette Wotton, Georgina Haines, Deniece Geia, Albert Gorrige, Selene Shepherd, Arthur Clumpoint, Luella Bligh.

NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL: Mayoral Election: Bernard Charlie, Joseph Elu, Jeffrey Aniba. Councillor Election - Division 1: Gina Nona, Anthony Mara, Dale Salee, Robert Bagie. Division 2: Dennis Getawan (having received only one nomination under the provisions of section 34 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2011*, Dennis Getawan, is taken to have been elected as councillor for Division 2. Division 3: Edward Newman, Soroya Daniel, Reginald Williams. Division 4: Colin Bond, Trevor Lifu, Michael Bond. Division 5: Colina Reuben, Benjamin Gebadi.

PORMPURA AW: Mayoral Election: Janey Deakin, George Conrad, Vanessa Deakin, Richard Tarpencha. Councillor Election: Azzie Noah, Lucy Foote, Dennis Michael, Patrick Gibuma, Sandra Wason, Toby Barney, Gilbert Jack.

TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL: Mayoral Election: Vonda Moar-Malone, Napcia Bin Tahal, Napau Pedro Stephen, Abigail Harry. Councillor Election: Allan Ketchell, Ned David, Yen N Loban, Ron Laifoo, Ilario Sabatino, Elizah Wasaga, Liberty Seekee, John Stephen Abednego, Willie Wigness.

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL (TSIRC): Mayoral Election: Having received only one nomination, Frederick Gela, is taken to have been elected as mayor. Councillor Election (15 Divisions): Division 1: Dimas Toby (only nominee). Division 2: Joel Gaiden (only nominee). Division 3: Edward J Sam, Chelsea Aniba, Ron Maxwell Enosa. Division 4: Terence R Whap, Keith M Fell. Division 5: Horace Baira, Wayne Guivarra. Division 6: David Bosun, Saila Savage. Division 7: John Kris, Charles Coleman, Kiwat C Lui. Division 8: Mario Sabatino, Regina Turner. Division 9: Simeon Makie, Getano Lui jnr. Division 10: Willie Lui, Ted J Billy. Division 11: Francis Pearson, Phillemon Sereako Mosby. Division 12: Ted Nai (only nominee). Division 13: Florianna Bero, Jerry D Stephen. Division 14: Kenneth Bedford, Jimmy Joe Gela. Division 15: Aven Stanley Noah, Ron B Day.

WOORABINDA: Mayoral Election: Terry Munns snr, Steven Kemp, Laurence Weazal. Councillor Election: Damien Watson, Rhonda Hill, Darren Hill, Archie Williams, Russell Smith, Martin Ebel, Douglas Burns, Michelle Leisha, Stewart Major, Pamela Adams, Gerry Doyle, William Gulf, Adrian Williams, Janelle Evans, Dellas Walker.

WUJAL WUJAL: Mayoral Election: Desmond Tayley, Clifford Harrigan, Adelaide Baird, Keith Rush, Robert Bloomfield. Councillor Election: Natasha Duncan, Allister Duncan, Talita Nandy, Vincent Tayley.

YARRABAH: Mayoral Election: Elverina Johnson, Errol Neal, Drew Dangar, Sandra Houghton, Darren Kynuna. Councillor Election: Mark Wilson, Henry Miller, Percy Neal, Hilton Bulmer, Glennis Murgha, Malcolm Canendo, Tiana Yeatmen, Michael Sands, Anthony Fourmile, Bevan Walsh, Ainsley Dangar, Lucrecia Willet.

Hunter biobank in business

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE first Aboriginal-owned biobank has opened, in the Hunter Valley in New South Wales.

A biobank is a piece of land that has been audited to measure endangered species, native species and biodiversity and rate them using a credits system. Then, when a developer wants to take another piece of land and destroy habitat, they can buy a corresponding number of biobank credits and the money goes to the entity managing the biobank.

Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation set up a biobank on a parcel of land near Broke, backing on to Yengo National Park.

Wonnarua CEO Laurie Perry said \$400,000 of the money they had earned from the Hunter 8 Alliance Minimbah Bank project (the expansion of a rail line between Maitland and Minimbah) had gone into a trust.

"We've set up an Aboriginal green team and we can pay them to look after the land forever," Mr Perry said.

"The first part of the management plan might be fencing, planting trees, or getting rid of weeds.

"Then we can do more biobanking, protect more land, find another green team of say four Aboriginal people and put them through TAFE."

Mr Perry said that while the complexities of the biobanking



At the Biame cave (Goin) during the official opening of the first Aboriginal-owned biobank are Dan Williams, from Hunter 8, Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation CEO Laurie Perry, Liz Shelly (Hunter 8), NSW Environment Minister Robyn Parker, and WNAC directors Arthur Fletcher, Maxine Conaty (chair) and Luke Hickey.

system were difficult to understand at first, the model could be beneficial for more Aboriginal corporations.

"What we need to do is get land councils involved, and Aboriginal corporations, we should be urging more land councils to do this and create employment and look after land forever," he said.

"The key part is when they destroy a parcel of land anywhere in the state what they have to do here is try to find a land owner so they can buy credits for what they've destroyed."

Mr Perry said the group had 200 species credits on the land, including the endangered green and golden bell frog.

"They have been calculated at about \$70,000 and that goes onto the biobanking website, so when a developer wants to develop another piece of land they can buy credits at a certain price," he explained.

"Especially for Aboriginal land-owners, people are going to catch on to this soon, particularly if you've got land

with a heap of fauna.

"Once you do it, you can't develop the land ever again, but you get to manage all the flora and fauna – you've got make sure they're having babies – plant more trees, get rid of cats and dogs.

"We're the first Aboriginal group to do this in Australia. It's a great thing."

Anzac march plan

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL leaders have defended moves to highlight the frontier wars during Anzac Day marches amid claims that it would be disrespectful.

Canberra Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Michael Anderson has called on Aboriginal people across the country to march on Anzac Day in commemoration of frontier wars 'perpetuated by British invaders and the ongoing war of attrition against Aboriginal Peoples'.

Particularly, he wants anyone interested to carry a banner for one of the wars or massacres that occurred.

"All the Aboriginal diggers marching around the country on Anzac Day can also remember the Kalkadoon wars, Pinjara massacre, the Wiradjuri wars, Myall Creek, just to name a few," Mr Anderson said.

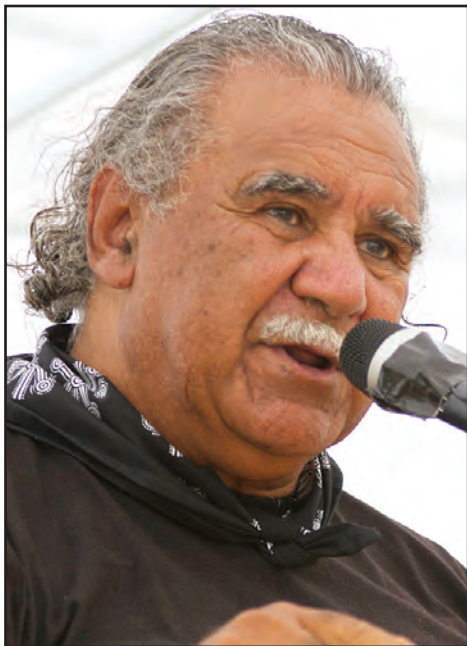
"Last year we started Lest We Forget the Frontier Wars by joining on behind the Anzac Day march in Canberra and we received enormous support from the public at this time. Now we need to keep it going."

Those interested in joining can gather at the lower end of Anzac Parade, Canberra, at 10am for the 11am march on 25 April.

However, ACT Shadow Minister for Indigenous and Veterans Affairs Jeremy Hanson called for the protest march to be cancelled

"I support Mr Anderson's right to protest, but I am very disappointed that he is using Anzac Day to do so," Mr Hanson said in a statement.

"Any protest risks not only disrupting an important commemorative event for the



MICHAEL ANDERSON

nation but risks causing anger and division in our community which may impede reconciliation.

"Indigenous Australians have a proud heritage within the ADF and are an important part of the ADF today. Let's leave Anzac Day as a day that unites us a nation and leave protests for another day."

Meanwhile, the *Canberra Times* newspaper reported that Derek Robson, the national secretary of the RSL, also said the planned protest was not appropriate and would not be welcome.



RAY JACKSON

Australian Defence Association executive director Neil James was also quoted as saying there was no connection between Anzac Day and current Indigenous issues.

But Indigenous Social Justice Association president Ray Jackson defended Mr Anderson's call to protest.

"Michael has stressed many times that the intention of our march is to be neither disruptive nor disrespectful to those who have fought and died in Australia's wars," Mr Jackson said.

"Surely the organisers of the march would

have the intelligence to know that if we wanted to do that we would march at the front.

"That ethically and morally is our rightful place anyway on any measure of the circumstances."

Before the planned protest march in Canberra, a commemorative service will be held at the Aboriginal Memorial behind the Australian War Memorial.

The event runs from 6.30-7am and is being hosted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association.

Apart from the Canberra march, the Coloured Diggers march in Redfern, Sydney, is on again this year.

Organiser Pastor Ray Minniecon said a wreath-laying service would take place at the Redfern Park War Memorial at 12.45pm, followed by a march to the Redfern Community Centre at 1pm.

Once at the centre, there will be a commemorative ceremony and entertainment.

Pastor Minniecon also defended Mr Anderson's call for a protest march in Canberra, saying it was not inappropriate.

"We support the call but whether it's on Anzac Day would be the question. Perhaps it could happen on Australia Day, but yes, they (the frontier wars) need to be recognised," he said.

"If this action of Michael's brings it to the consciousness of the nation, then those heroes (of Aboriginal resistance) are not forgotten.

"We just want to see some recognition for our warriors who have fought for country both here and overseas."

'We'll stand strong'

Goomeroi embassy push for sovereignty

By KIRSTIE PARKER



REPRESENTATIVES of Australia's newest Aboriginal embassy say they've been taunted by racists but won't be deterred from their quest to see Aboriginal sovereignty recognised.

The Goomeroi Sovereign Tent Embassy was set up on Lloyd's Oval at Moree, next to a local supermarket, early this month.

April marks the north-western NSW town's sesquicentenary, or 150th anniversary, and a street party and procession and re-enactment of its proclamation were held on Saturday. However, embassy representatives say they were neither consulted nor invited to the celebrations.

Earlier, they issued a statement condemning the party and what they called a 'historical march of victory'.

"We condemn Moree Plains Shire Council, the organisers and sponsors for their biased management of a big town event on this anniversary of genocide," the statement said.

"MPSC and their agents have managed a system of segregated decision-making, one-sided public spending, using a discriminatory 'white armband historical policy'.

"In the lead up to the town's 150th



Representatives of the Goomeroi Sovereign Tent Embassy.

Photo courtesy of the Moree Champion newspaper

Celebration of Invasion – it is also becoming obvious that some of the non-Aboriginal community are generating a fearful pre-judgment of the local Aboriginal community rising with an uncommon unity. Support us – don't taunt us."

The group asked the MPSC to support an Aboriginal 'right of reply' event at the embassy, and Aboriginal control of the Dhiyann Keeping Centre, Taylor Oval and linked areas.

But embassy spokesperson Bronwyn Spearim told the *Koori Mail* there'd been no response from the local council. "We didn't engage with the council's stuff yesterday," she said on Sunday. "They haven't sought our advice or permission for the town party and historical march of victory. We weren't involved, we weren't invited."

Ms Spearim, who was 'born and bred' in Moree, said there'd been a few disturbing incidents at the embassy site in recent weeks.

One night, women in the camp heard someone yell 'white power' from nearby, she said. At other times, cars have been lapping and doing burnouts around the embassy.

Ms Spearim said that on Saturday night she was filmed by a woman passenger in a white four-wheel-drive, which took off when an embassy representative pursued it on foot in order to take down a number plate. She said the occupants shouted 'bang, bang, bang' out the window as they sped away.

"They obviously know who I am and I feel I'm a bit of a target as someone who's

been the spokesperson for the tent embassy for the past two weeks," she said.

"We're living in fear. We're just trying to address the nation and tell them we're a sovereign people and need our rights and needs recognised."

Ms Spearim said segregation still occurred in Moree, as illustrated by the difficulty many Aboriginal people experienced in trying to get work, but many townsfolk would try to deny it.

"And people are attacking Aboriginal embassies around Australia. They're freaking out but, while they do that, they don't worry about our disadvantage."

"This is about us having control over our own lives."

Still, she said there'd been a small but steady trail of black and white visitors to the camp, offering their support.

"We've had visitors come in and sign the visitors' book, and say keep up the good work," she said.

Ms Spearim said embassy residents would welcome more non-Aboriginal people visiting the camp peacefully and finding out more about Aboriginal sovereignty.

The *Koori Mail* contacted MPSC for comment late last week but had not heard back at the time of printing.

● Meanwhile, representatives of Perth's Noongar Tent Embassy will tour the south-west region of Western Australia to share information about sovereignty and a State Government offer to settle native title with Noongar people.

A spokesperson for the embassy, Marianne Mackay, said the event was a grassroots movement funded on small donations and 'the will of the people and our strength and passion for the survival of our culture'.

"This land means more to us than money as our culture relies on the land for its survival," Ms Mackay said.

"The offer from (Premier Colin) Barnett is a slap in the face and we feel the information is not being passed on transparently, which is why we are touring around the different nations."

Fisherman extremely popular



WHEN celebrity angler Robson Green from TV's *Extreme Fishing* challenged Aboriginal fella

Quenten Agius and another 19 of his mob to a spear fishing challenge, no-one quite knew what to expect.

Agius runs the award-winning Aboriginal Cultural Tours on Adjahdura land on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula.

"Family members from Point Pearce joined in. It was a fantastic day, the day we beat Robson Green spear fishing," Mr Agius said.

"Well, one of us beat Robson. He came second and beat the rest of us."

"Benjamin Newchurch was the winner with five fish and Robson Green second with four."

"But Robson did have help. He teamed up with experienced spear fisherman Derek Sansbury."

About 20 people joined the spear fishing challenge, which was filmed for series six of Robson's *Extreme Fishing* show, which will be seen worldwide later this year.

"Before we got in the water, we put Robson through a



smoking ceremony and at the end of the day we cooked the butterfish in the traditional way using coals," Mr Agius said.

"It was excellent witnessing a professional in action. He was a real good bloke, down to earth and easy to relate to."

"We are big fans of Robson and his fishing show and we felt so privileged to spend the day spearfishing with him."

"The day Robson Green and *Extreme Fishing* visited Point Pearce – a day Robson and all of us will long remember."



Top, at Point Pearce, Quenten Agius, Robson Green, Lindsay Sansbury, and Parry Agius and, above, the *Extreme Fishing* shoot at Point Pearce on SA's Yorke Peninsula.

Islanders in first meeting



ROBERT Cole, whose family came originally from Tanna Island in Vanuatu, holds a photo of himself and brother Malcolm at Plantation Creek in Ayr, Queensland, during 1950. Mr Cole was amongst hundreds of people who attended the inaugural National Australian South Sea Islander (ASSI) conference held at Bundaberg during the Easter long weekend. A new ASSI national body forged out of the gathering will advocate and work towards equality for the nation's South Sea Islander communities, while recognising deep connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders families. *Photo by AMANDA JAMES*

● See pages 32-35 for more on the inaugural national ASSI conference.

Jobs the target of projects



TWO new projects worth more than \$1.5 million are set to create training and employment for 150 Indigenous

job-seekers in western Sydney.

NSW Indigenous Employment Minister Julie Collins said the projects would create 70 jobs and 80 traineeships.

"In one project, more than 50 Indigenous job-seekers will undertake traineeships in Certificate III qualifications in the health sector – one of Australia's largest growing sectors," the Minister said.

The trainees will complete on-the-job work experience at busy public hospitals in south-western Sydney.

"As part of the second project, 30 traineeships are available in fields such as business, health services assistance and dental assistant," Ms Collins said.

"The project will also directly place 70 job-seekers into employment in various industries."

The projects are being delivered by Yarn'n Aboriginal Employment Services, a wholly Aboriginal-owned organisation based in Redfern and are part of the Federal Government's \$650 million Indigenous Employment Program.

"As part of its services, Yarn'n will provide mentoring and ongoing support for participants to help them with their studies and work placements," Ms Collins said.

Fears for injustice

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



INVESTIGATIVE journalist Estelle Blackburn has voiced concern over possible injustices against the deaf and hearing-impaired.

Research commissioned by Northern Territory Corrective Services last year uncovered horrific rates of ear disease and hearing impairment among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates, and guards now carry amplification devices to deal with the disability.

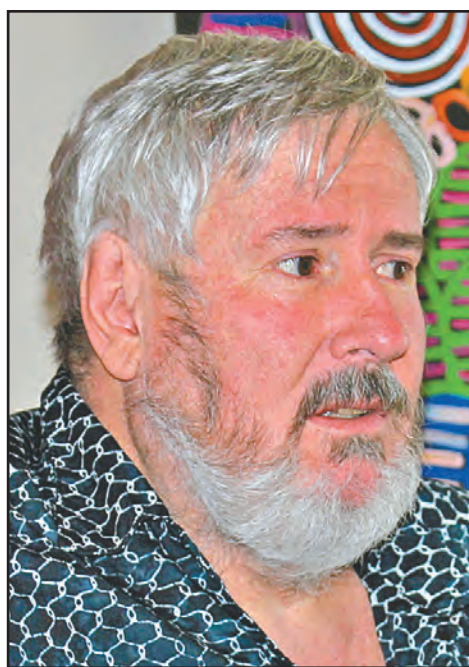
Researchers Dr Damien Howard and Troy Vanderpoll found hearing loss in 92.5 per cent of Darwin's male Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners and 95 per cent of those in Alice Springs prison.

However, most states have not complied with a 2010 Senate Hearing Inquiry recommendation to test all Australian prisoners' hearing, and none have reinvestigated hearing-impaired inmates' cases for possible wrongful convictions.

At a recent international justice conference in Perth, Ms Blackburn spoke of her shock at the flimsy, four-sentence, false confession that in 1961 earned deaf-mute teen Darryl Beamish the death sentence, later commuted to life imprisonment.

False confessions in that era were so difficult to challenge that even five appeals and a confession from the real murderer could not undo it. However, Ms Blackburn's research facilitated his eventual exoneration in 2005.

During her research she found the disabled man was let down by a failure in translation services, which had been central to the wrongful conviction, for



DAMIEN HOWARD

Photo by Bill Rowlings

which he spent 15 years in jail.

She said pressure on government to prioritise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander hearing was key to having justice issues examined. "The confession that he (Beamish) was condemned to death on was very small, and minor, no detail... A police officer wrote out the questions and the answers, held him by the neck and the hand and forced him to copy out the answers and then he screwed up the original and threw it in the bin," she said.



ESTELLE BLACKBURN

Photo by Bohdan Warchomij

"His confession to the Jillian Brewer murder was outrageously lacking in detail and not at all his sort of language. He'd used the F word and the C word, but it became quite clear later that he didn't even know what those words meant."

Another expert who addressed the conference, Dr John Olsson, said forensic linguistic analysis could readily identify flaws in false police statements that did not accurately reflect a person's language. Additionally, Ms Blackburn said the

cultural context of expression and understanding was different for deaf and hearing-impaired people and their learning and experience of life did not always directly translate into spoken English language.

"There is a police rule that disabled people must be given extra care, but we speakers have no idea how their concepts are different... they have a far different concept of the world than we have," she said.

"In Darryl Beamish's case ... he was dealing with an interpreter that was so shocked that she was not handling it correctly... There ought to be two interpreters, one for the accused and one for the police."

Dr Damien Howard said justice-related communications with hearing-impaired Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people required greater translation support, such as a 'hand talk' (or community sign language dialect) translator, an Auslan translator plus a cultural adviser, to accurately guide interpretations of Aboriginal deaf concepts to spoken English language.

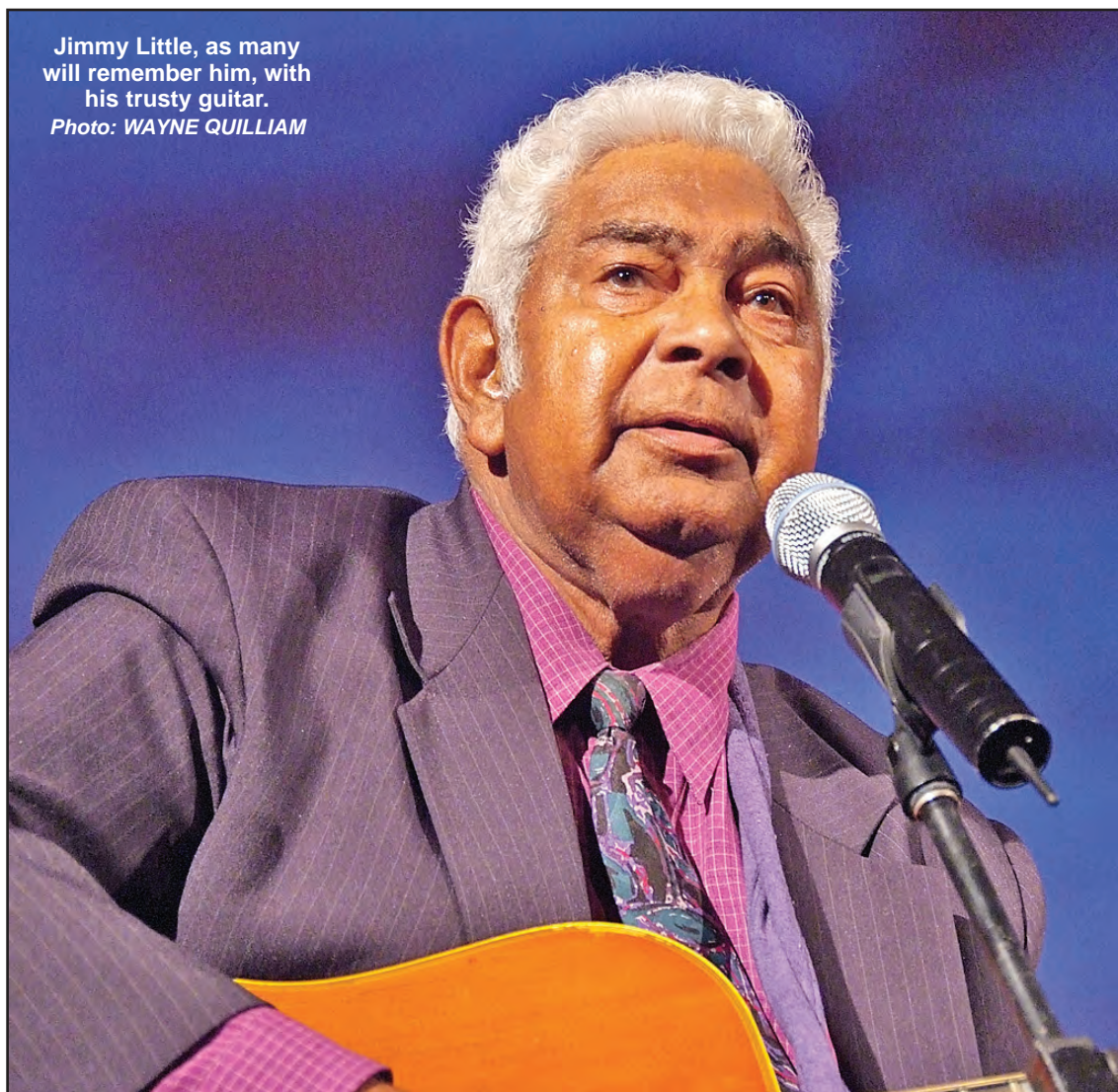
However, multiple forms of deafness, including a disease-related fluctuating loss, the increasing diversity of 'hand talk' dialects, and the invisibility of the disability, posed considerable challenges in the facilitation of equitable justice services.

Such obstacles could be alleviated somewhat by police and other justice workers through a combined approach, of amplification and translation services, Dr Howard said.

He said the lack of adequate translation services within the justice system was also a general reflection of the lack of support services in the NT region for hearing-impaired and deaf people.



A fresh-faced Jimmy Little on the cover of *Dawn* magazine in 1954.



Jimmy Little, as many will remember him, with his trusty guitar.
Photo: WAYNE QUILLIAM

Uncle Jimmy praised

THE late, great Jimmy Little was laid to rest last week at Walgett in western New South Wales. The legendary singer/songwriter died peacefully at his home in Dubbo on 2 April, aged 75. He had been ill for some time.

'Uncle Jimmy', as he was almost universally known, was buried next to his late wife Marjorie Rose Little. While his funeral was a small affair for close friends and family, a state memorial service will be held for him at the Sydney Opera House next month followed by a concert performed by his friends and peers in the entertainment industry.

A long-time sufferer of diabetes and a heart condition, Uncle Jimmy was diagnosed with kidney failure in 2004 and underwent a life-saving transplant.

His passing sparked an outpouring of grief from all quarters of Australian society, including many friends, fellow musicians and political figures.

Uncle Jimmy's manager and close friend Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup said the world had lost a unique talent – a genuine Australian music pioneer, consummate performer and entertainer and selfless humanitarian.

"His gentle approach and humanity in the way he cared about people was just wonderful," Mr Bidstrup said.

"Jimmy was dedicated to helping people all the time and it was never about him.

"Even when he got sick he was focused on talking to communities and helping others."

James Oswald (Jimmy) Little – a member of the Yorta Yorta people – was born on 1 March, 1937, at the Cummeragunja Mission in NSW.

Signed to Festival Records, he released his first single *Mysteries Of Life/Heartbreak Waltz* in 1956

A constant rock of calm

Before Jimmy Little's funeral last Thursday, his daughter Frances Peters-Little, a researcher and filmmaker, penned this note for her dad's many friends and supporters:

Dear Folks,

Thank you for all your condolences.

I thought you would like to know that Dad left us at a time when he was enormously content with his life. Although he said his heart had been broken with the loss of his 'darling wife and teenage sweetheart' Marjorie-Rose, he'd managed to pull through the agony and find another light ahead of him in his remaining days, and looked forward to his future plans for improving the lives of Aboriginal people through his Jimmy Little Foundation.

Dad died peacefully in his bed in his sleep in the early hours of the morning on the 2nd April, but in the week before he died he told me that he was very happy with all that he achieved and accomplished with his life. He told me that he was especially happy to be comforted by his beautiful home and spent many hours in his garden taking in all the natural wonders of the world and his peaceful surroundings.

He said that he was very proud of the long journey of his life and was well aware of how much love he shared with people from all walks of life, believing very strongly that the more love he gave the more love he got back ten-fold, and the more they would share with others.

He also told me that he was very fortunate for the way he found the love of his life at such an early age

and achieved so much together even though they had come from such hard times and unfairness in the world. He was particularly proud of the achievements and talents of James Henry and I, and knew that whatever would happen to him that both of us would be strong enough (and smart enough) to take care of ourselves because we had both been instilled with all the love that he and Marj could give.

It was important for Dad to let people know that he had been just as grateful for the old friends and family members in his early life to the new friends he made much later in life. He felt that he loved them equally as much, which was no small feat since he did love people more than anyone else I had ever known.

There was no malice in my Dad's heart. No bitterness, and he endured a long life of giving to others through charities from the time he was a teenager to the last days of his life, willing to help those less fortunate than himself. He believed that the main ingredients of his success were to be generous, patient, and loving. However, I would add that a great part of his success was that he had been a constant rock of calm; totally self-less and profoundly modest, and in his own words said that 'all he wanted was for people to remember him as a nice person who had a bit of talent and put it to good use'.

All I can say is that I am going to miss my Dad more than I can ever say. He was my best friend and my greatest fan, and for that, I will forever be grateful.

Franny.

but he did not break the top 10 until *Danny Boy* four years later.

Little initially faced discrimination for being a black singer, but always turned the other cheek in keeping with his Christian faith.

Entertainer

"He never seemed to let that bother him and as an entertainer he always won over every crowd anyway," Mr Bidstrup said.

"He was sometimes criticised for not being black enough, and his reply to that was that he always took the soft sell, the gentle approach."

Influenced by Nat King Cole and Jim Reeves, Uncle Jimmy's mellow country music earned him the nicknames The Balladeer, Gentleman Jim and the Honey Voice.

In 1964, *Everybody's* magazine

named him Australian Pop Star of the Year in recognition of his number-one hit *Royal Telephone* and the Barry Gibb-penned hit *One Road*.

His second foray into music saw the release of the 2001 album *Resonate*, featuring songs written by Paul Kelly, Don Walker and Bernard Fanning.

After being struck by kidney failure a year later, he founded the

Jimmy Little Foundation to bring healthier futures to Indigenous Australians.

A statement released by his family praised Uncle Jimmy for his contribution to music and his generosity of spirit.

"Jimmy continued to improve the health conditions of Indigenous Australians living in rural and remote Australia through the Jimmy Little Foundation," the statement read.

"Although he formally retired from the music industry in 2011, Jimmy's love for music never wavered, even taking up piano lessons at the age of 75-years-old."

Uncle Jimmy was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 1999 and five years later appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours list and named a National Living Treasure.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell described Jimmy Little as a great Australian, a pioneer for the Indigenous community and a talented musician.

Rhoda Roberts, head of Indigenous programming at the Sydney Opera House where Uncle Jimmy's state memorial service will be held, said many people in remote communities would 'feel the loss of this great man'.

Also paying tribute were Federal Government ministers Jenny Macklin and Warren Snowdon, NT Government minister Malarndirri McCarthy, Reconciliation Australia, the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), AIATSIS, Kidney Health Australia and the Northern Land Council.

Jimmy Little is survived by his daughter Frances Claire Peters-Little and his grandson James Henry Little. – **By AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail**

Legend of north-west

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HE loved to sing to his children, including for ages down the phone line. He

loved a laugh and was known for his cheekiness. And he loved the red, black and yellow.

So it was appropriate that elements of all of these things featured prominently in the funeral at Brewarrina in north-western NSW on Saturday of land rights and justice campaigner and the longest serving ATSI commissioner, Steve Gordon.

Mr Gordon died on 3 April, aged 63, after a long illness. About 400 mourners, including family, friends, colleagues and past and current heavy hitters in black politics, gathered in Brewarrina Community Hall to give him a send-off to remember.

In the days after his passing, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello and NTSCORP CEO Warren Mundine described Mr Gordon as a 'legend' who left behind a legacy spanning more than 40 years.

Mr Gordon's political activism began early, after he left school at the age of 14 to become, amongst other things, a shearer, a fencer and a kangaroo skinner. He fought for better wages and conditions for blackfellas, refusing to be paid in tobacco.

Together with the late Essie Coffey (aka the Bush Queen) and the late Tombo Winters, he established the Aboriginal movement in Brewarrina and across the NSW north-west.

He went on to serve five consecutive terms as ATSI commissioner (for the NSW

north-west region), was the first Aboriginal Ombudsman in NSW and the first elected Aboriginal person to address the NSW Parliament, and the 2002 National NAIDOC Person of the Year.

He also served on the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), the Brewarrina Shire Council, and as a former company member and director of NTSCORP.

Mr Gordon's eldest daughter Lillian remembered her dad as extremely loving, fiercely protective of his family, and 'always there'.

"Clearly, he was a warrior, an advocate, a fighter, a leader and courageous to take on and accomplish what he has – he certainly was a strategist," Lillian said during the service.

"...One of his dreams was to see Aboriginal representation in seats of Federal and State Parliament – dedicated seats. We need to have that presence to continue to make the gains that are required. For Dad – I hope this occurs in my lifetime."

Sartorial style

Mr Gordon was also remembered for the breadth of his sartorial style – ranging from flash, colourful suits and expensive shoes to cut-off trackies, slippers and board shorts.

Despite his big persona, he was also remembered as a shy fella, especially in his teens. Lillian told how the avid Bulldogs supporter had, himself, played footy from the age of about 13.

"He didn't like showing off his skinny legs and would sometimes wear jeans to play in," she said to chuckles.

Essie Coffey's daughter



Some of Steve Gordon's family and friends, including Col Hardy, sing at his funeral at Brewarrina on Saturday. Brother Isaac Gordon (far right) officiated. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER

Sharon also spoke at the funeral, remembering her mum, 'Uncle Tombo and Pop Gordon' as 'the Three Musketeers'.

"Who instead of robbing the rich and giving to the poor, these three Musketeers fought and challenged government policies to make a better life for their Aboriginal people," she said.

"And now we are celebrating the life and times of the final Musketeer."

Ms Coffey ventured further political territory, expressing her belief that if Steve Gordon had become chairperson of ATSI – something he came within a single vote of doing – he would have brought a different perspective to government policies and rendered it harder for Liberal and Labor politicians to justify the representative body's abolition.

It was not lost on mourners that amongst those gathered in the hall were ATSI's last chairman, Geoff Clark, and his deputy 'Sugar' Ray Robinson.

Councillor for NSWALC's north-west region Ann Dennis told those gathered that Steve Gordon was as much at ease moving around the halls of power in Canberra or Macquarie Street as he was in the company of his family and friends in Brewarrina and throughout the region.

"He never forgot where he came from... and always knew where he was going," Cr Dennis said.

Amongst those queuing to yarn about Mr Gordon's life and times were his countryman, businessman and former National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Sam Jeffrey, sovereignty campaigner Michael Anderson, and NTSCORP director Alan Lamb, from Goodooga.

Steve Gordon was the son of George and Muriel Gordon. His siblings were Susan (d), Sandra, Nerida, David, Denise,

Douglas and Norma. His children, with Joyce Fazldeen, were Lillian, Nerida, Colin and Annelique. His grandchildren were Jake, Emma-Jayne, Reece, Ryan, Cody, Guraki and Ngarlan and he had many

godchildren, nieces, nephews and other extended family.

'Stevie' was buried in his trademark red suit jacket, a yellow shirt and Aboriginal print tie. Wrapped in the colours and love of his people.



The late Steve Gordon during his time as a NSWALC Councillor. Photo courtesy of NSWALC

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A Yindjibarndi legend

By LIZ MURRAY

THE 'beacon of hope' lit and tended by Yindjibarndi Elder Mr Cheedy for all Australians will continue to burn brightly, despite his passing early this month.

The Pilbara leading light passed away peacefully on Sunday, 1 April, at the age of 105.

Mr Cheedy's lifetime of remarkable achievements was defined by his steadfast commitment to the well-being and future of his family and Yindjibarndi community.

Those achievements were communicated to the nation last year when he was awarded the prestigious NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognised his invaluable contributions to caring for Yindjibarndi law, culture, language and the future of his people.

His steely determination and dignity as a traditional custodian were writ large through media exposure of an ongoing Yindjibarndi dispute with mining company Fortescue Metals Group.

Last week, Australia's leaders paid tribute to the considerable influence of the revered Elder and custodian, who strove doggedly towards better education for young people and sharing his culture.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin extended her condolences to Mr Cheedy's family, friends and community,

describing the Elder as a remarkable Australian.

"His outstanding contributions over the years helped to improve the lives of Aboriginal people in Yindjibarndi, Western Australia, and beyond," Ms Macklin said.

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said Mr Cheedy had made an outstanding contribution to the lives of Aboriginal people, particularly those living on Yindjibarndi country.

Born a century ago at Hooley Station in WA, Mr Cheedy worked as a skilled stockman

who lived a remarkable life.

Living to be 105 is an amazing achievement, what accompanies that is his philosophy on life," said Mr Woodley.

"The bad days that he had, he never let them affect him one iota. He was always a very giving and caring kind of person... and that's what drew me and many others to him."

Mr Woodley said that when 'Juluwarlu' (local language for 'everybody') was started in 1999, Mr Cheedy was the first man through the door to work on the documentation and preservation of the Yindjibarndi culture.

"It was in his culture and belief to do this, handing down the knowledge and tradition from generation to generation," he said.

When Mr Cheedy observed difficulties in passing traditional knowledge on to young ones, he worked with his supporters to create multimedia learning tools to deliver cultural learning in formats that could capture their interest.

It reaffirmed the role and influence of Elders with young people, and helped to combat unhealthy competing interests, like alcohol, that potentially could fracture the community.

Mr Cheedy's efforts cemented the identity of the Yindjibarndi people and strengthened and unified the community, Mr Woodley said.

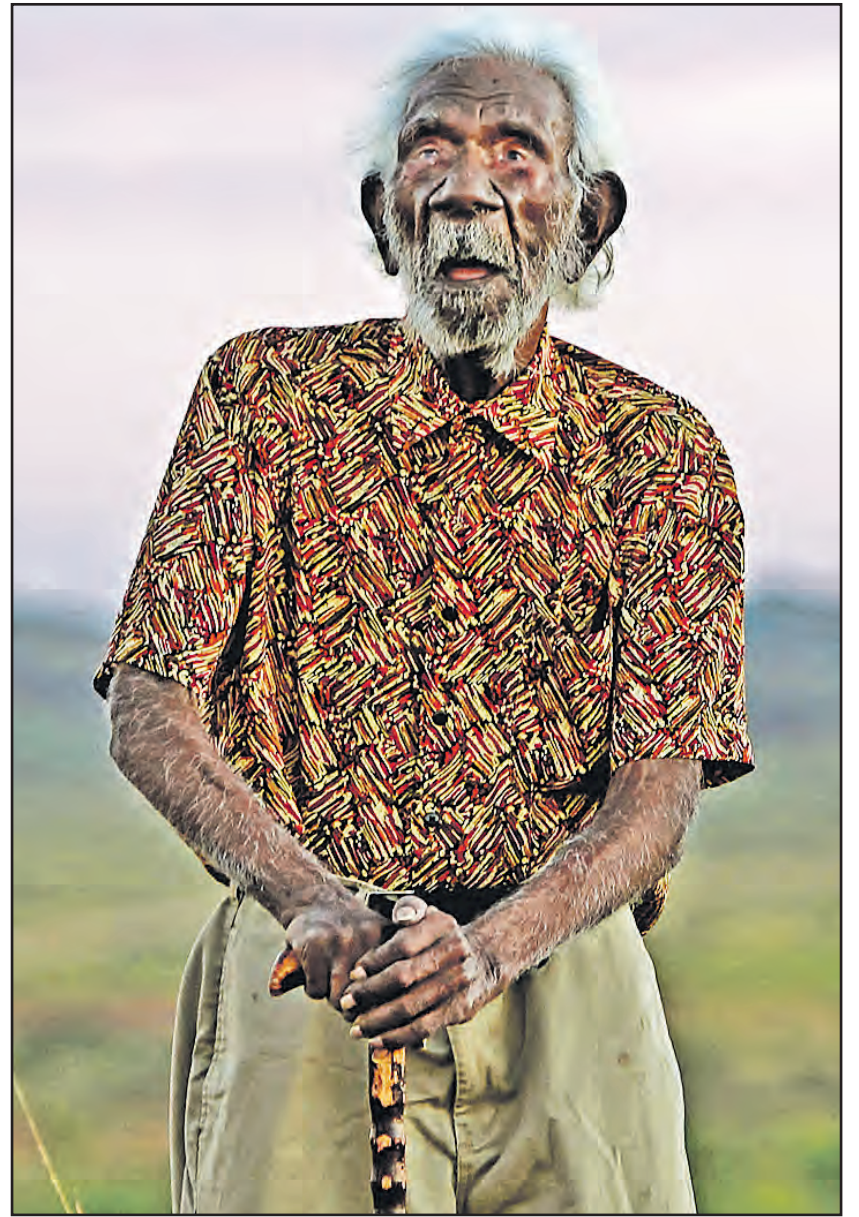
"His message will live on for many generations to come," he said.

'He was an extraordinary man who lived a remarkable life. Living to be 105 is an amazing achievement, what accompanies that is his philosophy on life'

and windmill man on the station. He later moved to Roebourne Reserve so his children could receive an education. He became a preacher at the Pilbara Aboriginal Church and travelled across WA helping families affected by alcoholism.

Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation CEO Michael Woodley spoke of his admiration for Mr Cheedy's vision for his people and the inspirational, positive attitude he applied to all aspects of life.

"He was an extraordinary man



Mr Cheedy, staunch until the end. WA Newspapers photo. Mr Cheedy's family has given permission for his image to be published.

Dentist taken too soon

Chantel Thorn pictured last year with her award for NAIDOC Perth's Tertiary Scholar of the Year.



THE tragic death of the first Noongar dentist – and perhaps the country's first female Aboriginal dentist – has devastated her family, friends and community.

Tributes have flowed for talented 28-year-old Dr Chantel Thorn, who less than a year ago was named NAIDOC Perth's Tertiary Scholar of the Year.

She died at Alice Springs Hospital on 17 March after experiencing a blood clot that travelled to her lungs and stopped her heart. Her funeral was held in Fremantle on 2 April.

Dr Thorn had begun practising dentistry in Alice just five weeks earlier and was due within days to return to Perth for her graduation ceremony at the University of Western Australia.

Her big sister Latricia Collard told the *Koori Mail* that while Chantel had already achieved so much in her short life, she had potential to do so much more.

"Our family is in grieving but the loss is not ours alone," Ms Collard wrote. "The community is at a loss for the great person and leader that Dr Chantel Thorn was capable of and on her way to becoming."

The Perth NAIDOC Committee took to Facebook as soon as it

learned of Dr Thorn's untimely death, extending their condolences to her family.

"An amazing young woman who we were proud to acknowledge in last year's awards, taken too soon," the committee said.

Perth NAIDOC chairperson Glenda Kickett said Dr Thorn was a remarkable woman, whose death was 'a tragic loss for our community, from someone who had so much to give and was so passionate about

'Memories of her accomplishments, her character and her life will remain with us to never be forgotten'

what she wanted to do for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health'.

During her studies, Dr Thorn received many scholarships and awards and was seen as an exceptional role model and leader in her community.

In October last year, she was invited to speak at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Perth.

The President of Nigeria was reportedly so taken by her presentation that he used it in his own country to motivate and encourage his people.

Dr Thorn was the second daughter of Leonard Thorn and Gail Thorn (nee Hume), and was conceived via IVF – another Noongar first noted in her eulogy.

"Chantel came to us as the first Noongar test tube baby and has left as the first Noongar dentist," the eulogy read.

"She always seemed to be in a hurry. Chantel came into this world too early and has departed far too soon. Memories of her accomplishments, her character and her life will remain with us to never be forgotten."

Throughout her studies, Dr Thorn held a burning ambition to one day work in rural WA to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Her dream came true in Australia's red centre. Her spirit has returned to Noongar country.

Dr Thorn is survived by her parents, her partner of 13 years Joshua, sisters Latricia and Terrylene, brother-in-law William, and many nieces and nephews.

WA Day fails to settle issues



WESTERN Australia has changed the name of its annual state holiday in a nod towards Aboriginal reconciliation, even as native title disputes remain unresolved.

From now on the first Monday in June – formerly called Foundation Day – will be known as Western Australia Day.

WA Governor Malcolm McCusker signed a bill to effect the change at Government House last week as Premier Colin Barnett watched on.

Both said while the day still commemorated the first English settlers' arrival in 1829, the Bill formally recognised Aboriginal people as the traditional owners.

"For the first time in legislation, Aboriginal people are recognised as the original inhabitants and traditional custodians of Western Australia," Mr Barnett said after the signing. "So it's an important day in terms of steps towards reconciliation."

Mr McCusker said the Bill was 'a significant piece of legislation'. "It is now customary to recognise in (public) speeches the fact that the original inhabitants of this land were the Indigenous people, but this is more formal recognition of that," he said.

Embassy flag flying

As the signing ceremony wrapped up, Perth's Noongar Aboriginal Tent Embassy was still flying its flag on the banks of the Swan River.

The Embassy was set up in mid-February in protest over a proposed \$1 billion native title deal between the State Government and South West Aboriginal Sea and Land Council.

Police have raided the Heirisson Island site five times, removing flags, tents and cars from the public reserve, and making a number of arrests.

But each time the protesters have returned, demanding the Premier meet with them.

Mr Barnett refused the request again last Tuesday.

"I don't intend to meet them, other than through the negotiations happening through the (official) native title settlement for the Noongar people," he said.

The Premier said the protesters would 'continue to be removed' from the site if they stayed there.

"What I'd suggest to the people camping on Heirisson Island is they actually go back and join the main negotiation over native title. Then they will have a voice, then they can talk to government."

Noongar land and culture worker Iva Hayward-Jackson described Mr Barnett's refusal to meet as an insult and the Western Australia Day renaming as worthless.

"Changing the name of a day of invasion and slaughter of our people isn't going to help," he said. – AAP

Rex James, 15, enjoys a ride in the go-cart he and fellow students made from recycled parts and an electric engine.



Teenagers revved up by electric go-cart project



WHEN Box Ridge teenagers Reece Gomes and Rex and Mervyn James first heard about a

program being run by Wollongbar TAFE in northern NSW where they would learn how to build an electric go-cart, they were sceptical.

"Some of the boys told me to come down and it was all right, so I kept coming," Rex, 15, said.

"I heard some of the lads talking so I gave it a go and it's been fun," Reece, 16, added.

North Coast TAFE Aboriginal engagement officer Glenn Woods was looking for a project for teenagers from the Aboriginal community of Box Ridge, in the northern NSW village of Coraki, who had been disenfranchised from mainstream education.

So the Goori Go-Cart was born, using similar technology to electric cars and parts recycled from the Lismore go-cart club. "We needed something that was dynamic and interesting and involved a range of skills from planning and design to welding and electrics," Mr Woods said.

"This particular go-cart uses emerging sustainable technology because when these young people grow up we'll be moving away from petroleum-based fossil fuels."

For ten weeks, four to eight students aged 15-18 travelled to TAFE to help make the go-cart from

multimedia segment, with a group blog showing videos of their progress at <http://corakigocart.wordpress.com/>

"A couple of boys have really stuck with it and are starting to think about what skills they might need if they're going to do a trade," Mr Woods said.

"North Coast TAFE is always looking for ways to engage young people in a way that gets them interested in vocational education.

"When kids become disengaged with school they often miss out on skills in literacy – projects like this help them to start to enjoy learning."

The next step will be a small motors course run in Coraki.

The *Koori Mail* visited the unveiling of the go-cart and watched the boys' faces light up when they had their first drive. "It was fun but bumpy," Reece said.

North Coast TAFE is looking for more Aboriginal communities from Tweed Heads to Taree willing to consider collaborative projects that engage with youth.

For more information, email Glenn Woods on glenn.woods5@tafensw.edu.au – **By RUDI MAXWELL**



Students Rex James, Mervyn James and Reece Gomes with North Coast TAFE Aboriginal engagement officer Glenn Woods, right, and TAFE teachers Chris Ruane, Bill Atkinson, Garry Ryan and Dale Roberts.

designs on the page to a working vehicle.

The students were involved in every aspect of the construction, although TAFE teachers organised the electronics.

They also participated in a



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Mail deliveries for town camps



RESIDENTS of another four town camps in Alice Springs now have access to regular postal services, as part of the \$150 million joint Federal and Northern Territory Alice Springs

Transformation Plan.

As a result, Mt Nancy town camp will receive door-to-door mail delivery as it is inside Australia Post's regular catchment area.

Palmers town camp, which is also inside Australia Post's catchment area, will receive delivery to clustered letter boxes in line with the community's wishes.

Karnte and Little Sisters town camps will have roadside delivery to clustered letterboxes as they're outside Australia Post's catchment area.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and NT Central Australia Minister Karl Hampton said the transformation plan was supporting the postal services.

Ms Macklin said the new mail service was an important step in the ongoing transformation of the town camps.

"The service will make a real difference to people's lives and provides them with better connections to businesses, services providers and the



Little Sisters town camp in Alice Springs (file photo).

broader community," she said.

"This initiative is part of our work to ensure residents of the town camps have access to services, just like any other household in Alice Springs.

"The houses have been numbered and letter boxes installed, and along with

the new street signs there is a renewed sense of pride in this community."

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the people living in the town camps would benefit from the roll-out of the new services.

"As part of the transformation plan,

street signage and postal services are also being progressively rolled out to other town camps," he said.

"Locals will see the benefits of regular mail services, better connecting them with their families and loved ones."

Mr Hampton said work in the town camps was already having a positive impact.

"Eighty-six new houses have now been built across the town camps, and all 196 rebuilds and refurbishments have been completed, providing people with better housing," he said.

"Since it began, the construction program has also provided employment for 92 Indigenous people."

Australia Post executive general manager mail services Steve Ousley said his organisation was pleased to begin delivering mail to four more town camps.

"We understand how important it is for residents to stay connected and communicate with family and friends and the important role mail delivery plays in this," he said.

Mr Ousley said the Alice Springs Transformation Plan was working to have all appropriate infrastructure in place in the remaining 13 town camps by September, after which Australia Post would start postal delivery.

Bellotti group will fight on

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth



TWO days after a rally on State Parliament's steps, the West Australian Standing Committee on

Public Affairs decided against an inquiry into the Police four-wheel-drive collision that left a young Aboriginal man maimed.

Chair of the Standing Committee Brian Ellis said the decision was based around the principle that an investigation had already been satisfactorily conducted by the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC).

Mr Ellis said the committee received submissions about the need for an inquiry from the petitioner, Bellotti Support Group (BSG), the tabling member, Giz Watson, and the relevant departments and ministers, 'for their side of the story as well'.

Rex Bellotti Snr, the father of the young man, said the lack of consideration in that decision did not accurately reflect the gravity of the situation, which saw his teenage son Rex Jnr resuscitated 15 times.

He and BSG co-ordinator Shilo Harrison said the CCC investigation was inadequate and lacked independence, and a complaint to the Parliamentary Inspector of the



Elizabeth Bellotti is comforted by a supporter after becoming emotional telling the rally about her family's suffering and, right, Rex Bellotti Snr.

CCC (PICCC) was under way.

Mr Bellotti Snr said the shortfalls in forensic collection and witness statements, and the police service's overriding rejection of culpability, showed a general bias against Aboriginal young men which meant violations of their rights were not taken seriously.

The concerned father said officers involved in the collision should be subject to a thorough and independent investigation, with a view to criminal charges over the injuries his son incurred.

MP Giz Watson, who tabled the petition in Parliament last November, said there was still

a number of options available to the BSG, and the Office of the PICCC had shown over the past year it was willing and capable of scrutinising CCC investigations. Ms Watson said there was also a Standing Committee that examined the work of the CCC.

Critical

That committee recently tabled a report to Parliament critical of the CCC's reluctance to investigate complaints of violence by police, she said.

"There were 386 complaints, of which they investigated only one," Ms Watson said.

Shilo Harrison said it was very disheartening when a family 'faced with a horrific injustice are forced to fight for support and receive nothing through the channels that are supposed to assist'.

She said officials charged with the role of supporting the community had shown a lack of integrity in dealing with the young man's injuries and the hardships that the accident had caused his family.

"This is a difficult case to look at," she said, but added it was 'a pretty straightforward' case of racial injustice and the BSG would re-group and fight on.



Footy clubs to mentor job-seekers



CHAMPION Brisbane football teams, the A-League soccer stars Brisbane Roar, and the Super Rugby champions Queensland Reds, have signed on to mentor 80 Indigenous job-seekers.

The mentoring and educational program is being funded with almost \$1 million from the Federal Government.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins said Mission Australia would oversee both projects, with \$533,689 going to the Roar program, and \$440,000 to the Reds initiative.

"Our partnership with the Queensland Reds encourages Indigenous students to stay in school, to strive to get jobs for themselves and to become leaders in their communities," Ms Collins said. "Through the Gillard Government's innovative mentoring program - Learn. Earn. Legend! - the Reds will provide students with one-on-one school to work transition support.

Pathways

"The Queensland Reds will mentor the students for 12 months from July this year and engage their extensive list of corporate partners and other networks to ensure participants go on to meaningful pathways.

"The participants will also be supported by an Indigenous program manager.

"Roar footballers will mentor 40 Indigenous Australians from Brisbane to help them get full-time ongoing employment.

"This project involves pre-employment training, job placement support, mentoring and post-placement support for one year.

"The Roar men's, women's and youth teams will take part in the program, which will also include employing a dedicated Indigenous co-ordinator to assist.

"The players volunteer their time to work with Indigenous youth, long term unemployed and parents returning to the workforce.

"Mentoring is a powerful way to get real and enduring results and I congratulate the service providers, team management and players for working together on these projects."



Muckaty traditional owners protest in front of the NLC Tennant Creek office.

Protest at NLC office



TRADITIONAL owners are continuing to protest Federal Government plans to locate a radioactive waste dump on Muckaty Station, near Tennant Creek.

On 2 April, they blocked the busy Stuart Highway outside the office of the Northern Land Council (NLC), which nominated the site to the Federal Government in 2007. The opposing traditional owners say they were not properly consulted and did not give their consent.

Last month, the Senate passed legislation paving the way for medical, research and industrial waste to be stored at the remote Muckaty site for hundreds of years. Federal Resources



Senior Muckaty traditional owner Bunny Nabarula negotiates with police after a group of women, many of them painted-up, blocked the Stuart Highway.

Photos courtesy of the Beyond Nuclear Initiative

Minister Martin Ferguson said the Bill ensured Australia met its international obligations to properly manage its nuclear waste in a purpose-built dump, but the Australian Greens have described the Government's actions in pursuing the site as 'predatory'.

Traditional owners have launched a legal challenge in the Federal Court against the nomination of the site by the NLC and have pledged to block any attempts to transport radioactive waste to the proposed site.



The Stuart Highway roadblock in Tennant Creek this month.

Elder in fear of 'nuclear danger'



WASTE from the expanded Olympic Dam mine will remain radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years and the risks weren't properly considered by the Federal Government, the Federal Court has heard.

Aboriginal Elder Kevin Buzzacott is challenging the Government's approval of the uranium and copper project in South Australia, which is destined to become the world's largest open-cut mine.

He argues the approval by Environment Minister Tony Burke last year was too uncertain because much of the environmental assessment has been left up to plans and studies that are yet to be prepared or considered.

Mr Buzzacott also says the Minister failed to consider the environmental impacts associated with the export of uranium and the risks from the storage of radioactive tailings above ground.

At the start of the two-day hearing on 3 April, counsel for the Arabunna Elder told the court that mining giant BHP Billiton intended to deal with the tailings dump by covering it with a layer of rock.

Radioactive

Geoffrey Kennett SC said that in its closure plan, the company was only asked to consider the risks the dump might pose over the next 10,000 years, despite the fact that the waste would remain radioactive for much longer.

Mr Kennett said that in his approval for the mine, Mr Burke had determined the radiation risks could be acceptably managed.

But he said that was 'fine and understandable' while Roxby Downs remained the nearest settlement and as long as earthquakes or erosion did not compromise the covering of the waste dump.

Mr Buzzacott said he had decided to challenge the approval because he wanted to understand how it was granted given all the uncertainties over the proposed expansion. "I feel like a tiny voice in this issue because BHP Billiton is so powerful," Mr Buzzacott said. "But my role is to protect the old country."

The expanded Olympic Dam mine is expected to generate up to 6000 new jobs during the 11-year construction phase and a further 4000 operational jobs.

Annual copper production is forecast to more than triple to about 750,000 tonnes and uranium oxide production will jump to 19,000 tonnes.

The SA Government passed indenture legislation to approve the mine last year and it only remains for the BHP Billiton board to sign off on the proposal. —AAP



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Govt targets rogue crocs

By ALF WILSON



CROCODILES that pose a problem to humans will be targeted by the Queensland's new LNP Government in Queensland – a

move that will affect many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities near the sea, saltwater creek, rivers or lagoons.

The culling of crocodiles was outlawed in Queensland in 1972. Since then their populations have increased rapidly to plague proportions near some populated areas.

Hinchinbrook MP Andrew Cripps, the state's new Natural Resources and Mines Minister, said the Government would soon implement an 'improved statewide croc management plan that would be more responsive to communities' concerns'.

"I'm very confident that will present a more responsive framework for the removal of problem crocodiles when they create safety concerns for local communities," Mr Cripps said.

"One of the problems we've had is that the previous Government and the previous management plans that were in place for responding were so tied up in bureaucracy and red tape that they ignored the concerns of the communities until it became a serious issue."

Townsville-based Liberal senator Ian Macdonald, the shadow spokesman on Northern and Remote Australia, said the many man-eater-sized crocodiles were encroaching on communities with impunity.

"The time for dithering and pandering to the radical green element is over; we need urgent action before someone is killed," Senator Macdonald said.

"Right across the top of



Australia, crocs are making it increasingly difficult for people to enjoy the fabulous natural resources that make living in the north so great."

Mr Cripps, who sent the *Koori Mail* a copy of the LNP's policy regarding crocodiles, said croc numbers in north Queensland waterways had increased significantly.

"The LNP recognises that if crocodiles are not properly managed there can be a real risk of attack on people, and particularly children," he said.

Crocodiles are currently managed under a conservation plan but, as numbers of crocodiles in the wild increase, the LNP believe the plan needs to transition to a more responsive

management plan with increased focus on public safety in urban areas.

In the past year, there've been problem crocs at many Indigenous communities including Thursday Island, Horn Island, Bamaga, Injinoo, Napranum, Mapoon, Kowanyama, Doomadgee, Aurukun, Lockhart River and Palm Island.



Queensland Minister Andrew Cripps.

Last April, five young Cape York Aborigines risked their lives saving a fisherman from the jaws of a 3m saltwater crocodile.

Napranum's Cameron Jawai, Alfred Port, Egito Motton, Freddy Clermont and Peter Chevethan along with Weipa's Kevin Beven combined for a heroic rescue of Weipa man Todd Bairstow from the crocodile at Weipa's Trunding Creek.

Mr Bairstow was interviewed in his Cairns hospital bed by Channel Nine's *60 Minutes* program that showed graphic images of his wounded legs.

In June last year, Thursday Island truck driver Tuta Kris told the *Koori Mail* he was concerned about crocodiles when he emptied wheelie bins near several beaches where the large reptiles had been sighted.

Just a week earlier, a health worker was reportedly standing near a Thursday Island beach and used her mobile phone to take a pic of a crocodile which left the water to grab some fish scraps left by fishermen.

Also earlier this year, there were reports of two 4m crocs near Cook's Landing in the TI suburb of Quarantine.

● Above: Thursday Island truck driver Tuta Kris points to a crocodile warning sign at a popular children's park on TI near the beach.

● Left: Crocodile warning sign on the Thursday Island jetty.

'Indigenous' wording concern for co-chair



NATIONAL Congress of Australia's First People co-chair Les Malezer is concerned about

proposed wording of documents for the upcoming Rio+20 Conference, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in June.

Mr Malezer said some member states were looking to change 'Indigenous Peoples' to 'Indigenous and local communities'.

"Apparently France, with the support of USA, New Zealand and Canada, has very recently proposed a change to the older terminology (from original Rio conference in 1992) of 'indigenous and local communities'," he said in a statement last week.

"This earlier reference fails to

recognise that Indigenous Peoples have the same status as 'peoples' in international law.

"Only peoples have the right to self-determination, and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples concentrates upon our rights as peoples rather than the individual human rights as articulated in most human rights treaties.

"The right to self-determination includes the right to autonomy or self-government, and the right to development.

"Our collective rights as peoples also ensure our rights to ownership and control of our territories and the rights to determine the futures for our cultures and our children."

Mr Malezer said the attempt by certain States to 'revert to the old language is an attempt to deny the rights of Indigenous Peoples and to



LES MALEZER

undermine the advances made in 2007 when the United Nations General Assembly finally adopted the Declaration'.

His comments support a

statement by the Indigenous People's Major Group made in New York on 27 March about the 'Zero Draft' for the Rio+20 conference.

"In the course of many issues confronting Indigenous Peoples concerning sustainable development, the eradication of poverty, green economy and protecting our Mother Earth for future generations, this original proposal cannot be supported by our Indigenous Peoples Major Group," the statement said.

"The expression of 'indigenous and local communities' does not identify us properly. It is contrary to Agenda 21 and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"The internationally accepted term in human rights instruments and sustainable development processes is 'indigenous peoples'.

"It is inappropriate to transpose language from the Convention on Biological Diversity which deals with traditional knowledge of 'indigenous and local communities' to the Rio+20 negotiations, when Agenda 21 has identified Indigenous Peoples as one of the major groups.

"Under international law, and many countries' domestic law, Indigenous Peoples have recognised legal status distinct from other local communities.

"The UN Conference on Sustainable Development needs to respect and uphold this right to be identified as indigenous peoples, and not undermine our human and collective rights.

"Indigenous peoples face this problem of potential misidentification arising from the informal negotiations."

Olive has recipe for talking recognition



MARK OLIVE
(file photo)

By RUDI MAXWELL



SPENDING much of his working life mixing Australian Indigenous ingredients with introduced foods,

chef Mark Olive is a natural ambassador for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2012.

And so it is that he features on this year's NRW poster with fellow food guru and educator Stephanie Alexander under a theme 'Let's Talk Recognition'.

Mr Olive, a Bundjalung man, has been working in the food business for 25 years, hosting his own TV show *The Outback Café*, doing celebrity spots on other shows including *MasterChef* and running Black Olive Catering, an Indigenous catering company based in Melbourne.

"It's important to increase awareness across some huge gaps in our life," he said.

"When I go and do a lot of workshops using Indigenous and non-Indigenous ingredients, I'm crossing that road, closing that gap through food, and I think it's really exciting to get the opportunity to do that.

"I've been invited to some amazing events, talked to people from different backgrounds and when we're crossing that bridge for reconciliation, it's vital that we always talk about it. And, when you're out there as a role model, that you put your best foot forward."

Since his rise to prominence, Mr Olive has travelled the world, cooking and giving demonstrations of ways to use bush foods.

"I love the diversity of it, it's a very creative job and I love the people – it's exciting going in to different kitchens in Australia and

globally, meeting other chefs, particularly other Indigenous chefs," he said.

"I've done a lot of cross-cultural cooking, which is fantastic."

Last year, Mr Olive taught a master class on *MasterChef*, cooking native-herb encrusted kangaroo fillet in paperbark with native herb damper and bush tomato relish.

"I think people's interest in Indigenous ingredients has really spiked, as our national cuisine, and are looking at our own meat in a different light – herbs, spices, fruit, the more people try, the more popular they become and that means Indigenous people growing crops and becoming

hard-hoofed animals, destroy the land.

"We should be utilising our own meats, Skippy has a lot to answer for."

Register

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong is calling on individuals, community groups, businesses and schools to register a morning tea or barbecue for National Reconciliation Week, 27 May – 3 June. "We want Australians to recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their own ways," she said.

"It could be by hosting a barbecue and cooking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spices, playing Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander music in your workplace or classroom or something as simple as showing your respect to Elders."

Posters featuring Mr Olive and Ms Alexander promoting National Reconciliation Week can be ordered from the website (see below).

National Reconciliation Week is book-ended by two important dates – 27 May marks the 45th anniversary of the 1967 referendum, when more than 90 per cent of Australians voted to change the Constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Census. And 3 June marks the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision, when Torres Strait Islander Eddie Mabo won a landmark case in the High Court against the state of Queensland, recognising native title.

Reconciliation Australia is encouraging people to register their events, whether they are public or private, at the website www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw

'It's important to increase awareness across some huge gaps in our life'

commercial," he said.

Mr Olive is known for bringing native foods into the mainstream, with his menus and cookbooks all centred on Indigenous foods.

One of his suppliers is Outback Pride, a company that is developing a network of growers in Aboriginal communities.

"We all know who started using it first ... kangaroo and emu have been around for a long time, just because they're on the coat of arms," he said.

"I always say Aboriginal people didn't have a coat of arms, they used kangaroo and emu as a clothing and food source.

"They're native to our country, whereas introduced species,

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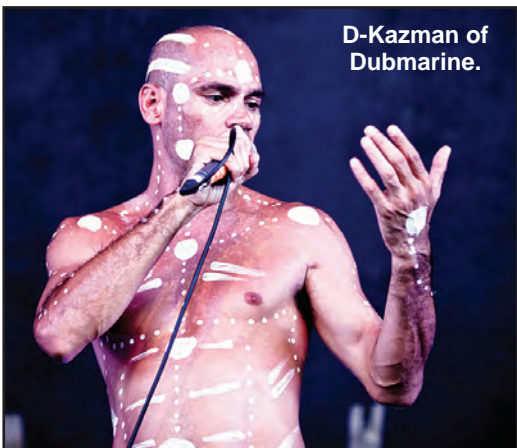
Amanda Manton and Yvette Walker.



Craig Ross and Wally Bathern, from Alice Springs.



Artist Rodney Boschman during Bluesfest.



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Lenny Tass, Tama Tass, Blake Togo, Andrea Tatlow, Cole Togo, Charles Boah, Krissie King, Bec Togo and Lynette Murphy enjoyed the fine weather at this year's Bluesfest near Byron Bay, northern NSW. Photos by Joseph Mayers



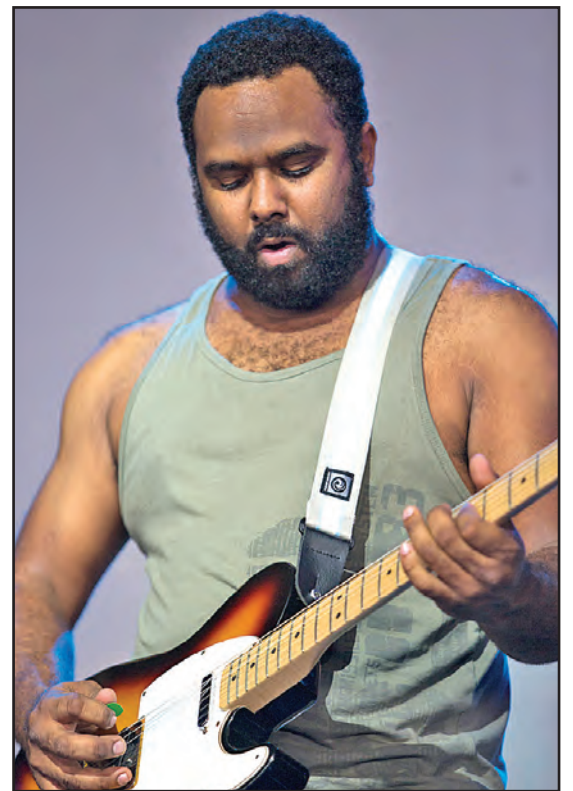
Bella-Rose Kay holding baby Shondelle, Delta Kay, Lovie Currie, Shamiyah Kay (standing), Kalimna Kay and Tallara Kay of the Arakwal Dubai Dancers during Bluesfest.



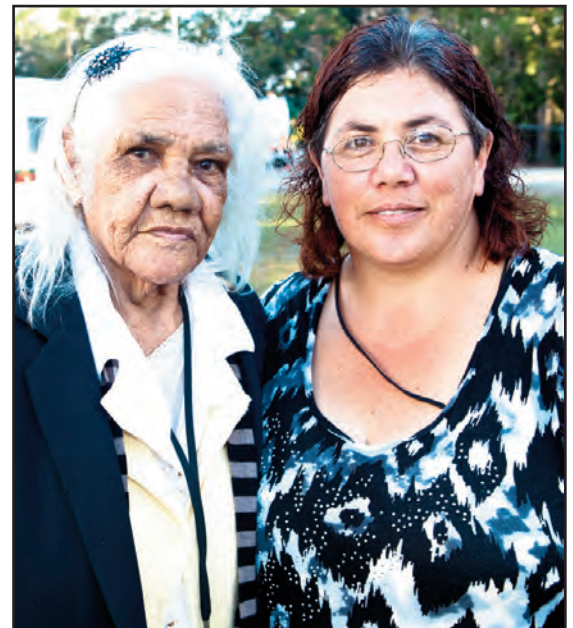
Norma Morrison, Sue Wettle, Karen Buchanan and Virginia Narrier.



Allen Whitman of The Joe Satriani Band makes a point of wearing the colours.



Jeremy Marou from Busby Marou on stage at Bluesfest. Photo by Evan Malcolm



Aunty Dulcie Nicholls and Theresa Nicholls.

Byron Bay Bluesfest



Dubmarine during Bluesfest, Australia's largest international festival of blues and roots music, at Byron Bay.



Leon, Nathaniel and Josiah Nehow amongst the crowd waiting for blues icon John Fogarty to perform. His was one of the most popular acts.



Sam Bolt holding baby Shondelle.

Blackfellas join party

Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



AS in previous years, there were plenty of blackfellas amongst the young and old music fans who flocked to the 2012 Byron Bay Bluesfest over the Easter long weekend. For the third time in its 23-year history, the increasingly iconic event was held at Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm outside Byron Bay, in northern New South Wales.

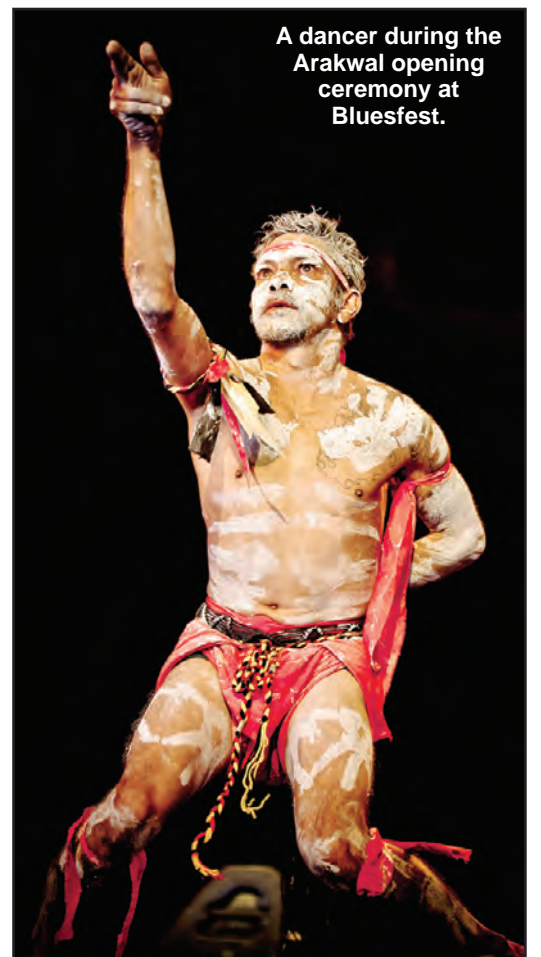
The five-day event attracted an estimated 80,000 people who enjoyed postcard picture perfect weather throughout. It began with a welcome to country ceremony by Arakwal Aboriginal Elders, and performance by the Arakwal Dubay Dancers.

Highlights of what organisers termed 'harmonic convergence' included headliners Cold Chisel, the top-selling black music band of all time Earth Wind and Fire, Irish supergroup The Pogues and Aussie favourite Weddings, Parties, Anything.

Country rock giant and Aboriginal fans' favourite John Fogarty's all-in singalong saw him perform classic Credence Clearwater Revival album *Green River* from start to finish.

Return visitors included 'African queen' Angelique Kidjo and reggae giant Ziggy Marley.

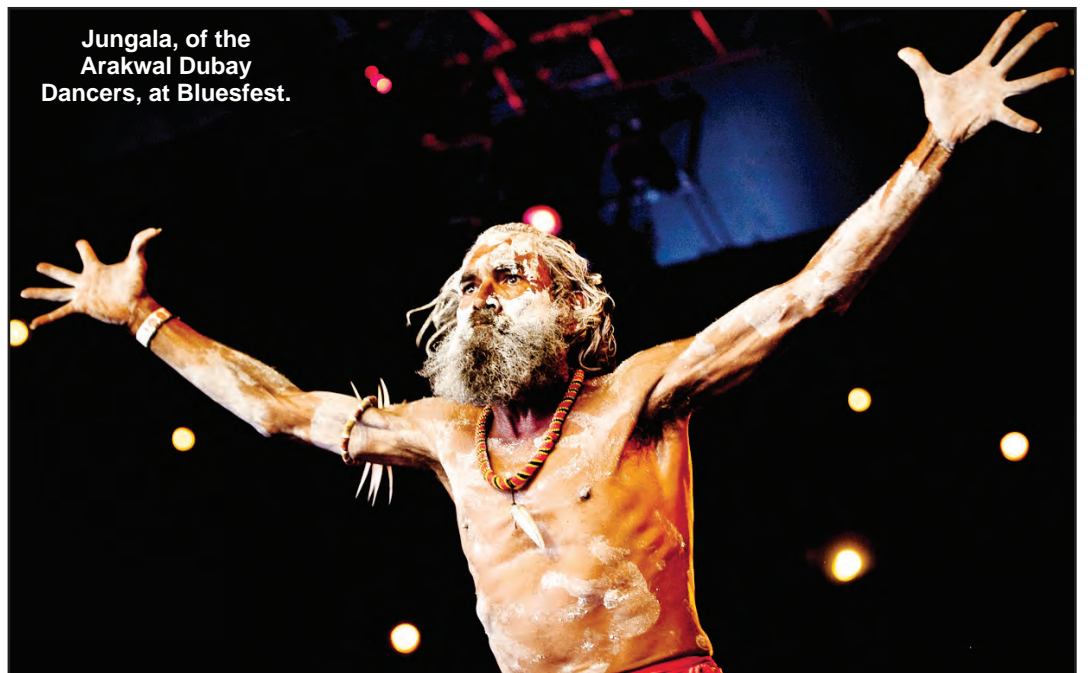
Indigenous performers featured in Dubmarine and Busby Marou, and Aboriginal visual arts got a guernsey with a prestigious back stage exhibition.



A dancer during the Arakwal opening ceremony at Bluesfest.

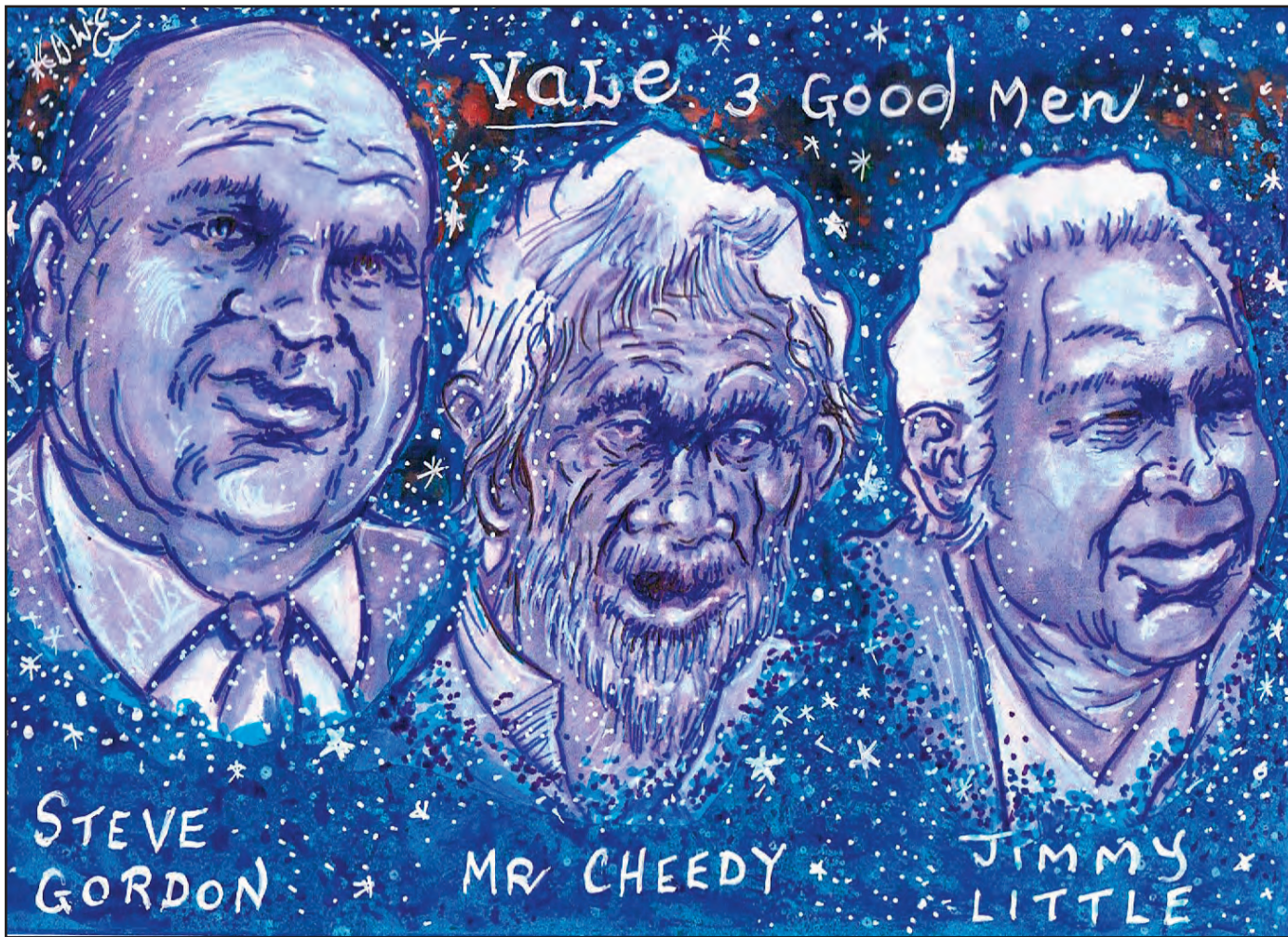


Amanda Manton and Yvette Walker backstage during the fest.



Jungala, of the Arakwal Dubay Dancers, at Bluesfest.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Jeremy Geia Journalist with NITV, Canberra, ACT

Favourite food?
Curries.

Favourite bush tucker?
Fish, cooked on the coals.

Favourite drink?
Orange juice.

Favourite music?
Cuban salsa.

Favourite artist?
Frank Yamma.

Favourite movie?
Scarface.

What are you reading?
Sins of the Brother, about mass murderer Ivan Milat.

Favourite holiday destination?
Havana, Cuba.

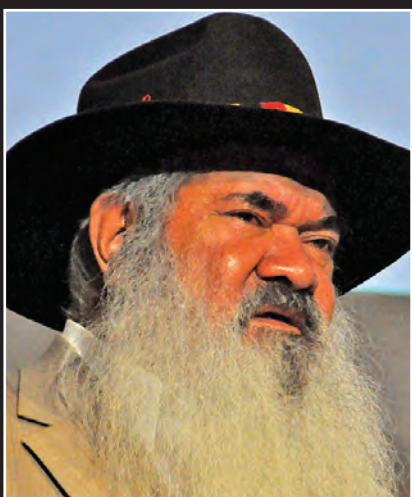
If you could have three people around the campfire for a yarn, who would you choose?
The warrior Pemulwuy, (Marxist revolutionary) Che Guevara and my grandfather Albert Geia.

What do you like in life?
Family, football (soccer) and culture.

What do you dislike in life?
Time-wasters.

If there was one thing you could do to improve the lives of our people, what would you do?
I would keep telling stories. It's important and that's why I'm in the industry I'm in.

Quote



'The gloomy reality is that our people continue to remain dependent, disempowered, and disengaged by programs authored for and about us, but hardly ever by the community members for whom they are targeted'

— Aboriginal leader
Pat Dodson

● See Page 28

Unquote

They were some of our greatest

AS we lament on the front page of this edition, the past few weeks have been an especially sad time in our communities.

Regrettably, for a variety of reasons, we can't always devote this amount of space to the passing of our mob. However, the stature and life stories of those honoured in this edition – both individually and collectively – demanded it.

Mr Cheedy lived for more than a century, not too far shy of double the average life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, and an inspiration to us all.

However many of our people leave us far too early – their deaths a reminder of the need for all Australians to double and redouble efforts to close the health and life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and other Australians.

All of those we honour this fortnight were known for their optimism and dedication to their people.

They all made sacrifices to achieve what they did but never forgot where they came from – Yindjibarndi, Yorta Yorta, Ngemba and Noongar country.

We should remember and honour them for the things they achieved, the difference they made.

We should tell their stories over and over again, so they remain embedded in country as well as the national psyche.

As NSWALC Councillor Ann Dennis noted in her speech at Steve Gordon's funeral, it is our duty to continue the struggle that leaders like him fought so



OUR SAY

that we and our children could have a better life.

We do not know whether Uncle Jimmy Little, Mr Cheedy, Steve Gordon and Chantel Thorn met or knew each other in life.

But we feel certain they're all now together somewhere, having a yarn and a sing-along, pain-free and eating healthy tucker.

Knowing the company they're in – loved ones already passed – should also provide some comfort.

Vale to them all.

Black enough for us

On another subject, Aboriginal author Anita Heiss has borne the brunt of some especially ugly comments following the release of her memoir *Am I black enough for you?*

Most of these reprehensible comments have been made behind a veil of anonymity and are to be condemned.

A faux argument about free speech that ignores the responsibility not to vilify, is a pointless exercise.

Our identity as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a matter for ourselves.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

WITH a career at Aboriginal Housing Victoria spanning almost 20 years, Gunnai woman Sharon Paten admits she was 'a bit perplexed' when invited to take on the CEO role at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

"I don't have a creative bone in my body," Paten said. "(But) they were looking for change management, looking to take the organisation to the next level."

While Paten might be new to the arts, culture and tourism industry, change is something she's proven herself highly adept at managing.

She began her working life filling in on reception at Aboriginal Housing, when her youngest son was two years old, and over the next two decades worked her way through the ranks, rising to the position of chief executive officer.

During this time she oversaw the transfer of the organisation from a small not-for-profit government-funded advisory body to an economically independent Indigenous landlord with 1300 properties across the state of Victoria.

"I went in to fill in on reception and literally never left," she said. "I would use it as an example when people would come in and apply for a reception position. I would tell them, 'I started where you are'."

Paten worked her way up to the role of an Aboriginal housing officer, liaising with Aboriginal tenants, whether in mainstream housing or within the Aboriginal Rental program – a role she loved because it got her out into her community.

Becoming deputy manager of the Aboriginal Housing Services Unit, under the Department of Human Services, where she was able to influence policy, started her on a management pathway.

Leadership

During her time working for the Victorian Government, she also completed a leadership course, and was able to take her new-found skills with her when she crossed back over to the community-controlled organisation.

And that's when she started working towards the transfer of tenancy management.

"It was at that stage that I was able to inspire the staff with the confidence to come over from (working for) the Government... to come for the journey," she said.

"Having built up years of knowledge about policy, the barriers, what was and wasn't working for our community, and actively seeking community feedback, I felt confident it was a change that the community actively wanted, and that the organisation was ready to take it on.

"The staff were a bit scared of losing their (government) entitlements and job security, but they came across when I did.

"The second process was satisfying government that we were resource-ready and, finally, convincing the tenants that transferring over wasn't going to disadvantage them." (Individual household members had to consent to their property being transferred).

Once Aboriginal Housing Victoria became a registered housing provider, Paten took a roadshow out to the community, talking to tenants about what transferring their tenancies would mean for them. Almost 90 per cent opted to transfer, a success-rate Paten puts down to staying true to community aspirations.

"We had developed some good cultural policies such as being able to pass (the property) on to family if somebody passed on," she said. "We understood that even though it was a rental property, it was a family home... The community felt empowered that they were contributing to a better future for their children and their grandchildren."

Reflecting on being a female CEO, Paten believes it's not that unusual in the Aboriginal community.

"You see it more in our community," she said. "It's different. The women are usually the strongest ones. They are the ones that get in and work their way up."

Paten also acknowledges the help she



At home with change

received from her Aboriginal mother.

"I was lucky," she said. "I had my mum stay at home to help look after the kids. It helped me go out and forge the career."

Advice

Paten's advice to young women just starting out?

"Learn everything you can, and don't be

afraid of applying for positions or putting yourself forward for promotion within the organisation," she said.

"I was always guided by my community. Don't be afraid to get feedback. Take the chance and aspire to be promoted up through the ranks."

Reflecting on her leadership journey, Paten notes that she was the second of six

children but, at the age of 14, her older sister passed away. Her father, who was of Scottish/English descent, died when she was 31, and her baby brother passed on five years later.

"I'd gone from having an older sister who looked out for all of us, to filling those shoes," she said.

"Here I was arranging funerals. Things you should not have to do, especially for your siblings.

"Just after losing my dad I was diagnosed with breast cancer. You soldier on, but you think to yourself 'I didn't ask to have to show this strength'. You think: 'this wasn't the challenge I was looking for'.

"I found myself being the one who would support other people. After I was diagnosed with breast cancer a very good friend of mine was diagnosed as well. She was further along than I was.

"It was caught at a later stage. (I was able to help her with) all of the questions that I now knew I should have asked."

Later another friend was diagnosed, and the women formed their own support group.

Important

Paten said giving back became important to her.

"I got mine early. I've got a good long-term prognosis," she said. "I felt it was important to give back and be there for people who weren't as fortunate as I was. We would find people in the community who had had similar experiences and we would bring them into the fold.

"(Breast cancer) is obviously an isolating experience at the best of times. But when there's nothing out there that's culturally appropriate... As Aboriginal women we felt we could bring that to each other."

Paten said leaving Aboriginal Housing Victoria to take on the role of CEO at the Koorie Heritage Trust in February last year was the start of a new personal era.

One of her key goals now is to negotiate a more prominent location for the Trust in Melbourne's art precinct.

"I have my health, my prognosis is looking good, so I thought 'Get out there and take a risk and try something new'," she says. "After 19 years (in Aboriginal housing) there was that window of opportunity."

As a newcomer to the arts, culture and tourism industry Paten says she had to learn a different 'language'.

"It took a while to understand what people were saying," she jokes. "Everything is in acronyms."

Her 'induction' into the industry included travelling to Britain last October as part of the ACCELERATE Indigenous Australian Creative Leadership Program, joining five other arts leaders including Yirra Yaakin artistic director Kyle Morrison, artist Alick Tipoti and dancer/choreographer Marilyn Miller.

While in Britain, Paten visited institutions like Oxford University's Museum of Natural History where she got some good ideas on how to maximise the number of artefacts that could be made accessible to visitors, and the Barbican on London's South Bank – Europe's largest multi-arts and conference venue.

"For me that was interesting to see how you could incorporate different arts organisations within the same space," she said.

"If we got the chance to re-locate closer in the city and couldn't afford to do that on our own, it gave me insight into some models we could use."

Paten said taking part in the ACCELERATE program was one of the best things she'd done in a long time.

"To meet a fantastic group of people, doing remarkable work in their own communities and honouring their own challenges," she said.

"Everybody had complementary skills. It was really enlightening for me to understand that.

"You've got the creative, the artistic side, the administrative, the managerial skills, and you need all of those to run a successful organisation."

Modern day adventurers

I HAVE heard yarns of people walking from Sydney to Melbourne. I have heard yarns about people travelling around the world. I've even heard yarns about people going to the Moon! Whatever.

As if these are real adventures!
Give me a pair of Nikes and I will walk from Sydney to Melbourne. Give me a few million and I will show you how to get around the world. Give me a spanner and I will build me a rocket to the Moon! Or film me 'going to the moon'.

But have you heard the one about the single adult Aboriginal person with no kids? No? Maybe

you haven't heard that one.
A single Aboriginal person with no children is like the Tasmanian Devil – people think they have seen them, but there is no hard proof they exist. I'm sure I've seen a few single people around, but I am definitely the only one in my mob!

Every single person over the age of 15 in my family – except for me! – has another person hanging off their bloomers. If they aren't married up, they have a kid or two.

The idea of being single, no children and living alone like I do is quite unusual.

There are people in my family

that don't even sleep in a bedroom alone! My mob love to be around each other, going to school together, going home together. They love to wear the same clothes as each other and they like to name their kids funny names together.

To be alone even for one night is out of the question!

It's easy to go along with the crowd because it feels nice to be part of a mob. To share and be around family and people who know everything about you is comforting. You all put in to get food, you all help out cleaning the little house and someone around you always has money. It's a safe place to be.

But you don't have to be single and have no kids to be your own adventurer.

Adventuring outside the crowd is the real adventure. Travelling outside your own mob then coming back home, helps our community grow.

This is because when you go out and see how the other people live, you bring back what you have learned to your own mob.

This is what I call living in two worlds – and having the best of both.

Don't forget, you can always go home when you've had enough adventuring!



Ms KOORI LOVE

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In Edition 523, we accidentally printed the answers to that edition's crossword, rather than those for Edition 522.

These are the answers to the Edition 522 crossword.

ACROSS	DOWN	
4. Broome	1. Uluru	15. Rations
7. O'Loughlin	2. Ella	17. Goanna
8. Bundjalung	3. Lingo	18. Hockey
10. Forty	4. Burney	19. Kangaroo
11. Belleair	5. Owl	23. Yindi
16. Tasmania	8. Mabo	
17. Griffith	9. Dreaming	
20. Stacey	12. Artist	
21. O'Brien	13. Emily	
22. Thursday	14. Dale	

Our brain-teasers

Edition 524

Koori Mail Word Search

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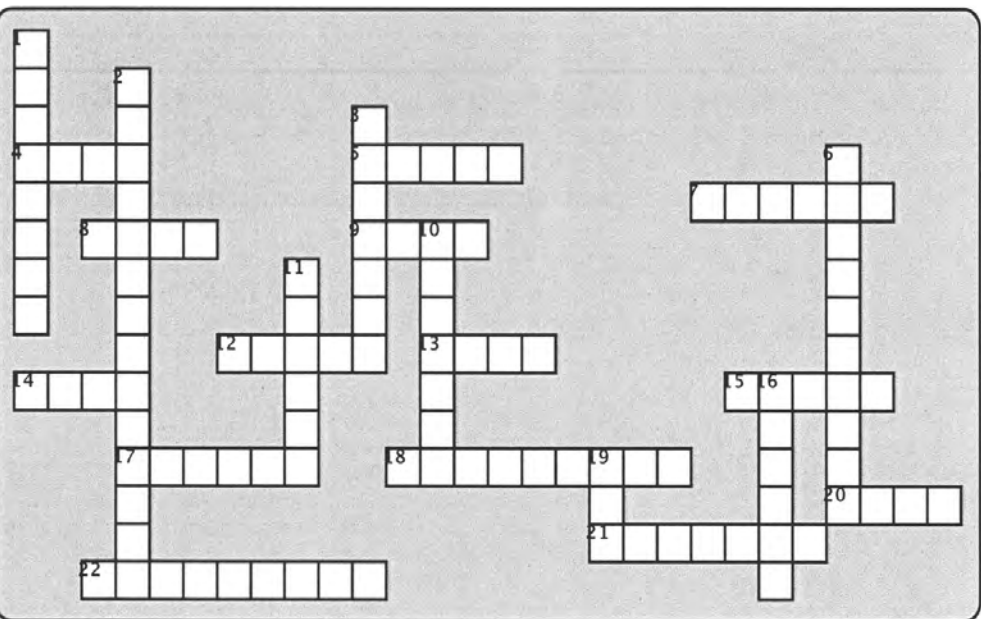
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Bridge walk
Healthy
Kickstart
NSDC
Spear
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Edition 524

Koori Mail Crossword

Across

- Surname of Melbourne newspaper columnist found to have breached race discrimination laws (4)
- A style of painting, also known as cross-hatching, used to depict NT clan groups (5)
- Benn Harradine's chosen sport (6)
- This historic high court decision about native title has its 20th anniversary in June this year (4)
- Type of fuel being championed for remote communities (4)
- Large mammal related to the dreaming of Aboriginal people from Ceduna in SA (5)
- The Koori Mail's own Ms Koori... (4)
- NT Coordinator-General of Remote Services... Havnen (4)
- Former Richmond Football Great, the late Maurice ... (5)
- Bread treat best cooked on the coals, ... cakes (6)
- What was royal in a hit song by the late Jimmy Little (9)
- Magazine published by the Aboriginals Protection Board in NSW from the 1950s to the 1970s (4)
- Aboriginal women use this kind of



- stick when gathering bushtucker (7)
22. Aboriginal name for Perth's Heirisson Island, site of the Nyungah Tent Embassy (9)

Down

- Former ATSI Commissioner from Victoria Alf ... (8)
- South Australia's Anangu... Yankunytjatjara Lands (14)
- Word often used to
- describe a hardwearing passenger vehicle in remote areas (7)
- Pompuraaw is located in which state (10)
- Edible mollusc, considered a
- seafood delicacy, found off the NSW south coast (7)
- Name of prestigious awards for music, sport and community achievers, presented in
- Sydney each year (6)
- Warumpi Band and Christine Anu sang about what kind of home (6)
- Cathy Freeman won this at the Sydney 2000 Olympics (4)



Catchment Management Authority
Hawkesbury-Nepean

Aboriginal Community Meeting – Friday 4th 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 15th June 2012.

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Equal and fair access for all

MY constituents – Aboriginal and Islander peoples – under my Chamber Three responsibilities with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples are telling me that they are sick and tired of not receiving access to programs and services because of family-run dynasties within their communities.

These dynasties are operating under the guise of community control but they are not operating within the strict community-controlled organisation guidelines.

Family-run organisations that are not prepared to adhere to these strict guidelines need to apply to Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) for their funding and stand aside for true community-controlled organisations to receive the funding from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), so that every person in the community has equal and fair access to programs and services.

Some communities throughout the country are running on an A and B Class system where they are referring to applicants as being either an A Class Aboriginal or a B Class Aboriginal and dishing out access to programs and services by class.

An A Class Aboriginal gets access to new housing developments immediately, whilst a B Class Aboriginal gets the old run-down housing after years of being on the waiting list. It's similar for health services and education.

Funding for Aboriginal and Islander people must go to community-controlled organisations operating under true governance and democratic process as outlined in the strict community-controlled organisation guidelines. Family-run businesses that are only there to support themselves and their families need to step aside and allow for State and Commonwealth monies to provide services that benefit the entire community.

Another area that needs to be addressed in regard to the above is 'Proof of



Brian Butler during a march to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra.

Aboriginality'. If a person applies to an organisation for 'Proof of Aboriginality' and it is known that this person is of Aboriginal or Islander descent, it is lateral violence not to approve this person's application.

There needs to be a clear distinction between 'Proof of Aboriginality' and how this pertains to native title. If a person is clearly an Aboriginal or Islander person and they are seeking 'Proof of Aboriginality', they should be granted such proof.

If, on the other hand, this 'Proof of Aboriginality' is about connecting to a particular clan group, as is aligned with the self-determined protocols of each clan

group, this can only be approved through the individual clan group's governance with whom the person is seeking connection to.

Again I would like to state that another clan group cannot attest to a defined clan's 'Proof of Aboriginality' but one that is about recognition as an 'Aboriginal or Islander person' is quite a different right and should be approved on the information presented to the governing body at the time of application.

WILLIAM BRIAN BUTLER
Director, National Congress of
Australia's First Peoples
Adelaide, SA

Impact of drugs on our youth

I AM writing in regards to the recent debate sparked off by Australia21's 'The Prohibition of Illicit Drugs is Killing and Criminalising our Children and we are Letting it Happen' report about Australia's war on drugs being 'a failure' and the suggestions that drugs should be decriminalised.

I have years of experience with young people who have faced the challenges of drug abuse as a means of escaping their day-to-day experiences, and the drug and alcohol rehabilitation services within Youth Off The Streets prove that some young people do want to fight their own war against the drugs that have become their lives.

The effects of drugs on a young person can be irreversible, our kids are at a time in their lives when their brains are forming the critical parts it needs for memory, learning, planning and emotional development.

Subsequent media about the report speaks about marijuana as a soft drug used in Australia, but my experience with this drug is that it can have terrible effects, which can eventuate to mental illness. Youth who use this drug heavily around the ages of 13 or 14 often develop schizophrenia or paranoia when they reach 17 or 18. It is my understanding that this effect is significant and is detrimental to our young people, our future.

Situation

For years Australia has been facing the issues of drugs, including the effects on our youth, without a solution to ending the battle with its use. We should be having the conversation with the community about the ways we can manage the situation better.

Locking our young people in jails is not a successful way of putting a stop to drug traffickers; in fact these individuals will always find an alternative means to create a new market. For example, when Australia took a 'tough' approach on heroin, sources found an alternative, cheaper drug in the marketplace – ice.

Additionally, our young people are taking unknown drugs from sources that can also be unknown, because this is where they are accessible due to our crackdown on criminalising the use of drugs. This is dangerous and can also have significant consequences for our youth. We need to think about how we can target the drug pushers to ensure that they don't get access to our young people.

I would be happy to have the conversation about removing the criminal element of drug use. As I said, jail should not be the solution to managing this problem. It concerns me that 75 per cent of the Government's financial commitment is being used to catch drug users and traffickers and to jail them. This money should be spent on rehabilitation and drug and alcohol programs that can help young people.

The Government should be serious about funding these programs rather than wasting their money on locking young people in jail cells.

FATHER CHRIS RILEY
CEO, Youth Off The Streets
Sydney, NSW

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Praise for Jimmy Little

The late Jimmy Little ... Loved and remembered by many.



I would like to pay tribute to Jimmy Little, who has passed away.

A dear friend of many years, I'd like to say Jimmy was there to listen and help when he could.

He was much loved by fans, friends and family. A big man with a big heart.

There is much I could write about, but I will keep it short. I remember years ago he loved a CD I had by Kenny Chesney, a US country singer. It was called *I will stand*. I bought Jimmy a copy. He loved it and his favourite track was *A chance*.

So many years ago, Jimmy was given a chance to make his mark on TV and radio with his music. Boy, did he ever make good on his chance. *The Royal Telephone*, and so many more.

We have lost a friend, a mentor, a legend.

It's a sad day for all of Australia.

You may have left us, Jim, but the memories and music will stay with us.

NAJELLA GREEN
Elanora, Qld

Man of many qualities

IT is with much sadness that I remember the late, great Jimmy Little.

I feel honoured and privileged to have met and known this man.

As well as being an extraordinary entertainer, he displayed qualities that I believe were unique to Jimmy Little.

He often said that it was not wise to think of niceties and kindness as a weakness and his demeanour displayed those qualities as his great strength.

We will keep calling you on that Royal Telephone, mate.

God bless you.

HAROLD HUNT
St Mary's, NSW

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Keys to a healthy and just Australia

To the First Australians
I write to you, the First Australians, because I want a healthy and safe and balanced country. One where infants, children and youth are given all chances by an entire nation that joins in sincerity to make it all really happen, (to build) lives that are fairly balanced and wholesome.

Drugs do not achieve those results – never, ever. On the contrary, we watch the lives of our kids wrecked and made so much

less than they could be.

It is a vicious road on which to get trapped. Predators thrive on pushing drugs to kids and youth because it works well to destroy.

Parents who sincerely love their kids want them to be free of drugs and addictions. When caught in those webs that adults make easily or more cunningly available, parents who truly love their kids want their kids healed of this addiction, not jailed for it, not charged for it, not helped to have their addiction met and fed by

governments, but to enter into a humane process towards freedom from drugs and a new pathway of living life for the long terms true well-being.

What a pathetic and easy option for leaders to take this road that wrecks young lives instead of rescuing them from drug addiction. It's a horrible, despicable shame.

I write to you as the First Australians, because I get the impression you are holding a lot of keys to a healthy and just and

humane new Australia.

We are in seriously dire straits and our kids need us to make the right, just, healthy and safe decisions for their future, and their own children's futures.

I wait. I do what little I can. I listen. I question. I seek the saved for help and guidance and more.

I ask you, the First Australians, to take your rightful places in the entire scheme of things of our new and true Australia.

I am content in doing my small part behind the scenes.

You shine, but shine healthy for the true good of us all, individually and as a whole nation of peoples driven to rectify, to heal, to renew, to adjust, to respect, to grow strong, and humbly move forward for the true good of all.

Not criminals, not perpetrators, not abusers, not pushers of drugs and exploitation, in power, but us the ordinary folks driven to better our world.

A.M.B.
Address withheld

Call of Anzac Day

I MUST admit to a proven ambivalence towards Anzac Day and its celebration or commemoration.

Like all school children of my vintage we were taught that Anzac Day was nothing less than sacred, when our brave soldiers, sailors and airmen saved us from the Japanese peril and the fascism of Hitler.

Of course there was absolutely no mention of any Aborigines or Torres Strait Islanders who fought, and no recognition of women either.

This war was men's business – white men's business. The business of our bronzed Anzacs, our diggers whose bravery matched that of our grandfathers who fought and died in World War I.

As children we basked in the heroic light of our men who had fought and those who made it home and those that didn't.

Simpson and his donkey who tended to the wounded at Gallipoli was a role model par excellence. The victory of defeat at Gallipoli was hard to understand, but we accepted what we were told.

We learnt of the total heroism of those who fought in Papua New Guinea, and especially the hell that was the Kokoda Track.

My adopted mother's three brothers all returned from the war but never spoke of their actions of bravery and heroism. I could not understand that, but then I thought as a child and continued not understanding.

I attended the Anzac Day marches in the city and later, when I was older, I attended the hotels as well.

Lots of words tumbled from many lips, some about their part in the war until they were hushed up by their less emotionally-charged comrades at arms. The main words uttered revolved around interpretations of 'never again'. I continued to grow, to read and to learn.

During my time working in Papua New Guinea, I attended the 'gunfire breakfasts' and visited Bomana war cemetery. At dawn, my memory tells me, Bomana was indeed a beautiful place to be. Row after row of white headstones that glinted like broken glass in the early morning light.

My only sorrow is that many years later, after I had returned to Australia, I was told that my birth-father had been buried there. I always vowed to go back, but never did. I also visited the start of the track at Owens Corner and walked some distance down it.

I go into this detail merely to show that the war was on my radar perhaps more than most.

My readings and learnings continued to the point that I stopped going to the marches. I questioned the meaning of the marches and found that whilst honouring those who had gone to war and those who had died, I could no longer accept the politics of war and wondered why those who did could not see through the futility of war.



ISJA President Ray Jackson.
Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Previously I have stated that looking at the wars we have fought for king/queen and country and the flag, that starting with the Boer War and going to our invasion of Afghanistan, Aborigines have fought in every one of them.

In the Boer War, up to seven Aborigines were taken to South Africa as trackers and labourers. Whether they wanted to go or agreed to go is a moot point. When the fighting was over the troops came home but they left the Aborigines there. It is my understanding that they died in South Africa.

World War I was nothing less than a European imperialist war of squabbling royal houses for alleged sleights and land. We should have never been involved.

World War II was quite different. This was a fascist war and as such needed to be fought and won. And thankfully we were part of the winning team that did.

After the end of that war we then became involved in what was termed the Malaysian emergency, when Britain attempted to re-rule Malaysia again.

Korea, an American-supported war, then followed and it was my task in school every Thursday to compile the war news, abbreviate it and read it to the class. But we should not have been there.

Years later I was to meet and socialise with some very scarred veterans who had fought. They did talk but the cry was the same – 'never again'.

Then came our limited involvement in what was termed the Indonesian-Malaysian confrontation.

Vietnam tore our country to pieces as we once again followed the USA into war. It was Prime Minister Bob Menzies telling lies at the behest of the USA that got us into that hell-hole.

Wrongly, some attacked the conscripts and regulars who went to Vietnam, but their bile should only have been for the politicians who tricked our young fighters into Vietnam.

Then came the criminal invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have either supported British hegemony or American hegemony, except for World War II, and it is time that we stood on our own feet. But with Indonesia and China above us with their many hundreds of millions, some of them of the Muslim faith, we will remain cowering in WASP-ish fear and continue seeking a strong protector. Now it is America but they are on the downward slide, so the future is indeed interesting.

Since the Rev Ray Minniecon and others around Redfern began the Black Digger March some years ago, my interest has been piqued to the point that I want to attend that march rather than the mainstream city march.

I still honour those who fight and those who die but the day has been turned into a nationalistic feast of rhetoric and bravado whereby war is glorified as a cause worthy of support.

Generations on we now stand at Anzac Cove marvelling at the heroism of our fighting men and the histrionics of the politicians who join them in this worthy endeavour of remembering a war by those who have never fought.

Gallipoli was a disaster, a butchery of defeat led by incompetent English officers. The same butchers who then offered for massacre those in the trenches of France and elsewhere. The only possible glory arising from the stupidity and callousness of war is the survivors whispering 'never again'.

But I also wish to march this Anzac Day for those who fought and died in the invasion that began in 1788. For all the massacres of my people and the outcomes of that invasion that still attacks and kills my people today.

I will march for all those Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders who fought and died fighting for equality and justice but sadly found none.

I will march for those who died in all the wars and who still do not get their proper respect and deserved attention and thanks.

And I will also march for my Australian birth-father who is buried at Bomana war cemetery in Papua.

But I do not march to glorify war.

Never again.

Michael Anderson is calling for those who can take part in the march in Canberra to join him there.

RAY JACKSON
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Threat in the west

I AM writing in response to the front page article 'Cultural heritage open to roting', an exclusive by Colleen Egan published in *The West Australian* on 31 March.

If the newspaper article was based on facts, then the facts must be presented in regards to who, why, what and when.

Instead, it is clear by this article that Colleen Egan and the editor of *The West*, that is owned by affluent people in Western Australia, are running Government, mining and business propaganda to further divide Nyoongah/Aboriginal people from the dominant wider population.

How can *The West Australian* and the Government and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) be involved in an article that is based solely on unsubstantiated rumour, has no facts, is not based on evidence and lacks any investigative and journalistic integrity?

Questions now must be asked about the SWALSC executive and working party members as to whether any of them work for government departments, mining, work as Aboriginal heritage consultants and/or have their own Aboriginal heritage consultancy businesses, as this would be an absolute conflict of interest.

It is interesting that there is no mention of the Department of Indigenous Affairs' (DIA) ongoing practice of deregistration, declassification and the shrinking of boundaries of Aboriginal heritage sites in WA to the benefit of mining, government, development and businesses.

If there was no disturbance of these sacred spiritual sites there would be no need for consultation under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* Section 18 process. No development at these sites would mean that these sites are under absolute protection. This means sacred sites would be protected in perpetuity.

These sites are not properly protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*. It is because Government, developers and mining are granted permission to destroy, disturb and desecrate the sacred dreaming by the ongoing approval of Section 18 since 1972.



A scene from the Nyoongar Tent Embassy in February. Photo: Lesley Desmond

I demand that the figures since 1972 of all Section 18 approvals against those that have been rejected be shown to the public of Western Australia so that Nyoongahs and the wider community have a clear comparison.

Therefore, to stop any attempt at 'misbehaviour' all that's needed is the full and proper protection of Aboriginal sacred sites for the benefit of all West Australians so that our future generations may benefit from the continuing Aboriginal cultural heritage of this state.

The destruction and desecration of our sacred sites is of great benefit to government, developers and mining and is diminishing the core principles of our spiritual dreaming. This is a form of genocide, destroying Aboriginal peoples' belonging and the people themselves.

It is outrageous that the Barnett Government would put forward a SWALSC

'deal' that does nothing more than guarantee the imminent destruction of the Nyoongah people through the destruction of our sacred spiritual dreaming sites.

If the Premier and Cabinet were serious about protecting Aboriginal Sites then they would change the concept of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* to the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act*. Instead, they are tying any changes to protect Aboriginal heritage to a SWALSC agreement for a 'deal' that would see us relinquish our links, ties and connections to our sacred land and waterways. The 'deal' offers little and will not ensure living standards are raised for our people.

A starting point would be five per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in perpetuity for Nyoongah people in the entire area of Nyoongah country for the ongoing prosperity and benefit of Nyoongah people.

Where is the attempt by the Government and DIA to return all ancestors' remains, locate all missing ancestors' remains and return all sacred artefacts held by Government and all others?

Self-determination, self control.

The behaviour/propaganda of the Government and *The West Australian* newspaper is an obvious attack on Aboriginal peoples' connection to our sacred land.

This is the Government using a 'deal' to break the connection of Aboriginal people, forcing us away from our very belonging into the concrete suburbs and the streets where we are open to suicide, drugs and all the evils of white man's society.

This is Nyoongah business and only Nyoongah people must have a say regarding our future so that we have self-determination and self control over all these matters.

Under this so-called 'deal', we are once again being denied self-determination even though we have been asking for this for generations.

Nyoongah peoples' human rights must be protected and a referendum must be held so that our democratic rights, procedural fairness and natural justice are upheld.

The situation in Nyoongah country in 2012 is no better than the treatment of black South Africans during the apartheid regime and is also no different to the deep south of the United States when the Ku Klux Klan was in absolute power over African Americans.

The Government is standing over and dominating Nyoongah people in ways that are in direct conflict with the protection of our sacred dreaming, our heritage and our culture.

As in other world history of indigenous people, our basic human rights are being denied.

IVA HAYWARD-JACKSON
Nyungah Land and Culture Worker
Subiaco, WA

Is this a Claytons review?

THE NSW Liberal and National Party Government's commitment to partnership with the Aboriginal community has to be congratulated.

On 5 December 2011, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello announced the composition of a working group to undertake the statutory review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALRA). The Government-appointed working group is meant to conduct public consultations and call for submissions in the development of possible legislative reforms.

However, before the review even starts it can be argued that the group composition is riddled with conflicts of interest not to mention being behind the eight ball when it comes to delivering the recommendations by the required date.

It is now mid-April and, apart from the regional forums held by NSWALC with local Aboriginal land council (LALC) officeholders and members, there has not been

so much as a 'squeak' from the group with regards to consultations with or submissions from LALCs despite the fact that the Minister has asked for a report on findings and recommendations by 1 November 2012.

The purpose of the working group is to effectively review the legislation and provide the Minister with sound proposals to improve it, where possible resulting in positive outcomes for the Aboriginal community. The review has to deliver on two major requirements:

1. Inquire into and make general recommendations as to whether the aims and objectives of the ALRA require expansion or change of the Act in light of developments since 1983; and
2. Inquire into and make recommendations as to whether administrative and operational provisions within the Act require any change to facilitate and improve the efficacy of the Act.

If the working group is to conduct public consultations and

call for submissions to assist in the development of possible legislative reforms to ensure that the Aboriginal community have the opportunity to contribute, then time is running out.

Working backwards, if the Minister requires findings of the working group to be tabled by 1 November then realistically October is set aside for printing and distribution, September is documentary review month, August is for writing the review whilst July is a period of collating submissions and reviewing consultations. This leaves June and May for consultations, but it is already mid-April and we are heading into May.

Issue

The issue here is that either the working group sees this as a mere Claytons review (the review you are having when you are not having a review) or it does not value the intended feedback from LALCs and the Aboriginal communities across NSW.

That said, the more critical issue is that the working group is one big 'conflict of interest' and simple corporate governance tells you that the outcomes from the working group will be less than independent. For example, the chair of the working group is the Registrar (of the ALRA), and yet the ALRA is filled with sections that relate to the role and function of the Registrar – so is he going to review himself? Also, will the chair have a casting vote in making recommendations to the Minister? Surely, the implications of this do not have to be spelled out.

But wait, there is more. NSWALC may at times, and rightly so, have separate objectives to LALCs, not to mention that as a 'land council', the LALCs will invariably be on the doorstep of the Primary Industries Department, and yet we have both the CEO of NSWALC and the Director-General of Primary Industries on the working group.

If the well-meaning intention of the Minister's objective of

reviewing the ALRA is to be meaningful then LALCs, concerned individuals and the Aboriginal community in general need to make their voice heard.

The name of the game should be 'independence' in review, not conflicts of interest.

GREG BONDAR
CEO, Tharawal Local
Aboriginal Land Council

● CORRECTION: A separate opinion piece from Tharawal LALC CEO Greg Bondar titled 'Govt must act now' (Opinion, page 25, the *Koori Mail*, 21 March) read that a recent announcement by NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello to form a working group to undertake a statutory review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALRA) was 'appalling'. The statement should have read that the setting up of the review was 'to be applauded'. The error was caused by typographical error as submitted.

The business of success

By KIRSTIE PARKER

GOOGLE Janice Bryant Howroyd and the results are undeniably impressive. The founder and CEO of American company Act1 Personnel Services is feted on numerous websites and touted by *Forbes* magazine as having a family fortune of \$250 million.

When Ms Bryant Howroyd visited Australia earlier this month and addressed the AIMSC Connect 2012 conference, business opportunity fair and trade show in Sydney, the buzz was that she was the second wealthiest black woman in America after Oprah.

Clearly, the 60-year-old entrepreneur, mother-of-two and author of a book *The Art of Work – How to make work, work for you* is doing all right.

But, for all of that, she insists that measuring success by money alone is for fools.

"I've been asked many times, 'What did it feel like when you became successful?'" she told the *Koori Mail*. "But I have never lived a day that I was not successful. I was very blessed to be born to parents who really taught us about who we are and where we can go in life so I don't know about not being successful."

"If you start to measure yourself by money, you're going to be playing a fool's game. You don't get to dictate what the value of money is on any given day. And in business, one day you can be up and another day you can be down so don't let money be the measurement; let it be a tool."

"For me, the real richness that I enjoy is the ability to do what I love... We're doing business in many countries and we're helping companies

as well as people who look for jobs and careers.

"For me, what that means collectively is that we're helping people where it really matters and that's how I become enriched. At the end of the day, how enriched I am is far more important than whether or not I have money."

Ms Bryant Howroyd's advice to delegates at the AIMSC conference to be true to themselves and 'who they say they'll be' struck a chord with many.

She spoke of the Australian Government's 2008 apology to Australia's Indigenous people, especially the Stolen Generations, seeing it as a strong foundation for 'brilliant' opportunity.

"I see so much opportunity for the Aboriginal people of Australia in terms of the ability to grow businesses here that may, in some ways, be better than the opportunities that I have seen from some of the programs in the US," she told the *Koori Mail* afterwards.

The key differentiators, she said, were the vigour with which AIMSC and its members and suppliers were developing those opportunities and the comparatively small numbers of Indigenous Australian businesses primed to take them up.

But this didn't mean anything was 'a given'.

"It's not; there's a lot of work that has to be done," Ms Bryant Howroyd said.

"Strategically, companies that are Aboriginal owned and corporations have to work together to determine 'how do we create this result?' And that's where the grind is going to be."

"I think that a lot of education, a lot of rethinking



Janice Bryant Howroyd speaking at the AIMSC Connect 2012 conference. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

of procurement practices and a lot of metrics of measurement, are going to have to be in place to make sure that everybody ends up happy at the end of the day."

Ms Bryant Howroyd said the fact that many Australian Indigenous businesses were fledgling was not necessarily a bad thing.

Key questions

"When I go out to sell my services to companies, there are two key questions they ask me: What differentiates you from other businesses? And how do you fit

strategically into a plan that benefits me?" she said.

"What they're looking for is something new, so lose the idea that new or fledgling is an inferior position to be in and see yourself as new – creative, new – inventive, new – opportunity."

She said Australian Aboriginal companies should be prepared to be competitive with each other but also compete together.

"At the end of the day, it's about measuring where you are in your growth and looking for opportunities that really fit who you are," she

said. "If you're looking at an opportunity that's bigger than your scope and scale to cover but you can partner with someone, do the work, the homework and then go for it."

"If you find that it's just a bit too big, then scale back."

"I talked to Michael McLeod from Message Stick Communications and he told me about the approach that has worked for him, 'just give me the foot in the door. I'm not looking to be everything to you; I'm looking to be a very good thing to you here'."

"I think Michael is a great example to a lot of Aboriginal businesses."

Queried on the 'tall poppy syndrome' – where high achievers are criticised or 'cut down' by others – and how it sometimes impacts within black communities, Ms Bryant Howroyd was philosophical.

"In any culture, people are human and so love and fear, jealousy and hate, compassion and strength are all parts of our nature," she said.

"I think that if you are an Aboriginal business owner, just like any other business owner, you truly have to focus on how you best build your business in a way that's compatible to who you are personally. That may include your family and your community but at the end of the day you have to be alright with yourself and your creator."

"Look to your ancestors – who every ceremony here opens up with paying respect to – look to those same ancestors and ask whether you feel good that you're representing where they would have wanted you to be."

At this, Ms Bryant Howroyd recalls a

conversation she had during the AIMSC event with John Moriarty, an Aboriginal man from Borroloola in the Northern Territory who, together with his wife Ros, runs high-profile strategy and design company the Jumbana Group.

"I met with John and his wife (Ros) and son (James) were present and, I'll tell you, when John talked about their lives, he talked with pride about the opportunities they have in front of them," she said.

"But when he really got excited – when his eyes really twinkled and he was talking about things that really mattered to him – was when he was talking about bush people and an uncle who can still catch fish with a spear."

"So, who is more successful? The uncle who is in his 90s and is still hunting fish with a spear? He can still see and run and has the strength to get in and pull the fish out of deep water."

"Or his son who is hunting fish pretty much with technology and electronics and hopes that he has the girth and the strength to bring the catch home in the form of business?"

"We're maybe talking about equally successful people and his uncle may never hold an Australian dollar in his hand."

And, so, our interview comes full circle to end with talk of money.

Ms Bryant Howroyd has the last word.

"People can say whatever they like about my wealth, but they don't know what it is," she said.

"Trust me, I'm not the second wealthiest woman in America... but I am the richest one in terms of my experiences and my life."

Winners in good supply

AS international banking firm Citigroup's top executive in Australia, Stephen Roberts is used to talking a big game.

But, speaking at an event held in Sydney early this month to celebrate the growing collaboration between corporates, government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, the banker and Australian Indigenous Minority Supply Council (AIMSC) chairman declared himself 'overwhelmed'.

The event was a gala dinner at Sydney Town Hall to close the AIMSC Connect 2012 conference, business opportunity fair and trade show held on 2-3 April.

Thanking Elder Charles Madden for his welcome to Gadigal country and acknowledging Aboriginal ancestors from the area, Mr Roberts ventured, "If I can be so bold as to suggest... if those ancestors knew the reasons for which we celebrate tonight, they would have loved to join us."

And he was right.

The main 'business' of the night was to bestow the nation's highest honours for achievement and leadership in the field of 'supplier diversity', the 2012 AIMSC Supplier Diversity Awards.

But it was also about celebrating AIMSC's success since it was established in September 2009 to help Indigenous-owned businesses integrate into the supply chain of



Winners of the 2012 AIMSC Supplier Diversity Awards, pictured at Sydney Town Hall on 3 April. Photo: Wayne Quilliam

private sector corporations – 'the big end of town' – and government agencies.

As of 31 December 2011, AIMSC had generated \$22.9 million in contracts and more than \$13 million in transactions between its 130-plus corporate and government members, including 12

Australian Government departments, and 124 Indigenous suppliers.

Thanks to Indigenous Employment and Economic Participation Minister Julie Collins' announcement earlier in the day of up to \$7.5 million for AIMSC's activities over the next three years, the council's future looks at

least as bright.

The AIMSC Supplier Diversity Awards reward accomplishments by AIMSC's Indigenous certified suppliers as well as recognise AIMSC members who have shown outstanding leadership in supporting the Indigenous contribution to the Australian economy.

Selected by a panel of experts, the winners of this year's awards were:

- Corporate Member of the Year: Qantas Airways

- Government Member of the Year: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

- AIMSC Certified Indigenous Supplier of the Year: Print Junction

- Up and Coming Member: National Rugby League (NRL)

- Up and Coming Certified Indigenous Supplier: Northern Haulage & Diesel Services

- AIMSC Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year: Shaun Hodgins, Compass Group Australia

- Supplier Diversity Partnership of the Year: Corporate Culcha & Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

- Special Recognition: KPMG

For more on the movers and shakers at AIMSC Connect 2012, see pages 38-39.

Discussion flows at water summit

By RUDI MAXWELL



MORE than 70 people attended the First Peoples' National Water Summit in Adelaide late last month to develop advice for the National Water Commission on Indigenous water management, including cultural and economic aspects.

The summit was convened by the First Peoples' Water Engagement Council (FPWEC), which consists of Cheryl Buchanan, (Kooma (Gwamu), George Cooley (Yanyula and Antakirinja Mutu-Yankuntjatjara), Phil Duncan (Gomerioi), Bradley Moggridge (Kamilaroi), Lillian Moseley (Dunghutti), Robert Dalton (Mudburra) and Brian Wyatt (Yued and Banyjima).

Delegates discussed gaining respect and recognition for cultural values and aspirations; potential allocation of water entitlements to support economic development and cultural needs; and opportunities to improve decision making and partnerships in water planning and management.

FPWEC chair Phil Duncan said

Aboriginal people needed to be involved in decisions about water sharing right across the country.

"With the economic aspects of water, we've linked the whole process to closing the gap," Mr Duncan told the *Koori Mail*.

"We need to ensure there is quality water, particularly for remote and isolated communities. Because that comes from ground water – mainly from artesian basins – we need to make sure

days without quality water."

The summit emphasised the importance of having stand-alone Aboriginal or cultural water.

"While there are crossovers with environmental outcomes such as healthy rivers, healthy native fish stocks, and managing rivers to keep sheep and cattle out of the water, where there is not a crossover is with ceremony, protecting cultural heritage sites that require wetting, places in

the stock market, but there is and we need to make sure that there is access to it."

Mr Duncan said a key issue discussed at the summit was the need for research that identified Aboriginal cultural connections with water.

"We have this relationship, this invisible connection to water, with spirit, culture, songlines, our dreaming," he said.

"Rivers form tribal boundaries,

The summit covered economic aspects of water, assisted by eminent Australia's First Peoples including Indigenous advisory committee member Melissa George, lawyer Neva Collings, NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Geoff Scott, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance CEO Joe Morrison and National Congress co-chair Les Malezer.

"The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples clearly articulates Indigenous peoples' relationship with lands and waters, and specifies actions that should be carried out to enable our rights and interests to be recognised," Mr Malezer said separately.

"It is one of a range of international agreements that recognises our intrinsic relationship with our lands and waters.

"While the National Water Initiative (NWI) does recognise native title rights to water, often that right will be limited and non-commercial.

"We share the objective of the NWI to manage water sustainably and look after our lands and waters."

'The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples clearly articulates Indigenous peoples' relationship with lands and waters, and specifies actions that should be carried out to enable our rights and interests to be recognised'

that, going in to communities, we're not buying in ongoing maintenance and that there is water of a quality for human consumption.

"That means training people; without that, it's not financially viable. The people who live there need to be trained in every aspect of water management, otherwise if something goes wrong and you've got to wait two days to get it fixed that's two

wetlands like initiation sites on rivers, men's business and women's business and birthing sites," Mr Duncan said.

"That cultural water needs to stand alone.

"We, as Aboriginal people, have got to be stand-alone stakeholders, we want to play a role and have a seat at the table regarding access to water.

"Who would have ever thought there would be trading water like

are travel highways and provide food. Fish have different totemic value for different peoples, for example the eastern cod has great significance for the Ballina, Tabulam and Baryulgil mobs, and so does the turtle.

"The wider community just doesn't understand that invisible connection and it's hard to research because basically you're telling your story, your songline, your connection to others."

Dodson in warning



PATRICK DODSON used the occasion of the 2012 Tony Fitzgerald Lecture in Darwin library recently to take aim at the Federal Government's Stronger Futures legislation.

He also drew attention to the massive over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system and spoke about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution.

Mr Fitzgerald was the NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner from 2002 until his death in 2009, and an annual lecture in his honour is organised by the Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT (CLANT).

"Tony Fitzgerald was among those who immediately recognised the Intervention for what it was – a cynical, political strategy to deliver the final assimilation of Aboriginal people and the destruction of their political, social rights and even their hard-earned property rights under the 1976 *Land Rights Act*," Prof Dodson said.

"He was opposed to the discriminatory nature of welfare quarantining; the one-size-fits-all approach, and the lack of engagement with remote Aboriginal communities under the intervention.

"Tony also took the view that the Intervention was a flawed process that breached basic human rights and diminished substantially the capacity of Indigenous people to seek redress against discrimination that was available to non-Indigenous Territorians."

If passed as expected by the Federal Parliament, the proposed 'Stronger Futures' legislation would see the Intervention extended for another decade.

"Yet again, without adequate consultation it seems, the Federal Government seeks to impose a set of measures that would punish rather than encourage and assist Aboriginal people to find meaningful, long-term solutions to issues," Prof Dodson said.

"There is no doubt there are social problems in Aboriginal communities. Aboriginal people, like other Australians, want their families, their children and their communities to be healthy, safe and free from violence, crime, alcohol abuse and social dysfunction.

"However ... we do not want to be subject



Patrick Dodson ... "Indigenous Australians now constitute 26 per cent of the national prison population which, for a people who comprise less than two-and-a-half per cent of the Australian population, is appalling."

to discriminatory, coercive measures and legislative regimes that would see us return to the days of native welfare protectors.

"The gloomy reality is that our people continue to remain dependent, disempowered, and disengaged by programs authored for and about us, but hardly ever by the community members for whom they are targeted.

"Yet the possibility that Indigenous people should be engaged in setting the social and

cultural benchmarks for their well-being and development, and be encouraged at the local level to work towards achieving these, is something that is still not contemplated by governments."

Prof Dodson pointed out that in the 20 years since the Mabo decision, Australia still had not recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution.

"As a modern Australian society comprised of Australians from all walks of

life, we must ask ourselves: Do we have the courage to break the constitutional silence about the prior occupation of the land and waters of this continent by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

"Are we fair-minded enough to eliminate racial thinking from our Constitution, and recognise that the unique identity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples derives not from a racial identity, but from our status as Indigenous people of the continent that we now share and call Australia?"

Prof Dodson said strong Aboriginal leadership was crucial to building a 'better, resilient and stronger future for the next generation'.

"Self-determination, governance and economic development are essential building blocks for this," he said.

"To establish these building blocks as foundations for a resilient pluralist society, we need a new philosophical narrative; a new paradigm of thought to replace the doctrine of discovery and 'terra nullius'."

Prof Dodson paid tribute to Tony Fitzgerald and his fellow NT legal activists but warned about complacency.

"We must all ask whether what we are doing is effective when we have a system that has seen the incarceration rate of Aboriginal people double over the past 20 years," he said.

"Indigenous Australians now constitute 26 per cent of the national prison population which, for a people who comprise less than two-and-a-half per cent of the Australian population, is appalling.

"Research shows that Indigenous children are also over-represented in juvenile detention centres, and our children are also much more likely to be the subject of child protection orders.

"The situation is certainly not aided by policies and administrative responses that disempower and punish Aboriginal people, rather than engage them in devising solutions to the problems that confront them.

"We must be vigilant that we do not make lazy judgments on the merits of the rights of any group of people that seek redress from our legal system and ensure the quantum of justice does not become dependent upon our perceived ability to pay for the delivery of justice."

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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 Island of Lies PG (Documentary)
11:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
1:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
2:00 Jumba Jimba G (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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
8:30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
9:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
10:30 Burning Daylight PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)

THURSDAY 19TH 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 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
10:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
11:00 2011 NSW Koori Knockout PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)
1:00 My Brother Vinnie 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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Embedded With PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa Series 3 M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 20TH 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 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
10:30 Emily in Japan PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 More Than Legends 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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 The Murder of Emmett Till PG (Documentary)
9:30 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
10:00 Confessions of a Headhunter PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)

SATURDAY 21ST 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 (Kids)
9:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
11:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
1:30 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)
2:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education Foundation 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 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
7:00 Among Us PG (Documentary)
7:30 Peppimenarti PG (Documentary)
8:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
9:00 The New Black M (Documentary)
10:30 Beneath Clouds PG (Drama)

SUNDAY 22ND 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 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
11:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
11:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
1:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Living Black Series 16 PG (Current Affairs)
6:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHIES PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Pioneers of Love PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
10:30 Women Of The Sun PG (Documentary)
11:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 23RD 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 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)
11:00 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Five Seasons PG (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 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
8:30 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)
9:30 The Massie Affair PG (Documentary)
10:30 Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)

TUESDAY 24TH 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 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
10:30 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
11:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 From Dreamtime To Now 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 Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black Series 16 NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)

WEDNESDAY 25TH 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 (Doc Series)
10:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Doc Series)
11:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Lore Poles PG (Documentary)
1:00 Intervention PG (Documentary)
1:30 Lousy Little Sixpence 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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
8:30 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
9:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary)
10:30 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Doc)

THURSDAY 26TH 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 Pormpurraw Art PG (Documentary)
10:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Living in Two Worlds PG (Documentary)
1:00 Jane Elliot's Australian Eye PG (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 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Documentary)
9:30 Blood Brothers PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa Series 3 M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 ELLA 7'S 2009 PG (Documentary)

FRIDAY 27TH 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 2011 NSW Koori Knockout PG (Documentary)
11:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
2:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend 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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 The Massie Affair PG (Documentary)
9:30 Kakadu Man PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)

SATURDAY 28TH 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 Cool School Antarctica PG (Doc Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
1:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)
2:30 ELLA 7'S 2009 PG (Documentary)
3:00 On The Up and Up PG (Documentary)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary)
7:00 Women of the Sun: 25 Years PG (Doc)
8:00 Whale Dreamers PG (Documentary)
9:30 Shifting Sands M (Drama)
11:00 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
8:30 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Doc)
9:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
10:00 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)
11:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:30 2010 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Living Black Series 16 NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Doc Series)
7:30 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc Series)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)
10:30 Women Of The Sun PG (Documentary)
11:30 My Mother My Son PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 30TH 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 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Emily in Japan 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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Umaja: No Men Allowed PG (Documentary)
8:30 Sitting Bull PG (Documentary)
9:30 Coming To Light Curtis Project PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 1ST MAY

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 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
11:00 Intervention PG (Documentary)
11:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)
2:00 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 Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black Series 16 NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)



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New rep body for Tamworth



A NEW Aboriginal representative body in Tamworth is being formed to provide a voice for the local community.

Called Guurama-Li, the Tamworth Murri Representative Body, it will act in an advisory, advocacy and planning role, and represent the interests of Aboriginal people through the Tamworth area.

Guurama-Li is a Gamilaraay word meaning Standing Strong, according to member Dallas Taylor.

Mr Taylor said the representative body had called for nominations from community people wanting to be members.

"Being a part of this representative body and being able to create some really positive changes on behalf of the Aboriginal

community is a privilege and a great opportunity," he said.

"We want to bring all sectors of the community together so that we have one strong voice again."

Guurama-Li has already held planning sessions with the Tamworth community, and some of the suggestions from those forums have already been implemented.

A Murri community newsletter and Facebook page has been put in place to help families better understand the range of services available to them and share good news stories from a variety of Aboriginal agencies and the progress that Guurama-Li is making in the community.

Anyone wanting further information about Guurama-Li can contact spokesperson Dallas Taylor on 0421 438 914.



Inaugural members of Guurama-Li in Tamworth, northern NSW, include Trevor French, Annette Slater, Dallas Taylor, Carol French and Brad Sutherland.

New research into rock art



TENS of thousands of Aboriginal rock art treasures in Western Australia's Pilbara region will be researched, catalogued and promoted under a new agreement between the University of WA and mining

giant Rio Tinto.

The six-year, \$1.08 million agreement will focus on one of the world's richest collections of Indigenous rock art in the National Heritage-listed Dampier Archipelago, about 1500km north of Perth.

Professor Jo McDonald has been appointed chairwoman of Rock Art Studies. She said the money would mean academic research in areas that haven't previously been resourced.

"It means we can go out and start some fairly focused research and heritage inventories in areas where there's a real need to provide understanding about rock art so that better decisions can be made about preservation and protection, particularly in parts of the Burrup Peninsula, where industry imposes itself on the land," Prof McDonald said.

"Some of the land was National Heritage listed in 2007, some land is in a conservation estate, and there are areas owned by mining companies.

"One of the things you need to know is what is you're managing."

The Dampier Archipelago has the largest concentration of rock art in the world, with an estimated one million petroglyphs (carvings), and is the only Australian site on the World Monuments Fund's list of 100 most endangered heritage places on Earth.

"Some of the rock art there has been recorded by people before, for example in the early 1980s with construction of the Woodside liquefied natural gas plant," Prof McDonald said.

"We've established there are probably



Photos of Pilbara rock art, with permission of Elder Wilfred Hicks.

several million motifs across the region, some before and some after the last sea level rise. Dating after the last sea level rise there are pictures of fish, turtles and other marine subjects and lots of human figures.

Sea level rise

"Before that sea level rise, about 15,000 years ago, there are pictures of land animals, including big kangaroos and thylacines (relatives of the Tasmanian Tiger), which did become extinct on the mainland at least 4000 years ago, probably when dingoes were introduced."

Prof McDonald said the university would

work closely with local Aboriginal people.

"Lots of Aboriginal people living in the Pilbara have information and knowledge about sites and culture, generally, and we will work with those people and develop both an understanding of information and provide training opportunities for Aboriginal people as rangers, educators and interpreters," she said.

"It's a great opportunity for that sort of work, a sort of integrated research between the University of WA and the local Aboriginal community and we have to make sure the Aboriginal community come out as winners as well." — **With AAP**

Community helps quake scientists



A REMOTE South Australian Aboriginal community will help scientists understand the impact of a recent earthquake that was the biggest to strike the

mainland in 15 years.

Geoscientists want to find out just how much the landscape changed in the 5.7-magnitude earthquake that rocked the community of a few hundred Aboriginal people in and around Ernabella on 23 March.

The 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.

Earthquake geologists from Geoscience Australia will inspect rock falls and talk to local residents about their experiences during the event and their observations of changes to the landscape.

Evidence

Geoscience Australia Earthquake Hazard Program leader David Burbidge says the team will also look for evidence of any previous large earthquakes in the area.

"The information will help seismologists develop a greater understanding of the large earthquake potential in this part of Central Australia and help with the assessment of earthquake hazard across the continent," Dr Burbidge said in a statement.

Two 3.6-magnitude quakes hit near Ernabella, on 30 March and 8 April.

The 23 March earthquake is the biggest recorded in Australia since a 6.3-magnitude earthquake off Collier Bay on West Australia's north coast in 1997.

Experts said the earthquake could have caused damage up to 40km away and had been felt by people up to 507km away. — **AAP**

Commissioner's term extended

Karna activists call for funding



SA SOUTH Australian Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khatija Thomas has been reappointed in her position for three years.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Paul Caica said a three-year term would enable Ms Thomas to continue the work she had started and provide certainty to Aboriginal communities in SA.

"A three-year appointment is an unambiguous demonstration that this Government is committed to improving conditions for Aboriginal people by having a strong, independent voice to advocate for all Aboriginal South Australians," Mr Caica said.

The Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement advocates for engagement between the broader community and Aboriginal people; and investigates and advises on systemic barriers to Aboriginal people's access and full participation in government, non-government and private services.

Recently, Ms Thomas criticised the State Government for not updating her on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the 'To Break the Cycle Report', a 2007 report that outlined strategies to address



KHATIJA THOMAS

serious repeat offending by young people.

"This is a long-standing issue that is very important to the Aboriginal community," Ms Thomas said.

"I appreciate these things take time, however it's been almost five years since the Commissioner for Social Inclusion handed his report to the Government.

"In that time we've seen youth re-offending rates amongst Aboriginal juveniles increase and we're at a point where this group is 25 times more likely

to be in detention than other Australians.

"This is reflected in adulthood; there are currently 435 Aboriginal people in custody and 1588 non-Aboriginal people in custody in South Australia. To put it plainly, almost a quarter of people in custody are Aboriginal."

Ms Thomas favours the United States program of justice reinvestment, which is also supported by former Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and contained in the 'To Break the Cycle Report'.

Justice reinvestment is diverting money from the prison budget to programs aimed at breaking the cycle of criminality in specific disadvantaged locations.

The corrections budget in SA exceeds \$200 million.

The *Koori Mail* understands that late last week the SA Government provided Ms Thomas with the update she had been seeking.

"I welcome an update on how the implementation of these recommendations is progressing," Ms Thomas said.

"I would love to share this with the Aboriginal community; a community that desperately wants to be part of real, meaningful change that produces encouraging outcomes for their families and friends."



PEOPLE who know Karna, the original Aboriginal language of Adelaide, have few occasions to get together and speak the Aboriginal tongue, a Federal Government inquiry has been told. Karna Warra Pintyandi group members, who call themselves language activists, appeared before the inquiry into language learning in Indigenous communities in Adelaide last Monday.

Karna had been 'sleeping' for a considerable period but had now been reintroduced across Adelaide over the past two decades, they said in a submission.

But people with a knowledge of the language needed more opportunities to come together.

"The Karna community is widely dispersed throughout a large metropolitan city and beyond," the group said.

"There is no Karna community centre. There are few opportunities to hear and speak Karna and these opportunities need to be created."

One of the group, Jack Buckskin, said he had developed his fluency through public performances, teaching, joking with friends, and sending SMS and email messages in Karna. He says he also makes an effort to speak to his baby daughter in Karna.

To help re-establish the language, the group said funds were needed to bring people together, perhaps for months at a time, for intensive periods of speaking Karna.

They said such language camps could deliver good results, while the appointment of a full-time officer to work on and promote the language would be a 'dream'.

At present the development of the language had been hampered by limited time and funds, with the group relying on donations and small payments from translation work. — **AAP**

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South Sea Islander Conference



Meriana Obed (Tanna) Lydia George (Lifu) Joyce Henaway nee Nowai (Tanna) and Jeanette Kirk nee Eggmolesse (Santo) brainstorm the ASSI vision priorities.



Members of the local Bundaberg mob at the conference.



● ABOVE: Delegates and chiefs from Vanuatu at the conference in Bundaberg.



● LEFT: Melba Townsend from Nambour (Qld), Paula Viti of Rockhampton (Qld), Kimiah Alberts of Canberra and Pam Viti-Tomarra of Mackay (Qld) were participants at the inaugural ASSI conference.

Australian South Sea Islander Conference



Organisers, participants and Ni Vanuatu delegates at the conference in Bundaberg on Easter Saturday.

National body gets a voice

By DARREN COYNE
Photos by AMANDA JAMES



AUSTRALIAN South Sea Islanders have formed a national body to give their community a voice at all levels of government.

The formation of the National Body took place at the inaugural WANTOK 2012 Australian South Sea Islander (ASSI) National Conference, held in Bundaberg, Qld, over the Easter long weekend.

Conference co-ordinator Emelda Davis was elected president of the new National Body, and told the *Koori Mail* the conference had surpassed everyone's expectations.

She said the new body would advocate and work towards equality for Australia's South Sea Islander communities, and would also recognise the deep connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders families.

She said a unanimous vote elected ASSI (Port Jackson) as an Interim secretariat to support the National Body formation over 12 months. Representatives from all ASSI associations would be involved in the process.

Ms Davis said the history of Islanders in Australia stretched back to the early 1800s.

She said between 1863 and 1906 an estimated 60,000 Islanders were brought from the Solomons and Vanuatu to Queensland to work as indentured labour to develop primary industries, mostly sugar cane.

"Many were treated harshly, had poor



Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister and local MP Jack Dempsey with WANTOK organiser and ASSIPJ president Emelda Davis at the conference.

housing, no food or minimal rations and never returned to their homelands," Ms Davis said.

"The descendants of this slave trade are our ASSI communities today."

Ms Davis said many of the Islanders mixed with and married Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

Revival

"Since this revival there's been a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families also starting to acknowledge their South Sea Island heritage as well," she said.

But it was not always happy families.

Ms Davis said a poignant moment at the conference came when chiefs from Vanuatu apologised to the local traditional owners, the Taribelang and Gureng Gureng, for killings carried out by Islanders on Aboriginal people at the order of white farmers and settlers.

She said that in some cases Islanders were forced to poison waterholes, but on hearing the crying of infants they felt sorry and ended up taking some of the children back to Vanuatu.

"So there's mob living back in Vanuatu because they were taken back as part of their families and raised as their own," Ms Davis said.

"We'll be investigating those connections further."

Guest speaker Ralph Regenvanu, a member of the Vanuatu Parliament, told the gathering that the days of blackbirding were traumatic for Islanders.

"Early in the 1860s people go missing from the beaches and reefs," he told the conference delegates.

"This was a time of massive destruction and loss of population for our countries."

"In the 1900s when repatriation occurred and the island people started coming back, they were returned to the wrong islands, and connections to family were broken further."

Ms Davis said the conference provided many emotional moments as people reflected on history, but there was a sense of purpose among the 800 or so delegates who attended during the four days.

"The ASSI community is ready for change," she said.



Aboriginal and South Sea Islander Elder Eileen Rowe, 82, votes yes for recognition and a national ASSI body.



Wilma Carlson from Tweed ASSI has a say.

● More photos from the National ASSI conference on the next two pages

Australian South Sea Islander Conference



A message from Faith Bandler was broadcast to the conference audience.



Jeanette Kirk nee Eggmolesse, Mathew Nagas, Rex Nagas, Margaret Mullens nee Tallis and Hughie Kirk.



Delegates took the opportunity to make an emotional return to the places of their descendants.



Bundaberg Elder Matt Nagas talks about the housing for labourers in the cane fields.



Fiona Holliday nee Togo, Jake Watson, and Anita Summers were among the hundreds attending.



Australian South Sea Islander Marcus Corowa gave his time to the conference.



Robbie Mann, from Rockhampton, facilitates the ASSI conference youth discussion.



Reconnecting with family was on the agenda. Here, one delegate identified a family member from a historic photograph on display.



Vanuatu delegates return the local welcome.



Australian South Sea Islander Port Jackson members and Pastor Ray Minniecon at the conference in Bundaberg.

Australian South Sea Islander Conference



Harriet Yetibu, from Futuna Island, Rebecca Kausi, from Tanna Island, and Mary Coomera, from Tanna Island, prepare for the official welcome.



Bundaberg Elder Alan Johnson presents a gift from the local mob to MP David Abel, from Vanuatu, at the close of the conference.



Vanuatu representatives and some of the mob from Mackay, north Queensland.



Conference facilitator Duane Vickery and Vanuatu MP Ralph Regenvanu share a laugh.



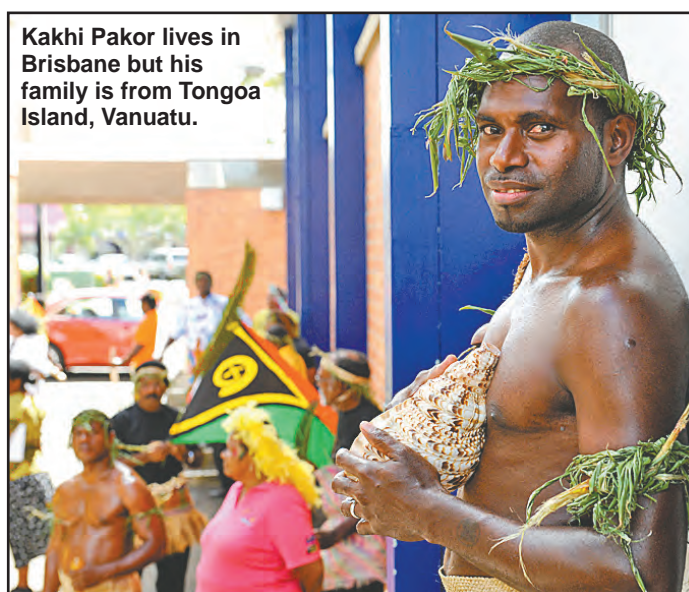
In the back row are Jason Brown, Boycie Little, Alan Johnson, and in front are Buda Gubbi and Lewis Thompson representing Bundaberg mob.



Errol Youse, from Bowen ASSI, has his say.



Bundaberg Elder Alan Johnson welcomes Ni-Vanuatu delegates.



Kakhi Pakor lives in Brisbane but his family is from Tongoa Island, Vanuatu.



Aboriginal comedian Sean Choolburra gave his time to WANTOK.



A plaque at Bargara, on the coast near Bundaberg, where labourers built a rock swimming hole for the whites.

Are you an ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?

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Tuesday 1 May 2012	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Community & Arts Grants Information Session & Grants Writing Workshops.	Monash Seminar & Training Centre 1a Atherton Road, Oakleigh
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
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Youth applicants sought for Kokoda Challenge



TWO young people aged between 16 and 22 are being sought to take part in the

annual Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge in Papua New Guinea.

ClubsNSW is on the lookout for two 'community-driven young people' to represent New South Wales in the challenge.

The 10-day trek, which starts on 24 September, will mark the 70th anniversary of the World War II Kokoda campaign, fought between July and November 1942.

ClubsNSW chief executive Anthony Ball said almost 500 young people had already

completed the challenge, now in its eighth year.

"I strongly urge young people to apply for this amazing opportunity. It will be an extremely significant trek this year given it is the 70th anniversary of the battle along the Kokoda Track," Mr Ball said.

"Last year we had more than 1000 people apply and this (year) I expect even more.

Trekking

"Physically, the participants will deal with trekking through mud and rain, across mountain ranges up to 7000 feet above sea level while carrying a 15kg backpack.

"Mentally and emotionally they will learn about themselves

and work as a team with a group of young people selected by local clubs from across the country.

"The trekkers will also learn about the Kokoda Track, its significance to Australian military history and detailed stories of the young Australian soldiers who fought on the Track."

At the completion of the ten-day trek, the group will visit the Bomana War Cemetery. The cemetery contains 3819 Commonwealth burials from World War II, 702 of them still unidentified.

Applications close Monday 14 May. Forms can be downloaded from www.clubsnsw.com.au/kokoda

Patron to help show the way

Lola Forester
presents
flowers to
Show Me The
Way's new
patron,
Kathryn
Greiner.



ONLINE mentoring initiative Show Me The Way now has an official patron, in the form of Kathryn Greiner.

Ms Greiner has held a wide range of leadership positions in public and private companies, government bodies and non-profit organisations, including as a City of Sydney councillor and chairperson of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeals, Save the Children Australia and the Sydney Peace Prize Foundation.

SMTW chairperson Lola Forester described Ms Greiner as 'a committed and concerned Australian' who would bring intensity, care and compassion for Aboriginal youth to her new role.

"Her business acumen and professionalism adds to the growing capabilities of Show Me The Way as a key national program for realising the potential of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth," Ms Forester said.

"It's wonderful that Kathryn appreciates the importance of Show Me The Way."

Honoured

The feeling was entirely mutual, with Ms Greiner saying she was deeply honoured to be invited to be patron of a program providing on-line mentoring to Indigenous youth to help them find a future for themselves.

"Who amongst us has not found it hard to be motivated or encouraged when we are not too sure if we can achieve our goals? Or indeed, be inspired to think positively of

the future," she said.

"Show Me The Way provides just that link and complements the educational attainment goals every Education Department in Australia hold for our Indigenous youth. Many in the Australian community today wish the very best for children of all cultures and community to reach their potential.

"I have watched this program grow from a kernel of an idea to a fully functional successful program, and yet there is more to do, so much more to do.

"I commend Show Me The Way for its inspiration and empowerment of young people and know that in time we will wonder how we lived without it."

For more information on Show Me The Way, go to www.showmetheway.org.au

WA anti-gas plant campaign hots up

Claims of abuse during smoking ceremony

By MARGARET SMITH



THE campaign to save the pristine coastline of James Price Point, north of Broome, from a \$35 billion gas processing plant has gained momentum, with an adviser to the Federal Government condemning the developer's social impact assessment (SIA).

Dr Annie Holden peer reviewed the report by company Woodside for the Department of Sustainability, Environmental, Water, Population and Communities and says it fails to adequately address issues relevant to Indigenous people in Broome, in their capacity as community members.

"Indigenous youth, and women and girls, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, in particular appear to have no voice in the SIA," Dr Holden said in a statement.

Impacts from the flood of 'fly-in fly-out' workers could include increased drug abuse, skyrocketing property prices, transport costs and anti-social behaviour, she said.

Former Broome deputy mayor Nik Wevers said the damning review was 'hardly surprising'.

"They (Woodside or the State Government) wouldn't hold a public forum, had an inability to consult with a diverse range of stakeholders and had a very poor response to community concerns," Ms Wevers said.

Recently, the volunteer-run group Save the Kimberley has attracted some high-profile support, including millionaire businessman Geoffrey Cousins and Aboriginal leader Pat Dodson.

They have also been encouraged by the recent decision of the Supreme Court to overturn the West Australian Government's law for compulsory acquisition of Aboriginal land at James Price Point.

In Perth, Yawuru man Pat Dodson criticised the State Government's attitudes to compulsory land acquisition.

"When you deal with the law



A 'NO GAS' sign atop the cliffs at James Price Point.

Photo by Jill Swanson, ACF

you've got to be exact and you've got to be precise, and you've got to make sure the technicalities are covered, and I think it was a pretty embarrassing thing for the state in a sense that they didn't have the definition of the site clearly located or identified," he said.

In Sydney last week, Mr Cousins

told the *Koori Mail* he thought the tide was finally turning in favour of opponents of the development.

"The attitudes of the local community has already swung against the development of a processing hub at James Price Point. The court's decision that the Government's compulsory

acquisition is illegal has changed everything," he said.

Mr Cousins said the company would have to go back and negotiate with the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) all over again.

"Hopefully the KLC might now swing in the other direction, so they no longer support the development," he said.

"Woodside's preference for processing at James Price Point is very undesirable. We're not against gas exploration altogether, but the gas has to be piped underwater to the Pilbara for processing."

Journalist and filmmaker George Negus has also become personally involved and is working with Albert Wiggan, a local traditional owner.

Mr Negus remains concerned 'that the whites just don't get it'.

Mr Wiggan first sailed to Sydney from Broome five years back, and invited Mr Negus, Bob Carr (now Australia's Foreign Minister), members of the Sydney Aboriginal community and others to hear about his people's fight to save the Kimberley.

He's determined to pass on his country to his two sons, in the same condition as when his father passed it to him.

"We as young Indigenous people are trying to represent our country in the manner our ancestors taught us from the old country," Mr Wiggan said.

"We're already experiencing a harsh reality just to fit in. Everything is about the choices you make. It's always about us compromising, never about compromise on the other side."

Mr Wiggan has taken his father Roy to the site of a gas-processing plant which stretches over large tracks of land in the Pilbara region, to the south.

"I feel frightened in my heart – how can we let this happen to our traditional country?" he said.

Woodside has applied to the Federal Government to start another \$350 million drilling operation 10km off the Rowley Shoals Marine Park in the Kimberley.



THERE'VE been claims that Kimberley traditional owners were

verbally abused while they were performing a smoking ceremony at the official opening of Woodside's offices in Broome last week.

About 30 protesters were at the opening to voice their opposition to Woodside's proposed \$30 billion Browse Basin liquefied natural gas project and accused Aboriginal people of not being the traditional owners and of 'selling out'.

Warren Greatorex is the chair of Waardi Ltd, a company that was recently established by traditional owners of Jabirr Jabirr country to manage benefits arising from the Browse LNG project at James Price Point.

"Those ceremonies are very culturally significant and important," Mr Greatorex said.

"The protestors were abusive and swearing at the traditional owners who were performing the smoking and it was extremely frustrating.

"Their behaviour was shameful."

Mr Greatorex said he had not been aware of any Aboriginal people in the crowd of protestors.

The traditional owners conducting the smoking ceremony included Yawuru and Jabirr Jabirr representatives.

Waardi is a Jabirr Jabirr word meaning people of the north.

Browse time extended



THE Woodside Petroleum-led joint venture aiming to build a \$30 billion gas hub in the Kimberley has been given more time to make a final investment decision on the project.

The Federal and West Australian governments last Tuesday announced the expected time for the investment decision and production licence application would now be the first half of 2013 instead of mid-2012.

The project to build a liquefied natural gas precinct at James Price Point, 60km north of Broome, to develop gas from the Browse Basin off the coast has been hotly opposed by environmentalists and some local Aboriginal and community residents.

A final investment decision by Woodside and its joint venture partners

BHP Billiton, BP, Chevron and Shell had been expected later this year.

In a joint statement, Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson and WA Mines and Petroleum Minister Norman Moore said the Browse venture had not sought an extension of the overall term of the retention lease, which remained set to expire in December 2014.

Mr Ferguson said allowing the venture additional time to finalise the necessary studies, approvals and project design phase was in keeping with the intent of the original retention lease conditions.

"In granting the variation, Minister Moore and I recognise the complexities of the Browse LNG development and the need to ensure that the Browse venture has sufficient information to make a sound decision on the

commercial viability of the project," he said.

"This decision enables the joint venture to address the barriers to commercialising the project while also ensuring the most efficient development of the Browse gas reserves."

Mr Moore said it was strongly expected that the Browse venture would meet the revised timeframe.

"I look forward to the timely and efficient development of the Browse gas reserves and the benefits that this development will bring to the Kimberley, WA and the Australian community as a whole," he said.

Woodside, the WA Government and the Kimberley Land Council have signed a deal over the proposed gas hub under which \$1.5 billion in benefits would go to the region's Aboriginal people over 30 years. – AAP

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AIMSC's Connect 2012



Melinda Brown, of Spirit Dreaming.



Minister Julie Collins shares a laugh with Noel Niddrie of Winangali Indigenous Communications & Research.



Lucas Proudfoot from Circular Rythm, based on Queensland's Gold Coast.



AIMSC board member Lani Blanco in front of her LBF Consulting stall.



Gillian Trenerry, the managing director of Fibre Optics NQ (centre), with some of her colleagues at the event.



David Liddiard in front of Corporate Connect AB's trade show stall.



Kirsti McQueen, Megan Kinsella and Stephen Roberts from Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).



The Koori Mail's Sharnie Roberts, Kirstie Parker, Sue Deegan and Melissa Bolt in front of their stall.



Head of Procurement at Qantas Kevin McCafferty and Michael McLeod ink a deal renewing the airline's contract with Mr McLeod's telecommunications company Message Stick Communications.



Representing AIMSC members, from left, were speakers Andrew Erratt from Corporate Social Responsibility, Stephen Turner from Wesfarmers and Andrew Stephen from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.



Paul Dodd, Russell Logan and John Briggs in front of their Corporate Culcha stall.



David Williams, Riki Salam and Amanda Lear in front of Gilimbai's stall.

Conference and show



Conference Day hosts, ABC TV's Miriam Corowa and Laurie Acreman from QCS Consulting, with AIMSC CEO Natalie Walker.



Suzanne Young from the Commonwealth Bank, Peter Critchley from Qantas and Michael West had fun during the trade show.

Firms 'open for business'

By KIRSTIE PARKER
Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM,
courtesy of AIMSC



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander companies declared themselves well and truly 'open for business' at a high-level event in Sydney at the beginning of the month.

And, happily, big business came a calling – thanks to an invitation from the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC).

The council aims to help Indigenous-owned businesses integrate into the supply chain of private sector corporations and government agencies.

AIMSC's Connect 2012 conference, business opportunity fair and trade show brought big corporates and government agencies – AIMSC members – together with about 90 Indigenous entrepreneurs – existing and aspiring AIMSC certified suppliers – at Sydney's Hilton Hotel on 2-3 April.

During the conference, delegates soaked up sessions on building successful business relationships and driving key commercial outcomes, cultural awareness for members, and tips for certified suppliers on how to engage in and prosper within the corporate culture of large organisations, how to gain the edge in selling, and manage growth and risk.

Speakers included successful black American businesswoman Janice Bryant-Howroyd, AIMSC chairman Stephen Roberts, solicitor Terri Janke, consultant Shelley Reys, IBA CEO Chris Fry, Laura Berry and Kevin McCafferty from Qantas, and Stephanie Rice from the National Australia Bank.

The next day, about 90 Indigenous businesses delivering public relations, design, industrial cleaning, manufacturing, Indigenous food and culture and more showcased their wares at a trade show.



AIMSC Chairman Stephen Roberts, Minister Julie Collins and AIMSC CEO Natalie Walker tour the trade show.

That night, they frocked up for a gala dinner and announcement of the 2012 AIMSC Indigenous Business Awards at Sydney Town Hall.

AIMSC's own business received a boost at the trade show, when Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins announced up to \$7.5 million over three years for its activities.

Ministerial praise

The Minister praised the work of the council, which is run by accomplished Aboriginal woman Natalie Walker and chaired by Citibank Australia CEO Stephen Roberts.

"This initiative is achieving excellent results and helping create a sustainable and prosperous Indigenous enterprise sector in Australia," Ms Collins said.

The additional funding will assist the council to expand nationally, continue to build its member and supplier base, and

develop its strategy to become an independent and sustainable organisation.

Since its establishment in September 2009, AIMSC has signed up more than 130 corporate and government members, including 12 Australian Government departments, and 124 Indigenous suppliers. AIMSC-certified Indigenous suppliers have employed more than 450 Indigenous full-time equivalent staff. And, as of 31 December 2011, AIMSC had generated \$22.9 million in contracts and more than \$13 million in transactions between its members and suppliers.

Ms Collins said that by supporting Indigenous businesses, companies and governments were creating real economic opportunities for Indigenous Australians and contributing to closing the gap.

Amongst the conference and trade show delegates were representatives from AIMSC's affiliate council, the United States National Minority Diversity Council.



George and Brooke Grose and their daughter in front of their Chemistry Cleaning Services stall.



Graphic designer Marcus Lee took his Melbourne-based business to the trade show.



James Moriarty of Jumbana Consulting was at the gathering.



Mark Olive (aka the Black Olive) took part in the trade show.



FaHCSIA's NSW state manager James Christian spoke during the conference.

Literacy volunteers sought



VOLUNTEERS are wanted for a literacy project at Townsville's Cleveland Youth Detention Centre.

The Break Out Write scheme aims to improve the reading and writing skills of young people, about 85 per cent of whom are Indigenous, at the centre.

Townsville Writers and Publishers Centre's Carla Hutchinson-Reade says up to 10 mentors are needed.

"We are particularly interested in people with a background in writing, editing, teaching or social work and we are especially interested in Indigenous volunteers," she said.

The TWPC says it will provide training to volunteers who in return will offer one hour a week for three months.

The TWPC has developed activities for the Break Out Write program in conjunction with Cleveland Education and Training Centre teachers, the James Cook University social work department and author Boori Monty Pryor.

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund is supporting phase one of the Break Out Write initiative.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Ms Hutchinson-Reade on 0409 121 221.



Volunteers are being sought to give a helping hand to young people at Townsville's Cleveland Youth Detention Centre.

Heritage feedback wanted



VICTORIAN
Aboriginal
Affairs
Minister
Jeanette

Powell has released an issues and options paper seeking community feedback as part of the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

The paper addresses key issues raised during the first round of consultations, which generated more than 80 written submissions from Aboriginal groups, industry, local and state government authorities, cultural heritage advisors, and members of the public.

"Following the second round of submissions and consultations, the findings of the review will be provided to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the establishment and effectiveness of Registered Aboriginal Parties, which is due to report in September 2012," Mrs Powell said.

Feedback is due by 24 May. For more information visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous



The NSW Environmental Trust invites applications to the *Protecting our Places* Aboriginal Grants Program

This program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect land that is significant to Aboriginal people and run education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available.
(Total program \$500,000)

Applications open on 17 March 2012 and close at 5pm on 1 June 2012

Information Workshops will be held to help applicants prepare a quality grant application and provide information on managing projects.

The *information workshops* will be held in:

Taree (23 March) Wollongong (27 March) Narooma (29 March)
Coffs Harbour (3 April) Sydney - Redfern (26 April) Wellington (3 May)
Armidale (8 May) Moree (9 May) Cooma (15 May) Young (16 May)

To register for workshops phone Trust Administration on (02) 8837 6093.

For more information about the program and support with filling out your application contact the **Aboriginal Programs Officer** on (02) 8837 6399 or Tami Partridge on 8837 6093.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website:
www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au

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Lawyers back new approach over drug use



THE Australian Lawyers Alliance has welcomed a report calling for a new approach to drug use.

The Australia 21 report argues that the 40-year 'war on drugs' has failed and a new tack, that includes decriminalising some substances, should be adopted. This report, backed by prominent people including Foreign Minister Bob Carr and former NSW Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery QC, advocates controlling drug use through legalisation, regulation and taxation.

ALA national president Greg Barns last year called for a national conversation on drug policy in Australia, including potential legalisation. The ALA was the first legal organisation in Australia to do so.

Mr Barns said the ALA welcomed 'this significant development in moving to end the reliance by policy makers on the criminal justice system to deal with the issue of selling, possession and use of drugs'.

"Every day in our courts, magistrates and judges are forced to use tired and



Nicholas Cowdery QC ... supports a new approach to tackling the 'war on drugs'.

irrelevant rhetoric about 'the evils of illicit drugs' when they, along with everyone else in the courtroom, know that laws in this area are a monumental failure," Mr Barns said.

"It is time that all Australian legislatures heed the growing calls and rip up existing drugs laws and replace them with health-based regimes like those that have existed in Portugal for more than a decade."

The Portuguese Government moved at the turn of the century to decriminalise possession, use and small sales of drugs such as cocaine, cannabis and amphetamines.

People found in possession, or who sell these drugs, are provided with the opportunity to enter the health system where they receive support and counselling.

Mr Barns said the other benefit to the Australian community in decriminalising drugs and focusing on health and lifestyle issues instead would be a major community cost saving.

"Somewhere between 60 and 80 per cent of crime, such as armed robberies and burglaries, for example, are drug-related," he said.

"There is a cost to the community in terms of the impact of these crimes on both the victims and perpetrator who generally are incarcerated in prison for long periods.

"If we were to tackle drug use in a way that ensures early intervention and diversion into the health system, then we would reduce both the numbers and impacts of these serious crimes."



Department of Planning
and Community Development

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria invites feedback on issues and options for the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* review

A review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act (the Act) commenced in September 2011 and is now well underway.

There has been widespread consultation and eighty public submissions made to the review. A social and economic impact assessment of the Act has also been prepared.

An Issues and Options Paper has been developed in response to key issues raised in the review process so far.

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria now invites your feedback on options for improving the Act.

The Issues and Options Paper and supporting documents are available at: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous/aboriginal-cultural-heritage/review-of-the-aboriginal-heritage-act-2006

Please forward your submission (in word and PDF format) to Aboriginal Affairs Victoria no later than 24 May 2012:

Post

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Melbourne 3000

Email

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Submissions will be made publicly available. If you do not want your submission or your name made public, please clearly mark your submission as confidential.

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Minister a fan of black businesses



THE Indigenous Business Policy Advisory Group (IBPAG) met in Melbourne recently, and had a visit from new Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins.

IBPAG was established last year to provide a direct, independent voice to the Government on the provision of Indigenous business support

Ms Collins said she hoped it would become a platform for ideas to stimulate the growth of Indigenous businesses, which she said built individual and community wealth and were strong employers of Indigenous Australians.

"Supporting the Indigenous business sector is a positive way to contribute to halving the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," the Minister said.

"Increasingly, Indigenous businesses are providing essential goods and services to other businesses, consumers and governments.

Commitment

"Indigenous business leaders such as those on the advisory group are showing their commitment to driving Indigenous economic development by making time to advise Government on Indigenous

business policy. The advisory group is looking at new ideas such as international models for business incubation to help businesses start-up and the collection of data on the Indigenous business sector."

Ms Collins said she looked forward to hearing the ideas and advice that came from the second meeting of the advisory group and from the continuing work of its members.

Edith David and her son Arthur Tamwoy, 5, from Injinoo on the NPA, with five-year-old relative Shakira Walker, from Cairns.



Benjamin Miskin pushing his toddler Christine, 2, in a pram along with sons Benjamin Jnr, 7, and Wazaga, 9.

Easter a real family time

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



FOR many families, Easter is a time when they travel long distances to catch up with relatives and friends. And that was the case this year in Cairns, which drew hundreds of visitors from the Torres Strait, the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Cape York – all of which have sizeable Indigenous populations.

Some are second and third generations whose parents moved south to the far north Queensland city seeking employment after World War II finished.

Many Indigenous families congregated along the Cairns Esplanade on Easter Sunday, walking, swimming in the man-made lagoon, or just spending time together.

Lockhart River man Kenny Giblet was there with his



Back, from left, Kathy Woosup and Rowena Tabuia holding two-year-old Maximus. Front, from left, Margaret Woosup, Noreena Solomon, 8, Gloria Pablo, Shanille Solomon, Tessie Peter and Gwen Toby.

partner Vivienne Strang who hails from Aurukun on Cape York.

"We live in Cairns now but have seen so many relatives and friends down here from Hope Vale, Lockhart River, Coen, Wujal Wujal, and Cooktown. It has been great to see them," Mr Giblet said.

Ms Strang said she had caught up with acquaintances from Aurukun, Napranum, Mapoon, Coen and Weipa

during the long weekend.

Having a great time nearby were Edith David and her son Arthur Tamwoy, 5, from Injinoo on the NPA. With them was their five-year-old relative Shakira Walker, who lives in Cairns.

"We have really had a good time visiting our family in Cairns. There are a lot of people from the NPA here," Edith said.

Sitting on a seat not far

away were Ellen Whap and Tigi Whap, both of Mabuyag descent.

"Torres Strait Islanders seem to be everywhere," Ellen said.

There was also a big group from Bamaga, Injinoo and Umagico and Seisia on the NPA, including Kathy Woosup, Rowena Tabuia with baby Maximus, 2, Margaret Woosup, Noreena Solomon, 8, Gloria Pablo, Shanille Solomon, Tessie Peter and Gwen Toby.

"We are just having a good time. Later on, some of us are going down to Townsville for a funeral," Ms Toby said.

Pushing his two-year-old daughter Christine in a pram was Torres Strait Islander dad Benjamin Miskin with sons Benjamin Jnr, 7, and Wazaga, 9.

Many of those spoken to by the *Koori Mail* were committed Christians who said they enjoyed the holy time in the company of loved ones.



Ellen and Tigi Whap in Cairns.



Lockhart River man Kenny Giblet and partner Vivienne Strang, from Aurukun.

Gumala AGM on country



Elder Slim Parker chaired the AGM. Mr Parker was also elected to the board of directors during the meeting.



Gumala said holding an AGM at a remote, hot location – including the transportation of all supplies, facilities, food and water – represented an exercise in logistics.

Meeting held in national park



Paula White, a Gumala member and staff member in Gumala Aboriginal Corporation's Perth office.



TRADITIONAL owners have gathered at the Karijini National Park in the Pilbara region of Western

Australia for the annual general meeting of the Gumala Aboriginal Corporation.

The AGM, a special general meeting and an Elders meeting attracted about 150 GAC members and their families from across Australia.

Because the event was held in such a remote location, all supplies and facilities for about 300 people were taken to the location.

GAC chairman Keith Hall said the fact that GAC was able to stage the three meetings with no existing infrastructure represented a major triumph.

"It was very important for our Elders that these meetings be held on country. Our spiritual beliefs, traditions and culture are closely related to the land and sky," he said.

"Karijini National Park is part of our traditional lands, so holding these meetings on country, and respecting our cultural obligations as traditional owners, is very



One of Karijini National Park's many spectacular gorges.

important to us."

Mr Hall said GAC's members should be commended for their participation and for the 'robust' debate during the event.

"Moving into 2012 and beyond, GAC will keep its eye firmly on the ball," he said.

"Our key objectives include continuing to strengthen our already strong levels of best practice and corporate governance; continuing to support our members/beneficiaries

through the various programs and projects we fund (including the core areas of education, health and well-being and lore and culture); training and employment initiatives; economic, community and social development; and the preservation and protection of our heritage, culture and languages."

A highlight of the meetings was the election of a new 12-member board consisting of four directors from each of the three language groups.

Niyaparli directors are

Keith Hall, Stephen Peterson and Natalie Parker. Banyjima directors are David MacLean, Shane Derschow and Slim Parker. Innawonga directors are Cecil Parker, Stuart Ingie Snr and Nicholas Cook.

Keith Hall remains as the organisation's chairman, Stuart Ingie Snr is deputy chairman, and Stephen Peterson is secretary. Elders David Stock, Niyaparli, Doreen James, Innawonga and Archie Tucker Banyjima did not stand for re-election and remain in their roles.

Baiting program for dingoes in South Australia's north



A BAITING program will target dingoes in South Australia's north this month to stop them killing sheep in the region.

Biosecurity SA will conduct the aerial baiting program along a 6000km line south of the dog fence to cover 71 properties.

It will focus on inaccessible areas such as the northern ranges and sandy lake margins where other control measures are more difficult.

Spokesman Peter Bird said dingoes south of the dog fence had built up in recent years and were now causing serious problems for sheep producers.

"Aerial baiting will only occur over those properties where baiting flight paths have been approved by the landowner and will be conducted by an experienced aerial operator using GPS technology to accurately pinpoint the location of all baits," Mr Bird said in a statement.

"Aerial distribution reduces the risk to

domestic dogs because accessible areas such as roads will be avoided."

Mr Bird said the baiting program would complement the existing 'biteback' ground dingo baiting program and the 'bounceback' fox control program designed to protect yellow-footed rock-wallabies in the Flinders Ranges and other areas. –AAP



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Qld college offers four campuses

SHALOM Christian College now offers four campuses across North Queensland – the Townsville campus, Rural Training College Burdekin, Herberton and Crystal Creek.

The Crystal Creek campus is a new middle school 65km north of Townsville and set in a tropical rainforest environment.

Shalom says that this year the small campus will accommodate 48 boarders, then 72 in 2013 and increasing to 96.

"The campus has been developed to provide extra assistance to students who have been disengaged from education so that they become school-ready," the college says.

"The programs, delivered by dedicated staff, have been designed to provide intensive learning in literacy and numeracy in a small school environment.

Features

"Some of the features of the campus include special assisted literacy and numeracy support, school-based science and art programs, studies in traditional and contemporary music and dance, full sport and physical education program, horticultural studies and Christian perspective studies.

"A major feature of the campus is its focus on traditional languages and natural sciences program.

"The campus is equipped with a recording studio to capture traditional languages, and importantly the structure and make-up of traditional languages so that students can better translate concepts from their traditional languages into English.

"The aim of the program is to create a traditional language resource of which the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) can develop for use in other schools.

"Crystal Creek Students travel to Townsville each weekend to participate in boarding activities with the Condon students."

For more information, call Shalom Christian College on (07) 4773 5077 or download an enrolment form from the Shalom website at www.ccdeu.org.au



Kitchen Crew members at the PCYC Night Café on Palm Island, from left, Kevin Inkerman, Emma Baira, Brianna Kerr, Jayden Morgan and, in front, Kylie Pompey.

Kitchen rules in cooking classes

By ALF WILSON

STUDENTS from Bwgcolman State and St Michael's Catholic schools on the North Queensland Aboriginal Community of Palm Island are being educated as potential cooks and chefs at weekly Murri Kitchen Rules classes.

They're held at the Palm Island PCYC, where participants are being taught how to cook a variety of culinary delights.

PCYC youth programs officer Deniece Geia said students had been attending the courses after school every Friday.

"The students learn about budgeting,

how to write out an order and to estimate how much the grocery items which make up the ingredients cost," she said.

"We teach them the basics of budgeting and take them through the whole process of the ingredients from the shelf to the kitchen to their stomachs.

Program

"The food is then served to the rest of the young people as part of our PCYC night café program."

Mrs Geia said the students loved it and many aspired to be chefs when they left school. They had been inspired by the

many food cooking programs on national television.

"Most of all we have a lot of fun," she said.

Youngster Jayden Morgan said students found the recipes on the internet.

Former Sydney chef Danielle Sinn, the chef/manager of Coolgaree Catering Services at the Palm CDEP, which operates a chicken shop and bakery, said all participants had been offered work experience.

"We hope we can employ some of the youngsters part-time," she told the Koori Mail.

Courses to benefit Indigenous women

INDIGENOUS women are in line to benefit from new e-literacy courses.

The courses are aimed at boosting the training and employment opportunities in the field of children's services for women who are mature aged, Indigenous, from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, or live in remote areas.

The Linking for e-literacy program is helping learners to achieve skills that are not only vital for successful training, but are important for day-to-day living in the 21st century.

It will also benefit employers by up-skilling the workforce to ensure compliance with new regulatory requirements in early childhood training, and increasing the number of potential employees in a market where skilled workers are scarce and itinerant, particularly in the Northern Territory.

The project has been made possible through funding from the National VET E-learning Strategy.

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Mum, daughter study together



Lynnette Graham and her daughter Rachael.

LYNNETTE GRAHAM has spent most of her life helping to teach the kids in her community. Now she is doing some studying of her own, returning to school after nearly 35 years to undertake a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Services) at Macquarie University.

Lynnette began her work with children by operating her own in-home child-care service and now works as an Aboriginal community education officer at a primary school in her home town of Murray Bridge, South Australia.

She says her university studies have been an eye-opening experience. "This course has made me more aware of my own culture," Lynnette says.

The Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Services) is an Indigenous program which brings together early childhood teacher education and Indigenous knowledge, and is run by Macquarie University's Warawara – Department of Indigenous Studies, and the Institute of Early Childhood.

The course is offered over

four years as a combination of part- and full-time modes. Students study both at the university and from home with the support of Warawara staff, tutors, lecturers, mentors, their workplace and other students.

Lynnette says that working while studying has been made easier by the flexibility and support the course offers. "I've been able to meet

advocates for children and their families, as well as great leaders in their communities.

Lynnette says it's important to set an example for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children that education is important.

"They see me as a role model, and I tell them 'If I can do it then so can you'," she says.

Lynnette has already inspired one young Indigenous person to do the course – her daughter Rachael is also completing her Bachelor of Teaching in Early Childhood Services alongside her mother. The two, who recently came to the Macquarie University campus in Sydney to attend an on-campus block of study as part of their course, said one of the benefits of study

with a family member was having someone to come to Sydney with.

"It's been a great experience and it's made even better that I get to do it with my daughter by my side," Lynnette says.

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'This course has made me more aware of my own culture'

some fantastic people at Warawara, and they're all so supportive," she says.

The university says students come from all parts of Australia and their influence is felt far and wide. Students like Lynnette who have participated in the course have become powerful

Eight get IBA help

EIGHT mature-aged Indigenous people are the latest recipients of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) scholarships.

The IBA Scholarship Fund, now in its fourth year, is designed to enable mature-aged students to advance their tertiary studies.

This is the first year that IBA has awarded two scholarships to assist Indigenous students in completing their Masters degree.

Recipient Samantha Dooley, from Mareeba in far north Queensland, is in her final year of a Masters of Professional Accounting at James Cook University (part-time). She says she is excited about approaching the completion of 'another phase in her journey to become a chartered accountant'.

"It means having financial stability to finish my training and not have to worry about the financial burden so I can concentrate more on my studies," Ms Dooley told the *Koori Mail*.

IBA director and scholarship committee member Val Cooms said she was very impressed by the standard of applications

received this year. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet some inspirational people like Samantha during the scholarship selection process," she said.

"I look forward to watching the recipients' progress through their tertiary studies as they complete qualifications that will help advance their personal and career goals and benefit their families and community."

Merit-based

The scholarship applicants completed a detailed, merit-based process, with short-listed applicants interviewed before the final selection.

Wiradjuri man Will Carter was about to begin selling possessions to finance his commerce degree at Deakin University when he won his IBA scholarship.

"When I found out I had the scholarship I was happy, overjoyed, over the moon, it was pretty awesome," he said.

IBA is currently providing support to 18 students completing their studies in the fields of commercial and economic management.

IBA will also celebrate the first of its scholarship recipients to graduate later this year, with graduates earning bachelor degrees in Business, Commerce and Applied Science and Indigenous Community Management.

The IBA Scholarship Fund provides mature-aged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in business, finance and commerce through higher education.

The fund provides financial assistance to successful applicants to cover day-to-day study-related expenses. IBA says this supports recipients to develop their skills, not only for their own future success but for the success of their family, peers and community.

IBA says it looks for applicants who are able to use their knowledge and skills to enhance the economic and financial development of the Indigenous community.

Further information is available at www.iba.gov.au/scholarships. Alternatively, email scholarships@iba.gov.au or call 1800 107 107.

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ACIKE helps Brooke

It hasn't always been easy for second year Australian Centre for Indigenous Tertiary Education (ACIKE) nursing student Brooke Atkinson, but she is now on track to realise her 10-year plan.

Ms Atkinson, 21, from Rockhampton in Queensland, started her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration) with ACIKE at Charles Darwin University.

Her choice to study in the Northern Territory has paid dividends so far, after dropping out of Central Queensland University in 2009 under the combined weight of work and family pressures.

Ms Atkinson resumed her studies at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) because 'that way I could put my head into it more'.

"(I) didn't have the home atmosphere jeopardising anything (and I could) avoid the stress of work," she said.

"I was really struggling to juggle the two: full-time employment in alcohol and other drugs community support work with Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd and full-time tertiary studies."

Ms Atkinson is one of more than 140 students who have made the transition from Batchelor Institute to ACKIE in 2012 by continuing their studies within the new centre, a



'I surprised myself last year, I actually got an HD (high distinction) in Anatomy and Physiology, with 90.8 per cent, and to me that was hooley dooley'
– ACIKE Nursing student Brooke Atkinson

higher education partnership between BIITE and CDU.

ACIKE offers more than 15 courses that are delivered in a culturally appropriate way. They range from Indigenous knowledges and languages to creative writing, education and health.

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have not studied for a while.

ACIKE students also take advantage of highly flexible delivery options, including internal, external, and/or a combination of both, known as multi-modal.

Multi-modal

Ms Atkinson is one of many students who will study in a multi-modal way this year to maximise her chances of keeping

her professional life and her student life alive and well.

For her two 'internal' subjects, Mental Health Nursing and Academic Literacies, Ms Atkinson will travel to the NT and attend traditional classroom-delivered workshops on ACIKE's Batchelor campus.

For her two 'external subjects', Nursing Practice 1 and Health Sociology, she will use CDU's

online teaching and learning space, known as LearnLine, to undertake her studies.

"Getting the motivation and self-encouragement to actually sit down and take the time out of what you would usually consider your free time – getting the self-discipline – will be the challenge," Ms Atkinson said.

But, she said, her first workshop with Nursing through ACIKE was 'really good!'

"The lecturers prepared us (so we were) ready to go home and utilise LearnLine," which she said it quite easy.

"Once you know your way around, it's easy to navigate."

"I surprised myself last year, I actually got an HD (high distinction) in Anatomy and Physiology, with 90.8 per cent, and to me that was 'hooley dooley'," she said.

And if Ms Atkinson keeps surprising herself, she's bound to reach the first step in her 10-year plan – to become a registered nurse after completing her undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration) through ACIKE. Then she can spend the next decade working in remote Indigenous communities around Australia, before heading overseas.

Because, as Ms Atkinson said: "I'm all about supporting and promoting the health of Indigenous people."



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Education is 'a bridge'

THE number of Indigenous students in higher education has increased steadily in recent years, growing by more than 20 per cent between 2001 and 2011, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

But the gap between Indigenous and other students enrolling for a bachelor degree still remains vast, and for postgraduate degrees the disparity is even greater.

Professor Peter Buckskin, the newly appointed Dean of Indigenous Scholarship, Engagement and Research at the University of South Australia, says higher education is essential at this time.

"The role of higher education is vital when we consider the relationship between the construction of power and privilege and the capacity for knowledge to dismantle social inequity with respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he says.

The professor says that with the introduction of government initiatives such as the Australian Employment Covenant, which aim to create more job opportunities for Indigenous Australians, the need for

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– Professor Peter Buckskin



Indigenous students to not only enrol but also graduate from higher education is crucial.

"And as we celebrate the increasing numbers of Indigenous people in higher education, the percentage of

Indigenous students graduating also needs to be addressed," he said. "The Higher Education Academy has an ethical and professional responsibility to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander scholars to enhance the prominence and status of Indigenous culture, languages and knowledge through scholarship and research," Prof Buckskin says.

The University of South

Australia says that for a number of years it has played a leading role in creating an Australian higher education system which strives to recognise, preserve and develop a critical mass of Aboriginal knowledge and culture, and is committed to offering access and scholarship of Indigenous students, particularly in the postgraduate area.

Through the university's David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research, the organisation is host to a growing and important Indigenous research hub of Indigenous academics undertaking local and national Indigenous research projects in education, employment, training, well-being and Indigenous language resource development.

These postgraduate programs are enabling Indigenous and other students to undertake studies in a broad range of disciplines relevant to Aboriginal knowledges while engaging with this scholarship at a multi-discipline level. Aboriginal perspectives are also now being studied in the areas of health, law, history, education, the environment, policy and research.



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Real opportunities at QUT

Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Oodgeroo Unit is the first stepping stone to uni. It provides ongoing support for Indigenous students throughout their tertiary studies.

Tackling university with style

Kurt Burger-Trudgett, Cornwell Pearson and Zach Curtis are three Indigenous football players switching between books and footy boots, with support from QUT's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support unit and Elite Athlete Program.

Zach, a first-year Bachelor of Exercise Physiology student, said watching a mate's long recovery after being diagnosed with bone cancer prompted him to go to university.

"Regardless of what happens with my football career I want to finish my degree," he said.

"I watched my mate go through

rehabilitation and I thought 'that's something I could do – help people to recover from something like that'."

Zach is in the South Queensland and Border Districts touch football teams, the under 20's Queensland and Australian squads and plays rugby union for Brothers in the Premier Colts team.

Kurt, also from the Gold Coast and Cornwell, a Poruma man from Coconut Island in the Torres Strait, both play in feeder teams for the NRL while studying.

Kurt, a first-year student in a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) plays for



the North Devils, a feeder team for the Brisbane Broncos, while Cornwell, a second year Bachelor of Education (Primary) student plays for the Ipswich Jets, a feeder team for the Gold Coast Titans.

Kurt said he was looking to strike a balance between study, football and working to support himself.

"I've been playing footy for a long time and it is important to me," he said.

"I had a great teacher in high school who taught health.

"I would like to have a similar influence in promoting healthy lifestyles to young people."

All three young men entered QUT through the Oodgeroo Unit's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP).

The QUT Elite Athlete program provides

student athletes with the opportunity to excel in their studies, while also training, something the three men said had been key in helping them achieve their goals both on and off the field.

"Having the support means we can study as well not having to give up footy." For more information on the QUT Elite Athlete Program visit: www.studentsupport.qut.edu.au/services/eliteathletes.jsp

Excelling in health

A strong desire to make a difference has seen Kyly Mills begin a promising career in health earlier than most.

The QUT's third year Bachelor of Health Sciences student said a desire to improve the health of all Australians, despite their background, led her to pursue a career in the public health sector, with a particular emphasis on Indigenous women.

Ms Mills, who is a Kamilaroi woman whose family originated in the Moree area, has just completed a summer vacation placement as research assistant at the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI) after being awarded a Vacation Research Experience Scholarship.

Ms Mills' work in the area of Indigenous health has also earned her an Indigenous cadetship with Queensland Health.

"The experience has made all the difference to my studies.

"I've helped to organise the North Brisbane Indigenous Women's



Wellness Summit as well as co-authoring a number of papers and articles.

"The scholarship initially covered 180 hours of work as a research assistant, but I managed to complete that fairly quickly and have since been employed in the role.

"My key focus is in health from a humanitarian perspective. I just don't find it acceptable for anyone to be living in third world conditions with a third-world health status, particularly in a developed country like Australia."

For more information on the Vacation Research Experience Scholarship visit: www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/vacation-research-experience-scholarship-vres

Business on their minds

The chance to work in some of the country's most recognisable companies will set two Business School students in good stride to be leaders in their field.

Kayla Fabila and Annie-May Martin, who are both first year students studying a Bachelor of Business (Management), will embark on a three-and-a-half-year internship, after being named the latest recipients of the QUT Business School Indigenous Student Intern Scholarship.

The scholarship offers Indigenous students financial assistance as well as the opportunity to be mentored in an internship role with a corporate sponsor.

Kayla, who will be shadowing management at Coca-Cola Amatil, said she believed the internship would give her the competitive edge needed after graduation.

"This internship will help me to get the practice I need to understand all facets of management and then I'll be able to use the skills and knowledge in my own career," she said.

Annie May, who has picked up a place at Ergon Energy, said the management



facet of the degree and internship appealed to her competitive side.

"This scholarship will give me real-world experience in my chosen field before I even graduate," she said.

"The opportunity is invaluable to me."

For more information on the QUT Business School Indigenous Student Intern Scholarship visit: www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/indigenous-student-intern

Be the best that you can be

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit – with assistance from a team of dedicated professional and academic staff – supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their university life.

We admit Indigenous students through the Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) – our alternate entry program – giving you access to the incredible range of degrees on offer at QUT.

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Contact us today to find out more about our informal interview process as well as the various student support programs and generous scholarships we have available.

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Commitment at Curtin

THE Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) at Curtin University is designed to be a learning place committed to social justice, equity and participation.

The centre says it achieves these aims through high standards of teaching and learning and the provision of student-centred support and resources fundamental to its commitment to education is the furthering of self-determination.

CAS aims to:

- Promote increased participation in higher education by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Provide education that is culturally appropriate
- Create new ways of learning and working for the benefit of all people.

The centre offers a range of educational courses. These include bridging and enabling programs, the community management and development program, community health program and a Bachelor of Education Regional and Remote (Primary) Course



Students, officials and staff at Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies.

for Indigenous teaching assistants wanting to upgrade their teaching qualifications.

There are also courses in Indigenous cultural studies offered to Indigenous and other

students.

The centre has a growing post-graduate profile of honours, masters

and PhD students working to advance community control and ownership of Indigenous research.

The Centre for Aboriginal Studies says it has gained a reputation Australia-wide as a leader in Indigenous education.

Graduates work in a range of professional and leadership roles in the Indigenous and broader Australian community.

In February this year, CAS held the annual pre-graduation ceremony for 20 graduates across the different disciplines, with special guest Dr Hannah McGlade addressing the graduates and reading the student charge.

Among the graduates were family members Cheryl Ozies, Jaala Mogridge and Yisah Bin Omar from Broome, in the Kimberley, who shared this special event.

The Centre for Aboriginal Studies and Curtin University acknowledge and respect continuing Nyungar associations with the traditional ownership of the land upon which its campus is built, and honour the rights and responsibilities that go with that traditional ownership.



Bringing Indigenous culture into the classroom is just one way Curtin is promoting reconciliation.

With one of the highest number of Indigenous students enrolled and retained at any University in Australia, Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) is helping to lead the way in Indigenous education far into the future.

CAS has gained a prominent reputation Australia-wide. With a wide array of courses, CAS aims to create new ways of learning and working that are culturally appropriate. CAS also offers a range of Indigenous research programs.

To find out more about our courses, or for application details, call the Future Students Centre on (08) 9266 1000 or visit karda.curtin.edu.au

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Teachers-to-be happy

THIRD-YEAR University of Sydney students in the Koori Centre's Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Aboriginal Studies) have praised the course.

"It's a fantastic program, with great staff and amazing classmates," one student said.

The third-year students have almost finished their degrees through the centre's flexible learning mode, which has allowed them to combine face-to-face classes on campus – in three intensive week-long blocks each semester – with guided independent study at home.

The centre says that while the students have enjoyed their time studying, flexible learning has also opened up new opportunities for them to make cultural ties and friendships with other Indigenous people from distant and remote communities. Studying through the flexible learning mode has offered a supportive environment that helps them achieve their ultimate goal – a career in teaching.

"The program allows most of us to work and live in our home communities while still doing full-time study," one student said.

"Being at the Koori Centre gives you the opportunity to be taught by some of the University of Sydney's best lecturers."

For more information on a teaching career, contact the Koori Centre on 1800 622 742 (toll-free) or visit sydney.edu.au/koori

● **Pictured right: Third-year Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Aboriginal Studies) students Jodie Redman, Lauren McFadden, Lynda Coe, Kyla Flick, Troy Ruttle, Sianlee Harris and Leanne Jamieson.**



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Scholarships and bursaries

To help you pay for uni we offer a range of scholarships and bursaries (non-repayable grants) specifically for Indigenous Australian students.

Better health is Lisa's goal

MENZIES School of Health Research PhD candidate Lisa Whop wants to improve the health of Indigenous Australians. Here, the 25-year-old Torres Strait Islander living in Brisbane tells why...

What made you want to study medical science?

The human body fascinates me. I was interested in how the body works, yet more importantly, why it doesn't work – why the body sometimes fails us. As I got older I became increasingly aware of the health inequalities that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people faced, and that they still face. I guess I felt a responsibility to do something about that. Morally, it felt like the right area to be in.

So you moved into research?

Yes. I was awarded a Sidney Myer Health Scholarship to look into cervical cancer screening and participation among Indigenous women. We know that Indigenous women are about 2.7 times more likely to develop cervical cancer and have 5.2 times higher mortality rates from cervical cancer than non-Indigenous women do.

Where are you studying?

I'm studying through the Menzies School

of Health Research, which is just fantastic. It's the perfect place for me because the health of Indigenous people is part of the school's core focus – it's also known for its work in Indigenous health, so really I just wanted to be part of what it's achieving.

How can health research help make the change you want to see happen?

People shouldn't have to struggle to get their basic needs covered. It comes down to better access to health services. I want to see that change in my lifetime.

Research can improve health outcomes because it gives us a basis of understanding ... to work out why the system is failing, where to focus our efforts, where to focus policy, where more funding is needed, or where it isn't needed any more.

That's what research does. We find patterns. We provide an evidence-base for change.

I never want to be one of those people who complain about something but don't do anything about it.

Working in Indigenous health research is the way I think I can.

● For more information about courses at Menzies go to <http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training>



Menzies School of Health Research PhD candidate Lisa Whop ... "I never want to be one of those people who complain about something but don't do anything about it."



Studying with Menzies

Menzies School of Health Research is Australia's leader in Indigenous and tropical health research and offers research training opportunities in the areas of child health; preventable chronic diseases; healing and resilience; service systems and society; global health; and tropical and emerging infectious diseases together with coursework courses in public health and health research. These opportunities are offered in conjunction with and accredited by Charles Darwin University (CDU).

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Nadia at home in NAISDA

NADIA MARTICH loves dancing and she loves teaching. So it's a good thing she's one of this year's intake at NAISDA Dance College, the national Indigenous dance centre based on the NSW Central Coast.

It's here that the young Gamilaroi woman will get the grounding and support she needs to go on to achieve her goals.

"I've been having a ball – NAISDA is great," the 17-year-old told the *Koori Mail*.

"I've always loved dance and I was looking to reconnect with my culture.

"I've been able to do both here at NAISDA.

"And now I'm looking at also doing a teaching course as part of my studies, which means I can go on to become a high school dance teacher, which is my goal right now.

Challenge

"There's a lot of hard work to come, but I'm ready for the challenge."

Nadia hails from Mungindi, on the Queensland-NSW border, but went to boarding school.

She enjoyed her time there, but is finding NAISDA a whole new world.

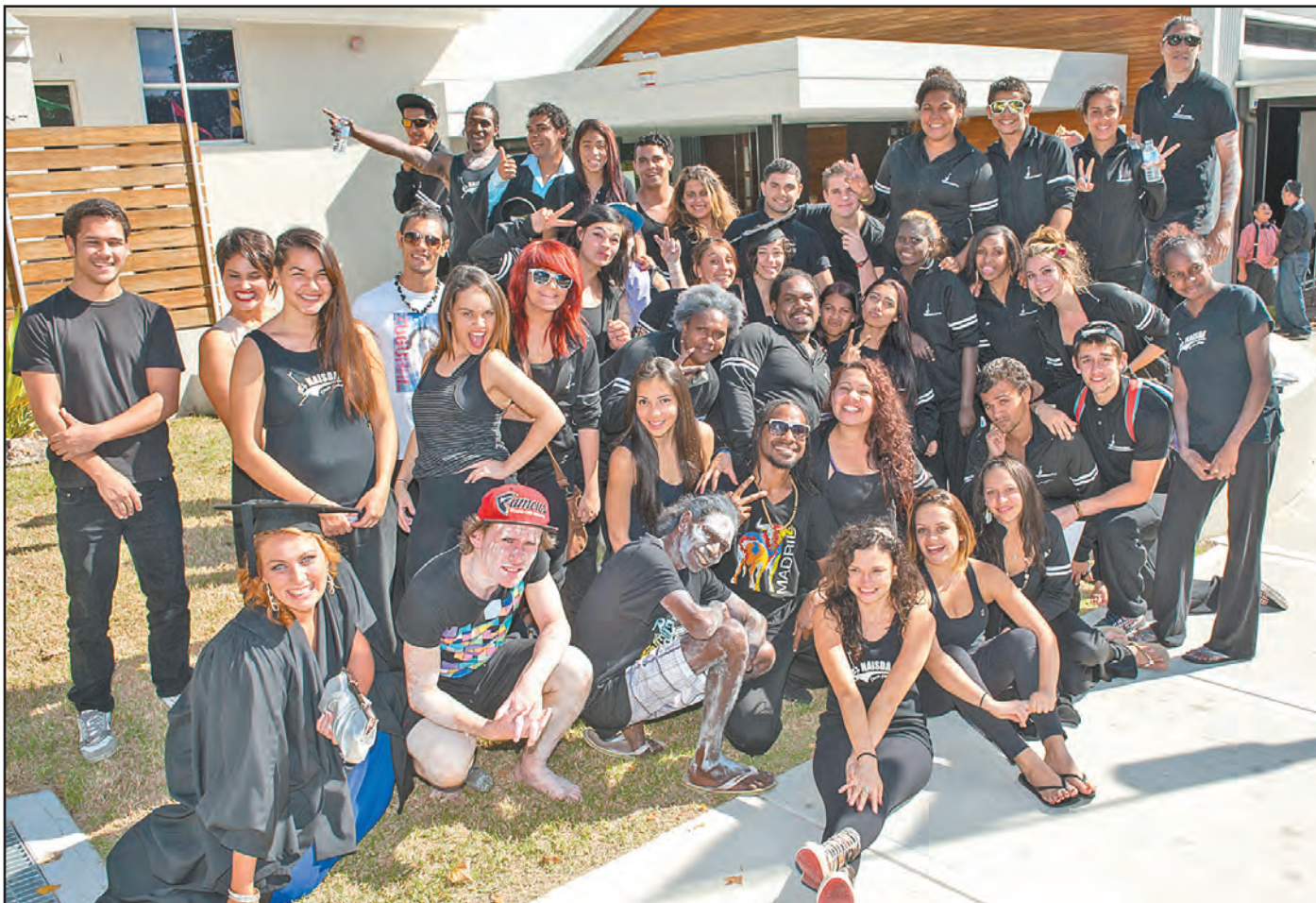
"It's a really challenging and exciting place," she said.

"Here I'm with like-minded people and we're working in a state-of-the-art new centre with great staff and teachers.

"We get to study all forms of dance – ballet, jazz, contemporary and more – and lead healthy, interesting lives.

"I jumped at the chance to attend the auditions and I would recommend that anyone interested in dance put their hand up for NAISDA.

"It's a great place."



A happy bunch ... NAISDA students at this year's graduation and the official opening of the college's new complex at Karingong, near Gosford, on the NSW central coast.

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Going the distance with OTEN

THE Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) was once seen as an alternative to the classroom, but is fast becoming the first choice for many Indigenous people when looking to further their education or contemplating a return to study. As part of the award-winning TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute, OTEN has Indigenous students living in every Australian state and territory, even in remote locations such as Croker Island (Northern Territory) and in Aboriginal communities in central Australia. TAFE says that while distance education is not for everyone, with the right support and determination students can succeed.

So what does it take to successfully complete a qualification by distance education? Here's what TAFE says:

- Plan a study timetable. If you don't set aside the time to study you will find it difficult to make any progress. You may need to swap some of your time from other activities to study.
- Support starts at home, so tell your family about your plans and your study timetable.
- Connect with fellow students using social media networks such as OTEN Facebook and Twitter.
- Stay positive, as any problems can be overcome. Don't ever doubt yourself or your abilities.



TAFE NSW Gili Encouragement Award recipient OTEN student Jessica Brown with Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Jack Johnson.

OTEN staff can provide support. The Aboriginal Education and Training Unit works closely with all teaching areas to help students.

Support

In addition there are other support services such as Disability Services and the Counselling and Career Development Unit to help students with appropriate course

selection as well as practical advice to help them complete their studies.

One of OTEN's students, Jessica Brown, has worked hard to succeed in her studies.

While starting as an Outreach student, Jessica has completed three courses at OTEN, culminating in the Certificate III in Employment, Education and Training.

In recognition of this

achievement, Jessica was awarded a TAFE NSW Gili Encouragement Award in July last year.

Since then she has applied to become a member of the National Indigenous Youth Parliament.

Jessica is from the Wiradjuri people of central New South Wales and is currently working full-time in the public service.

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Flo Bin Omar and her husband Brendan with their children.

Flo named Student of the Year

A 50-YEAR-OLD carer has been named Perth-based West Coast Institute of Training's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

Flo Bin Omar, of Mt Lawley, was recognised for her commitment and dedication to the Aboriginal community.

Whilst caring for 11 children and working part-time at a women's refuge, Flo completed a Certificate III in Community Services through recognition of prior learning.

"To actually do something and complete it is a great achievement for me," she said.

"I've never had a

qualification so I'm so proud that I've done it."

Working as a house parent for the Department of Child Protection (DCP) for the past six years, Flo and her husband Brendan look after Indigenous boys who come from rural and remote communities to complete their secondary education in Perth.

Main goal

"Our main goal is to see the boys complete their education," says Flo. "And our passion is to use education and training to break the cycle of domestic violence that occurs within the families."

With seven children and 10 grandchildren of her own,

Flo and her husband of almost 30 years model a respectful relationship to their family.

"I want my children to see me as a community leader," said Flo. "I want to continue studying and show others in the community that education is the key."

"When people at the women's refuge ask me how I managed it all whilst looking after 11 children, I just tell them it's because it's flexible – you can work and study at the same time!"

Flo is currently working towards a Certificate IV in Community Services and also hopes to complete a diploma.



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Zoe's course a beauty

ABORIGINAL student Zoe Edwards gushes about her new skills: "We learnt to do facials today! We got to try them out on each other."

As a Diploma of Beauty Therapy student at Canberra Institute of Technology, Zoe's days are now filled with learning about waxing, manicures, pedicures and eyelash tints.

The student initially came to CIT in 2007 while pregnant with her son. She studied a Certificate I and II in Art.

"I have always been an artsy person," she says. "Growing up I was always interested in manga and anime." (Manga and anime are Japanese art forms of comic and animation

with distinctive features such as big eyes and dramatic speech bubbles.)

After completing her Certificate II, Zoe took some time off study to look after her son before deciding to return to CIT and study beauty therapy.

Now almost half way through her course, Zoe's studies are not only giving her the skills she needs to progress

in the beauty industry, but also a sense of confidence that she hasn't had before.

"I always wanted to accomplish things, but before I came to CIT I had only finished up to Year 9," she said.

"I feel so much better now that I have something under my belt. I finally feel like, 'I can do this'."

'I always wanted to accomplish things, but before I came to CIT I had only finished up to Year 9. I feel so much better now that I have something under my belt. I finally feel like, 'I can do this'.'

As part of Zoe's course, she works at CIT Beauty, CIT's on-campus beauty clinic which is open to the public for appointments.

"Working in the clinic is a lot of fun," she says.

"You're really put in the hot seat, because you're working on real clients. It's a bit intimidating at first because you want to make sure they're

happy with the result. But it's such a great experience."

One of the reasons Zoe chose to return to CIT was because of the CIT Yurauna Centre – the dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support centre. As an Indigenous woman from the Mullinjarli tribe in Queensland, Zoe says that she wouldn't

have been successful in her studies had it not been for the centre's staff.

"Their ongoing support has really helped a lot – for everything from study assistance to support with family issues," she says.

"All of the teachers at the centre have become my friends."

The Diploma of Beauty Therapy has been compacted to one year, and Zoe will complete her studies in November.

While she isn't certain of where her future will take her, Zoe knows she has lots of options up her sleeve.

"If I don't end up working in a salon, I would like to go into make-up art or make-up for media," she says.



CIT student
Zoe Edwards.

Grow with the CIT Yurauna Centre

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Words from Griffith University student, Krystal Lockwood.

A personal need to better understand criminal behaviour has driven Griffith University student Krystal Lockwood all the way to the learned halls of Cambridge.

Krystal heads to Cambridge University in August after receiving a Charles Perkins Scholarship that will enable her to study post-graduate criminology for another four years in the internationally-renowned UK University.

She graduated with first class honours in Criminology at Griffith last year and is one of the leading Indigenous scholars in her field.

"I am a descendent of the Gumbangerri and Dhungetti people and grew up in the rural town of Armidale," Ms Lockwood said.

"My family always encouraged me to pursue my education throughout my schooling.

"I am drawn to criminology for a number of reasons. I am intrigued by the multi-faceted approach to addressing deviant behaviour.

"However, as an Indigenous student, I am particularly drawn to addressing the dire situation of Indigenous people's involvement in the criminal justice system and how this involvement reverberates throughout the entire system from disproportionate amounts of victimisation rates through to unacceptably high rates of imprisonment."

Ms Lockwood entered university via the GUMURRII Student Support Unit's direct entry scheme and received enormous support from the staff and her family along the way.

"However my path to where I am today was not without its detours. Once I began studying I became uncertain of the career I wanted," she said.

"I began degrees in both Law and Forensic Science before I eventually found my passion in criminology.

"Through perseverance and the unwavering support from my family, GUMURRII and the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, I finally graduated with the Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2010." She then spent 2011 completing her honours.

"Throughout my studies, I came to appreciate the need for evidence-based research in the implementation of criminal justice programs that address Indigenous involvement in the system.



Krystal Lockwood

"My goal is to develop the skills necessary to contribute to evidence based policy development through postgraduate research."

Ms Lockwood received a taste of UK academia during a two-week visit of Cambridge and Oxford University in November last year as part of the scholarship process.

To now receive the full scholarship to Cambridge will fulfil a dream and be "an incredible academic experience".

"I aspire to complete the MPhil in Criminological Research and continue onto a PhD at the University of Cambridge," Ms Lockwood said.

"Undoubtedly the experience would enhance my learning and allow me to bring back the knowledge I gain to Australia to help address the over-representation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system in Australia.

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Top teachers the goal

WHEN Gary Barnes took the helm at the Northern Territory Department of Education in 2009, he was surprised there was no national approach to teacher recruitment in remote schools.

"There was such a small number of schools and I couldn't believe that someone hadn't thought of pooling the recruitment and retention effort," he says.

"It struck me as a very achievable prospect."

Mr Barnes became the initiator and driving force behind the National Alliance for Remote Indigenous Schools (NARIS), a collaborative project between the Federal Government and education departments in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales.

It represents more than 170 schools in Australia's most remote Indigenous communities and the primary goal is to recruit dynamic, excellent teachers and encourage them to stay by providing second-to-none professional development, access to inspirational mentors and a unique way of life.

"We want high-quality teachers who are willing to stay for three years in remote communities. Getting quality teachers is our



Quality education ... A teacher on the job at La Grange School, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

biggest challenge," Mr Barnes says.

"Keeping them is our next big challenge.

"It has traditionally been difficult to attract and retain experienced, quality teachers in remote schools. The isolation that comes with being so far from

centres of population, loved ones, friends and family is hard to overcome.

"NARIS seeks to reverse this trend by offering teachers job satisfaction, support and incentives."

With \$5 million in funding, NARIS is implementing a

recruitment and retention strategy with participating states and the Northern Territory each taking a lead in delivering different projects.

Officials say early results from initiatives in the Northern Territory are promising. Until 2010 there was a 40 per cent annual turnover

of teachers in remote schools. After introducing special events, networking opportunities, screening and support, the turnover rate dropped to 10 per cent in 2011.

One project already under way is the development of a web-based resource for remote teachers so they can connect with each other. They will also be able to access professional and online learning programs on cultural awareness, English as an additional language and teaching numeracy to Indigenous students. NARIS teachers are also scheduled to attend an orientation program in Alice Springs this month.

NARIS is lobbying the Australian Government for additional tax benefits for remote teachers and working with state education departments to ensure remote teachers can return to their original positions.

NARIS is seeking to change the image of remote teaching. Instead of accepting any teacher who volunteers, NARIS will accept only the best and most dedicated.

"We want teachers who are committed and innovative. We are saying we want the best teachers for students in remote areas. They deserve the best," Mr Barnes says.



TEACHING IS ONLY PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

NARIS provides a range of programs and services to support teachers and leaders working in remote schools. Find out more about working in a remote Indigenous school at nationalallianceremoteindigenousschools.com



Australian Government

NARIS is an alliance between the New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australian, Western Australian and Australian Governments.



New University of New England TRACKS students attended Pre-Orientation (POP) at Oorala in February to start their university learning.

New vision for future

ONE of Australia's longest-established support centres for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Oorala Aboriginal Centre at the University of New England in Armidale, NSW, is approaching the future of higher education with a new vision.

'A place where people come together' for on-campus and distance education students around Australia, Oorala celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2011 and director Debra Bennell is keeping up with national trends.

"The challenge now is in how we make the changing university

experience a good one for Aboriginal people," she said.

"Aboriginal students, like the rest of UNE's students, are online.

"This presents new challenges on how to engage with these students using the technology of the old and the new."

Oorala has achieved much in bridging the gap between Indigenous culture and university culture. Its focus on innovation will strengthen the Aboriginal 'on campus' and 'online' student communities at UNE, creating a more vibrant university experience with links to the services and

academic support that students need to achieve success and completion of their degrees.

The 'Oorala Student Support' Moodle site is a vital online hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UNE.

Moodle site

For people who are studying from home, or balancing study with work and family commitments, the Moodle site especially offers a flexible way to stay connected and be part of the university. "It provides a sense of community with social contact, academic tips, support and

information to enhance their experience," Ms Bennell said.

At the Moodle site, students can join online discussions, and find out about ITAS tutoring, financial assistance, services and activities through UNE and the community.

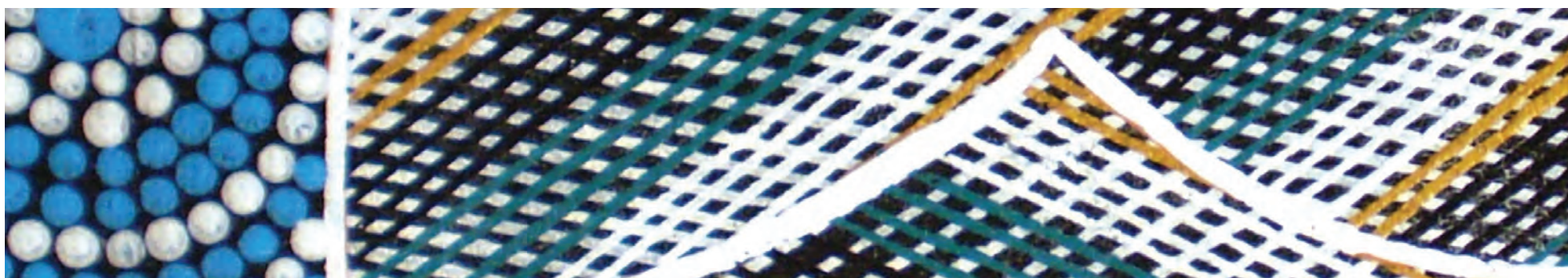
More than 60 postgraduate students also have access to a separate Hub, 'Postgrads Yarnin @ Oorala - UNE', designed for people studying for higher degrees.

Ms Bennell is also working to enmesh more Aboriginal content and perspectives into the university's environment and courses. The aim is to influence the

values of all of UNE's graduates by embedding Indigenous knowledge and worldviews across the curriculum.

A major step towards this goal is the centre's OORA200 unit, 'Working with Aboriginal People', introduced in Trimester One this year and offered to all undergraduates in UNE degree programs.

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"A place where people come together"

IPROWD wins praise

LAST year, the IPROWD (Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery) training program to assist Aboriginal people gain entry to the NSW Police College at Goulburn proved a success.

And this year organisers say it's looking even better.

In 2011, 104 students completed IPROWD, taking the first step to becoming an officer in the NSW Police Force.

This year, 90 Aboriginal men and women have started the program in seven locations – Broken Hill, Dubbo, Maitland, Mount Druitt, Nowra, Tamworth and Redfern.

TAFE NSW, the NSW Police Force and the Federal Government work together to offer IPROWD training.

IPROWD has proven to be a successful pathway for Aboriginal people to become either NSW police officers, or benefit from employment in a range of community roles.

State IPROWD manager Sandra Gray said the program was paying off.

"It is really pleasing to see the great interest from the far west of NSW and we are very excited to conduct our first IPROWD program in Broken Hill in 2012," she said.

The IPROWD course is funded by the Federal Government, and Indigenous Employment Minister Julie Collins said it was a 'fantastic initiative'.

"For many Indigenous Australians, the chance to train and secure a job with the NSW Police Force seems out of reach," she said.

"IPROWD will help participants develop the skills and academic qualifications



Standing, from left, NSW Police Minister Michael Gallacher, Sgt Jacob Reeves, course co-ordinator Bernadette Brown, Kurt Devatek, Daniel Harrison, Scott Farrand, Jamie Merz, Elizabeth Van Amelsvoord, Merinda Simpson, Adam King, Robert Richards, Michael Peiti, assistant director-general Education and Communities Pam Christie, Superintendent Luke Freudenstein, Mitchell Chapman and DEWR state manager Janine Pitt. Sitting, from left, Ashlee Heard, Tiarne Northey, Kelly Rogers, Meleena Coppini, Emma Johnson and Elizabeth Slater.

needed for a career in the NSW Police Force."

Currently, 88 per cent of IPROWD students gain a National Certificate III qualification, and more than 60 per cent of students apply to join the NSW Police.

In January this year, 14 of the 2011 graduates started at the NSW Police College, and another 25 are hoping to start next month.

TAFE NSW Western Institute director Kate Baxter said IPROWD was an excellent example of the value that partnerships like this could bring to people.

'Life-changing'

"It is a life-changing experience for the people who have taken part," she said.

"TAFE NSW Institute is committed to closing the gap on the disadvantage

Aboriginal people experience in education."

Assistant Commissioner Mark Jenkins said the NSW Police Force aimed to reflect the community it represented.

"The IPROWD program is a way to assist potential Indigenous recruits reach their goal of joining the force," he said.

"The program is tailored to give Aboriginal people the confidence, skills and knowledge to join the police."

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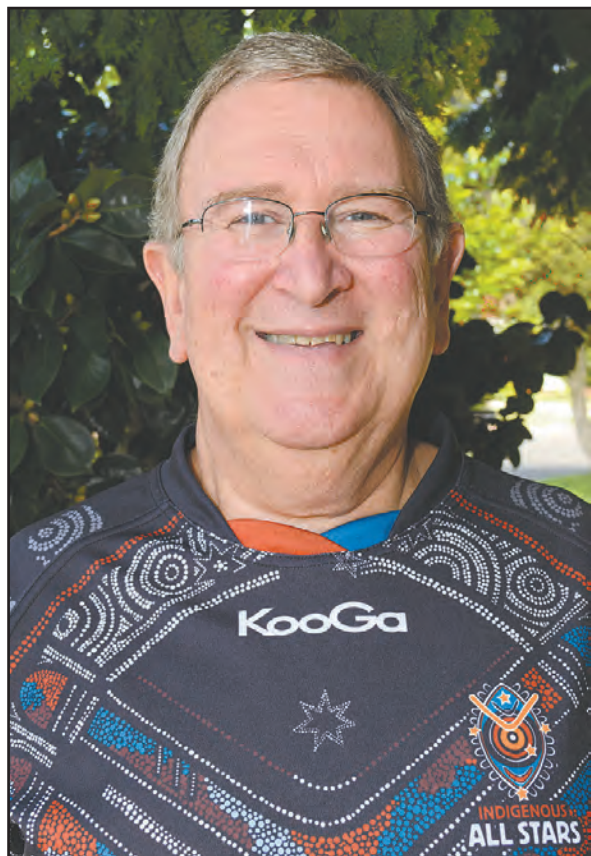
TAFE NSW and the NSW Police Force work in partnership to offer IPROWD Training Programs across NSW. These programs will assist Aboriginal people to gain entry into the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn.

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20 students leading the way



Macquarie University Master of Indigenous Education student Wayne Charters.

TWENTY students from across Australia have become the first group to enrol in Macquarie University's Master of Indigenous Education.

The only one of its kind in the country, the program provides students with opportunities to engage with the policies, practices and issues that relate to Indigenous education.

The course, which is open to Indigenous and other students, has attracted people from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Coming from all areas of the education sector, including early childhood, primary, secondary and higher education, these students are working to develop their knowledge in education practices for interacting with Indigenous Australians.

"I think there is a big need for a program like this in many sectors and on many levels," says course co-ordinator Dr Michelle Trudgett.

Wiradjuri woman Elaine Chapman says that after completing a bachelor degree from Macquarie University in 2008, she was encouraged by the staff at Warawara Department of Indigenous Studies to enrol in the masters program. Just a session into

the course, she can already see her goal.

"I am confident that with the support and encouragement that I get from Warawara I will proudly stand on that dais again to receive my masters," she says.

Dr Trudgett says an important feature of the program is that significant components are taught by Indigenous Australians.

"The knowledge students gain in the course will impact Indigenous and

"The aim of the masters is to provide something that is strong, rigorous and highly beneficial," Dr Trudgett says.

Each unit has an interactive electronic learning platform which students access remotely to view and listen to their lectures and accompanying slide shows, as well as the reading material. The platform also acts as a valuable tool for students to communicate with one another as the course provides a professional

networking opportunity for people who share the goal of contributing to Indigenous education at various levels.

Student Wayne Charters, a Wiradjuri man, says he can see how the course will benefit his future and those around him.

"I have enjoyed studying education and history/politics in the past, but

this is another level of understanding," he said.

"The wide range of topics and readings related to Indigenous education are fascinating, sometimes heart-wrenching, but ultimately informative and enlightening. I now have even more respect for the keepers of knowledge."

● More on Macquarie Uni – P45

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non-Indigenous students in classrooms throughout the country. It's particularly important that we have Indigenous and non-Indigenous people learning side by side," she says.

The program is delivered by distance and comprises four core units as well as two research units and two elective units.

Hospital enters a 'new era'

ST VINCENT'S Private Hospital in Sydney says it is embarking on a new era in education through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing cadetship.

The annual cadetship will be offered to two students undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing and will provide a minimum of 12 weeks or 60 days of employment every year, for three years, as well as additional financial support and experience in working at a leading private and accredited hospital. The cadetship is part of what the hospital says is its commitment to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation.

Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing degree over three years, the cadets will be employed as an assistant in nursing.

The program, which will be managed through the hospital's Education, Training and Development Department, will be advertised widely. Partially funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, graduates will be invited to apply for the new graduate or any other hospital program upon completion of the Bachelor of Nursing.



St Vincent's Private Hospital nursing managers Thelma De Lisser-Howarth and Jeremy Gowing.

The program aligns with the St Vincent's Health Australia Reconciliation Action Plan. The hospital says the cadetship reinforces its long-term commitment to enhance an inclusive and diverse workforce through programs and strategies that provide employment and development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Adelaide celebrates

THE University of Adelaide has celebrated 25 years of Aboriginal education with a ceremony highlighting Indigenous graduates and the impact they are having on society.

Since the appointment of the university's first Aboriginal liaison officer in 1987 to recruit more Indigenous students to tertiary study, a number of milestones have been achieved.

These include Indigenous anthropology student Rebecca Richards making history in 2010 as Australia's first Aboriginal Rhodes Scholar in its 108-year history, and the university's acknowledgment of the Kaurna people as original inhabitants of its land.

Other notable Indigenous alumni of the university include:

- Associate Professor Irene Watson, the university's first Indigenous postgraduate student who was awarded the Bonython Law School Prize for her PhD in 2000;

- Yvonne Clark, the first Aboriginal student to be awarded a Master's degree in Psychology in 1997;

- Sonny Flynn, the first University of Adelaide Indigenous undergraduate student, who completed his BArts (Honours) in 1986;

- Dylan Coleman, a PhD creative writing graduate who last year won the \$20,000 Arts Queensland David Unaipon Award for an unpublished Indigenous writer.

The establishment of a dedicated centre for Aboriginal education, Wilto Yerlo, in 1996, the signing of the Reconciliation Statement in 2003 and the launch of an



Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy in 2006 also stand as historic markers for the university.

Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney, the

dean of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education: Wilto Yerlo, says great strides have been made in Indigenous education at the university in the past 25 years.

"The university has been proactive in encouraging more Aboriginal people to study and work here and has actively promoted an understanding of Indigenous issues, culture and history in its programs and courses," he says.

The creation of many different scholarships for Indigenous students has also provided much-needed financial support, coupled with guidance and mentoring from Wilto Yerlo.

Prof Rigney says the strengthening of relationships with the university began 40 years ago with the establishment of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM).

"This is the only university program of its kind in Australia which continues to deliver training for ATSI people in Indigenous music and performance," he says.

In 2000, the Yaitya Purruna Indigenous Health Unit was established in the Medical School, supporting Indigenous students studying any of the health sciences programs, as well as the integration of Aboriginal culture into the medical curriculum.

More recently, an Indigenous Oral Health Unit was created at the University of Adelaide, focused specifically on the oral health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The success of our Indigenous graduates has benefited not only their local communities but the whole of society because many of these people will become leaders in the field," Prof Rigney says.

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UOW GRADUATE SPREADS HER WINGS

I am a proud Kamillaroi woman from Walgett and have grown up in Gundagai and Wagga Wagga.

In 2011 I graduated from the University of Wollongong with a Bachelor of Public Health and completion of a three year cadetship with the Illawarra Area Health service. Throughout my years of study I was faced with many challenges that at times were discouraging and overwhelming, though with the help and support of the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) I was able to not only push past these challenges but become a stronger and more motivated person in using my education and passion in bringing equality and addressing the injustices faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre for many students becomes a type of community; a supportive environment or a second family that nurtures not only your academic aspirations but personal aspirations as well.

In 2011, I began work as a Policy Officer with the **National Congress of Australia's First Peoples**, an organization that advocates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's

rights and interests and advises the Federal Government on national policy issues and initiatives. My portfolios are Health and the NT Intervention advising Co-Chairs Ms Jody Broun and Mr Les Malezer on the National Health Leadership Forum, the development of a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Plan, the Close the Gap Steering Committee and the Senate Inquiry into Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory.

I often am in disbelief when I find myself at the table working with some of Australia's most prominent and respected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and experts such as **Dr Torn Calrna** and **Mick Gooda** or having breakfast with **Prime Minister Julia Gillard**.

I believe that education is the key to change but I also believe our success is only possible by the people we have around us just like Woolyungah; they go above and beyond their expected duties to help students reach their full potential and dreams. Without the support of the Staff at WC, the facilities, the invaluable tutoring and the academics who became mentors I wouldn't be where I am today.



PICTURED: Sorrell Ashby, University of Wollongong Graduate, Bachelor of Public Health

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Jail no bar to learning

DARWIN Correctional Centre is to have a vocational training program.

The move is part of Northern Territory Government efforts to help reintegrate offenders into the community.

The 'WorXskills' e-learning program is being delivered by YouthWorX NT through a grant from the National VET E-learning Strategy to develop e-learning approaches to improve the e-literacy, foundation skills and pre-vocational skills of disadvantaged people.

YouthWorX NT executive officer Elizabeth Reid said the WorXskills project delivered in partnership with NT Correctional Services, Top End Training, B&J Gannon and the Chamber of Commerce NT would involve 20 offenders preparing for release from Darwin Correctional Centre.

"They will be engaged in a skills training program with links to community training and real



Education behind the wire ... Inmates at Darwin Correctional Centre will benefit from a new vocational training program to help them reintegrate into the community.

employment pathways," she said.

"This opportunity for education and support will aim to help participants break the cycle of high recidivism, usually

attributed to a lack of engagement in standard training and employment activities."

With low education linked to a range of poor socio-economic,

employment and health outcomes for Indigenous Australians, Ms Reid said the WorXskills project would provide a mix of accredited training and personal development

programs. Mentoring and other support would continue after release to support participants in obtaining paid employment.

The project will be delivered at the correctional

centre's Work Readiness Centre, where two groups of 10 offenders will attend class-based training, three days a week, for 27 weeks.

Ms Reid said that while the correctional system had strict conditions of use of the internet, the program's use of technology would allow participants to access cached sites offline, word processing programs, Kindle, virtual conferencing and e-portfolios, as part of their training experience.

"This mix of learning methods will enable offenders to develop their skills and develop links to community-based opportunities," she said.

"The e-learning experience will also give them the skills to continue their learning in remote locations."

YouthWorX NT is a not-for-profit association dedicated to working in collaboration with young people, schools and business, to create opportunities for all Territorians.



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Insects are in her future

By JILLIAN MUNDY

ROMANEE LATHAM learnt a lot about life growing up, but struggled to get even mediocre marks at school.

Returning to education in her late 20s, she said the timing was right.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* from her home in the suburbs of Hobart, two things quickly become apparent about Ms Latham – an insatiable appetite for learning and an infectious fascination with insects.

Now at 31, she is studying a Bachelor of Zoology at the University of Tasmania and receiving great marks, with plans to do entomology (the study of insects) in her honours year.

"I guess I was always curious about insects. As a kid in Queensland I remember watching the green ants and being absolutely fascinated, but I never thought of it as being into insects," she said.

"I never thought about studying insects before, there's a lot of things you're interested in life, but you don't think about it as something beyond the day to day, until I did conservation and land management and (learnt about) bringing in insects to deal with pests. It's got a lot of promise.

"I like insects – I'm interested in them, they're like little aliens.

"I didn't think I was smart enough to go to university. I went to 11 different primary schools around Australia, and my highest mark at school was a C.

"I learnt a lot of other things, like how to communicate and how to understand."

Ms Latham says she honed her communication skills while hitch-hiking



Romanee Latham with her daughter Isabella and their pet spiny leaf insect – they both enjoy the 'ewh' reaction they get from people about their 'curious' low-maintenance pets.

around Australia when she was 18, spending long hours talking to truckies and other strangers who gave her a lift.

Ms Latham began her foray into tertiary education studying horticulture, which led to work but left her somewhat

depressed with the industry.

She returned to the Tasmanian Polytechnic to complete a Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management which led to casual work with Conservation Volunteers Australia and gave her the confidence to consider university.

"The work was awesome, but it started to dwindle, and I thought I have to do something with myself," she said.

Ms Latham gave university a go, and has blown away any self-doubt about her ability, gaining a high distinction in chemistry units over the summer, and credits and distinctions in last semester's units.

"I used to think university was absolutely unobtainable," she said.

"I'm interested in research when I finish uni, such as biological control.

"I get bored, I'd like to do something where you are constantly learning as part of your job."

Ms Latham is happy that she can now show her nine-year-old daughter Isabella, whom she is solely responsible for raising, that higher education is obtainable.

"Isabella can look at me and say mum can go to uni, so I can go to uni, it doesn't seem so out of reach," she said.

"I'm doing it for myself, but as a role model I can see it's having a positive effect on her.

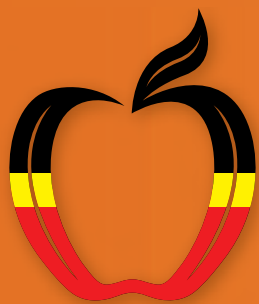
"Life has handed me a good deal since Isabella has come along.

"I did a lot of running amok when I was younger and I got it out of my system. I didn't miss out on anything.

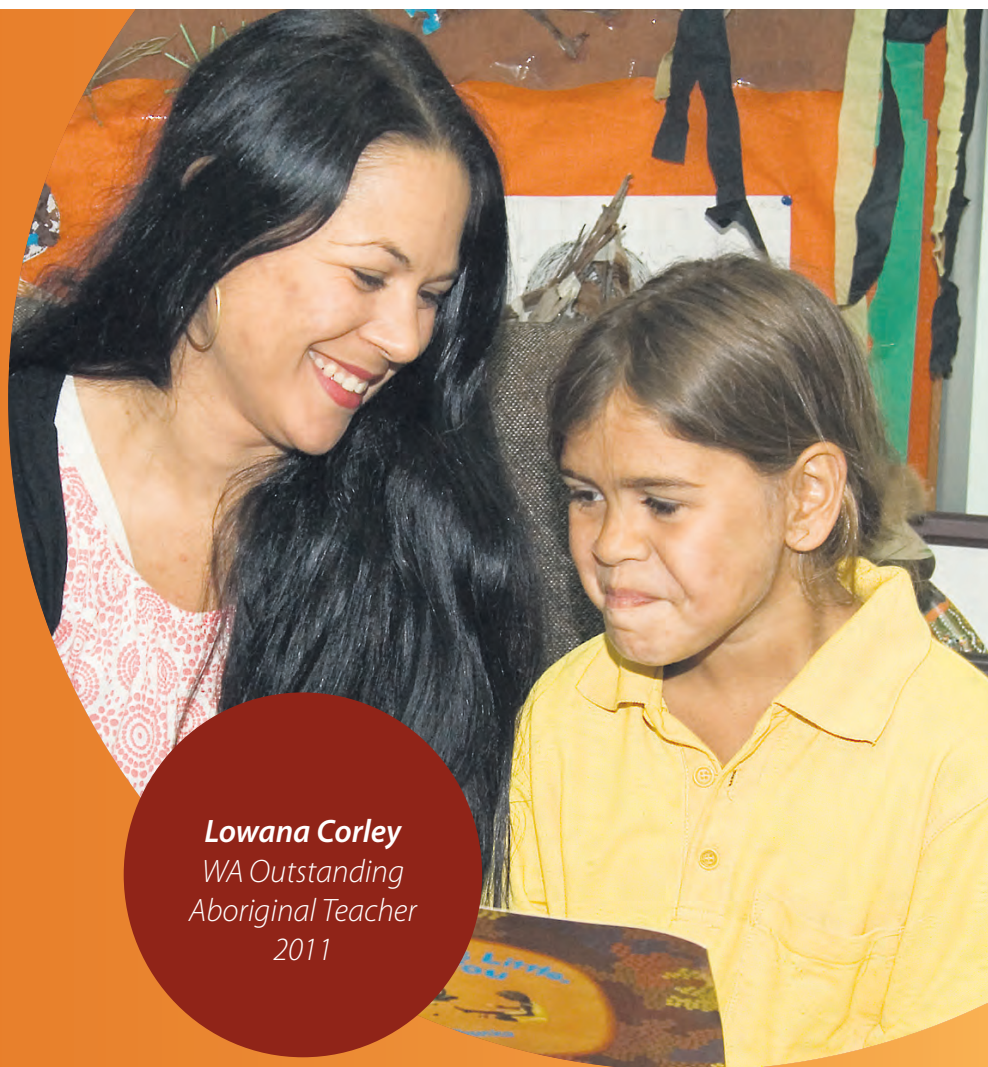
"It's a good time in my life to go to uni."

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Course offers help



The entrance to the Broome Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

THE University of Notre Dame Broome Campus has introduced a new course it says will be of great benefit to students. Called the Foundation Year Program, it has been designed to increase access to

university study and address the needs of students living in regional and remote communities! The university says most of the course is delivered off-campus, in flexible mode and utilises video

conferencing, enabling the student to study in their home community. There is one week of face-to-face lectures (delivered at the Broome and Fremantle campuses) at the start of the program. This time

is also used to induct students into the program and familiarise students with the technology required. The university says student-incurred costs have been kept to a minimum. Students undertaking this

program need a computer with stable internet access, a set of headphones and a web camera. For more information, contact the Broome campus on 1800 640 500 or email broome.enquiries@nd.edu.au

Mary is an inspiration



Newly-appointed TAFE Aboriginal teacher coach Mary Dumas, of Taree, in northern New South Wales.

WHEN mother-of-four Mary Dumas became a widow unexpectedly in 2000, she knew she would have to make something of herself and inspire others to succeed.

Twelve years on and Mary is now Aboriginal teacher coach at Taree TAFE in northern New South Wales.

She helps Aboriginal students of all ages to improve their academic performance, so that they also can find a satisfying life.

The initiative to employ trained Aboriginal teachers has been rolled out across North Coast TAFE.

"Personal tragedy inspired me to reach out for my potential and to become a role model, not just for my own children but also for other kids in the community," Mary said.

Her path to success has been many years in the making.

Having initially been a TAFE student in 1997, Mary said she knew that education was the key to unlocking career and personal success and building community capacity and confidence.

In 2001, Mary started doing support work with Aboriginal students at Chatham High School (Taree).

Finding she needed more and more 'tools for the job', Mary decided to upgrade her qualifications and enrolled in a Bachelor of Secondary Education,

majoring in English and Aboriginal Studies. During this period, she was also employed at Taree's Ghinni Ghinni Youth and Culture Aboriginal Corporation and also at St Joseph's Primary School.

Mary completed her degree studies in 2008, extending those qualifications with a TAFE training and assessment qualification the following year.

Last year, TAFE director of community development and Aboriginal engagement

Heather McGregor was instrumental in negotiating an academic pathway to higher education for Aboriginal students.

Together with Taree TAFE head teacher of education Margaret Gardner, she formulated a new course, the Diploma of Aboriginal Studies, based out of Taree but relevant for all of North Coast TAFE's northern NSW footprint.

Mary is now on the teaching staff of the inaugural diploma

course, in her first major teaching role. She says she can finally see all her years of study and work coming to fruition. At the same time she supports Koori students at two campuses in team teaching efforts, with tutorial groups, one-one support and also with work placement.

"The possibilities for our people are getting better all the time," she says.

'The possibilities for our people are getting better all the time'



Elders and visitors from Port Stephens, Newcastle, Taree, Gloucester, Forster, Maitland, Lake Macquarie and the Central Coast.

Elders gather to share ideas and experiences



MORE than 140 Elders shared experiences and

exchanged ideas during a meeting late last month near Newcastle, NSW.

From eight different communities, they gathered at the Murrook Cultural Centre in Williamtown.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the event was a valuable opportunity for Elders to share experiences, exchange ideas and inspire each other.

"The collective wisdom of Aboriginal Elders is a truly unique asset," he said.

"The NSW Government provided \$1500 for this event because we recognise it is a valuable opportunity for Elders to come together to discuss their aspirations and their concerns."

Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council chairman



Elders from Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation Inc.

Neville Lilley said the gatherings were a tremendous concept.

"They give our Elders an opportunity to come together across our traditional boundaries when we wouldn't

normally because of the distance," he said.

"We can get to know each other, encourage each other, and hear what other land councils are doing."

Senior Worimi Elder John

Ridgeway, from the Port Stephens area, was also positive.

"It's great to see so many different faces from different parts of the country in gatherings like this," he said.



Sandra Ridgeway, Pam Kime and Penny Walsh at the gathering.



Uncle Neville Lilley welcomed all to country.

Coalition pledge to protect reef

Vibe 3on3 is on the way to Mount Isa



THE Federal Coalition has ruled out changing the boundaries of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area if it gains power at the next election.

Queensland Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney has said there would be merit in excising Gladstone Harbour and possibly other ports from the 20,000 sq km World Heritage Area.

However, the Federal Government has said it has no plans to shift the boundaries and now the Opposition has also weighed in.

"The Federal Coalition is not proposing any change to the boundaries for the Great Barrier Reef," environment spokesman Greg Hunt said in a statement.

"We acknowledge the passion of Queenslanders for the reef because they know more than any other people how important it is to protect it and they have

a strong track record in doing so.

"The local communities are the real guardians of the reef on behalf of the rest of Australia and the World Heritage listing.

"We can work together to support both the environment and development. They are not mutually exclusive."

Grave concerns

The statement will be welcomed by environmentalists, who have expressed grave concerns after Mr Seeney made his comments on Wednesday.

State Labor Leader Annastasia Palaszczuk accused the Government of creating policy on the run.

Mt Isa MP Rob Katter said Mr Seeney's comments flew in the face of Liberal National Party statements ahead of last month's election, which delivered a massive majority to the LNP.

"The LNP are proving that they are completely hypocritical, with their rhetoric prior to the campaign now washed away with absolute power," Mr Katter said.

"Prior to the election the LNP campaigned against Labor's Gladstone Harbour policy, but now they have rushed ahead with new approvals and are pushing to change marine park boundaries and reduce protections."

A spokeswoman from Heron Island Resort, 70km from Gladstone, said the arguments should put the reef ahead of partisan attacks.

"The future of the Great Barrier Reef should be all about protection and never about politics," she said.

"We have a natural treasure on our doorstep at Heron Island, which is home to incredible coral bommies, colourful marine life and sensitive turtle breeding grounds." — AAP



THE National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3 – is set to roll into Mt Isa in Queensland on 1 May.

The event features a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition, a free barbecue and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

The Vibe 3on3 will be held at the Mt Isa Multi-Purpose Centre, at the corner of Jessop Drive and Sports Parade Avenue, and will also feature a host of Indigenous role models to inspire students, from dancers to rappers, artists and breakdancers.

To participate in the Mt Isa Vibe 3on3, young people need to pre-register through their schools. Registrations are open now and schools can phone for more information on 1800 623 430 or go to www.vibe.com.au to register.

Spruce up for poles



Ross Storey, from CAN WA, and volunteer Alan Boundary, of Kellerberrin, prepare one of the power poles.



POWER poles featuring Aboriginal artworks in the main street of the West Australian wheat belt town of Kellerberrin are being restored.

A local artist, now deceased, painted the street poles more than 20 years ago and the local Noongar community decided it was time to spruce them up.

Community Arts Network WA managing director Pilar Kasat said the paintings had faded over time and several were in danger of disappearing forever.

"So we are delighted to be able to deliver a community arts project that is not only driven by the local community, but it is also very close to their hearts," she said.

"CAN WA has engaged acclaimed Noongar artist Sharyn Egan to oversee the repainting and to work with the local community to develop some new designs.

"The aim of the project is to return the poles to their former glory and provide a strong cultural statement on the main street of town."

The community art project has received the backing of the Shire of Kellerberrin.



Volunteers Alan and Telariah Boundary working on a pole in the WA Wheatbelt town of Kellerberrin. Photos by Michelle White

Rockdale City Council

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Have Your Say Plan of Management for Public Open Space

Rockdale City Council invites you to attend a community engagement meeting for the development of Council's Plan of Management for Public Open Spaces (Community Land). There are several community meetings planned to take place around the city for your convenience:

Have Your Say at the Community Workshops

Syd Frost Hall, Hawthorne Street, Ramsgate Beach	Thursday 19 April	6pm – 8pm
Kingsgrove / Bexley North Community Centre, 54A Shaw Street, Kingsgrove	Saturday 28 April	10am – 12pm
Arncliffe Community Centre, Coronation Hall, Cnr Barden and Stanley Streets, Arncliffe	Tuesday 8 May	10am – 12pm
Council Conference Room, Level 2, 2 Bryant Street, Rockdale	Saturday 19 May	2pm – 4pm
Council Conference Room, Level 2, 2 Bryant Street, Rockdale	Tuesday 29 May	6pm – 8pm
TBA	Monday 4 June	2pm – 4pm

If you are unable to attend, you are still able to participate in the engagement process by:

Filling in the Survey: Go to Council's website www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au and look for the "Plan of Management – Public Open Spaces" link for the online survey

Writing an email to: rcc@rockdale.nsw.gov.au

Writing a letter to: The General Manager, Rockdale City Council, PO Box 21, Rockdale NSW 2216

Making an appointment and coming in to talk to our friendly staff at: Customer Service Centre, Rockdale City Council, 2 Bryant Street, Rockdale NSW 2216

What is a Plan of Management?

A Plan of Management is a document that council uses to inform its staff, the community and other stakeholders on matters concerning public open space or parks. It ensures that the methods of caring for and managing parks are all clearly identified and publicly available. Council manages the parks on behalf of the community, so here is your opportunity to contribute to the well being of your parks, have your say on what you would like to see happen in your parks.

Council is required to have a plan of management for all public open space to satisfy the legal requirements of the Local Government Act (1993). Council also proposes to utilise the Plan to successfully manage its public open space resources in a sustainable manner on behalf of the community to meet "the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

The proposed Plan will provide the guiding principles for each category of community land and provide the governing direction to ensure:

- ▶ Economic viability – to enable the ongoing costs of maintenance, capital improvements and capital replacements to be met.
- ▶ Environmental or ecological sustainability – to allow various uses to occur within the public open space, while not diminishing, endangering or destroying the natural ecosystems.
- ▶ Social capital – permitting opportunities for the community to participate in activities which bring them together e.g. sporting matches, cultural festivals, family celebrations, and provide social interaction, physical activity and exchange of values and information.

For more information on how a plan of management works go to the Plan of Management webpage on Council's website www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au



Kellerberrin Elder Charlotte Smith with artist Sharyn Egan, shown below painting one of the poles.



First Friday a big event for institute



THE first Friday of every month has become a major event at the Institute of Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs.

That's when the educational and publishing organisation is holding open days to network, promote, share, discuss, market, sell and enjoy the work and achievement of Aboriginal people from Alice Springs and Central Australia.

The first First Friday last month was hailed as a great success despite rain.

This month's event has been cancelled because of Good Friday, but another full program has been planned for Friday, 4 May.

IAD general manager Janice Harris said last month's event was 'an exceptional afternoon of entertainment, networking and information sharing'.

"Amongst our guests and activities we

hosted senior Arrernte artist and author M K Turner, the team from Akeyulerre with their bush cosmetics, the Bush Bands Bash 2011 video and lots of family focused activities," she said.

"A highlight of the day was the graduation by the participants from the Karen Sheldon Training and Development program held in the Kwerralye Café. The day finished up with a soulful performance by Alice Springs resident singer songwriter Catherine Satour."

The theme for the May First Friday event will be 'Language: speaking from the heart'.

"Language for all people is the basis of who we are and is the foundation to identity and well-being – physical, emotional and spiritual," Ms Harris said.

For more information and to register interest, contact 0429 848 236 or press.manager@iad.edu.au

From left, IAD general manager Janice Harris, Arrernte artist and author M K Turner and IAD Press customer service officer Gina Campbell.



Good things in store



LOCALS from Beswick, south-east of Katherine in the Northern Territory, are celebrating the return of their local store to community ownership.

The enterprise went into voluntary administration three years ago and the government-owned Outback Stores began managing the store and working with the community to improve financial management, staff training and to introduce new retail practices.

On 30 March, the store was handed back to the Beswick Store Committee on behalf of the Wuduluk Progress Aboriginal Corporation, with Outback Stores continuing to help manage it.

Beswick Store Committee chairperson Peter Lindsay, who has lived in the community for more than 18 years, said he had seen the changes in the store since it went into administration.

'Happy time'

"The shelves are now chock-a-block with fresh food and there is a variety of products to choose from," Mr Lindsay said. "We have come to a happy time. If it wasn't for the community, the whole community itself, we wouldn't be where we are now."

Mr Lindsay said the committee worked with Outback Stores to make decisions about the store to meet the community's needs.

Outback Stores CEO Steve Moore said it was a fantastic outcome for the community.

"Within three years the store has been turned around – debts have been paid, new retail systems introduced, facilities upgraded and a steady supply of healthy food is provided to the community," he said.

"Outback Stores will continue to work with the store committee to manage the store, hire local staff and invest profits back into the community."



The Darwin and Beswick Outback Stores team in the Beswick Store. Photos supplied



Jason White stocking the fridge at the Beswick Store.



Staff members Maureen Loman and Ronnie Ah Fat cooking the barbecue at the store handback celebration.



Store committee chairperson Peter Lindsay at the Beswick community event.

Court dismisses costs application



THE Federal Court has dismissed an application for costs against the former directors of the Dunghutti Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation) Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC).

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven made the application after the Federal Court dismissed an appeal in July 2011 by the corporation, the directors of which were attempting to prevent it being

placed under special administration.

The registrar had sought costs against the directors for the unsuccessful appeal, but Chief Judge Keane, and Justices Lander and Foster dismissed the application.

Held on trust

Mr Beven said the application for costs was to protect the native title compensation money held on trust by the corporation for the Dunghutti people.

Mr Beven said the Dunghutti Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC was incorporated on 11 November 1996 and was registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*.

"It is a registered native title body corporate that manages native title claims and deals with compensation funds from native title claims on behalf of the Dunghutti people in the Kempsey region of New South Wales," he said.

"In 1997 and 2010 the corporation was paid \$738,000 and \$6.1 million respectively by the NSW Government as compensation for the extinguishment of Dunghutti native title at Crescent Head in New South Wales.

"On 2 September 2011 the Registrar placed the corporation under special administration for a period of six months to protect the corporation's assets, review the membership of the corporation and put in place stronger governance and financial processes."



At the cotton training program launch are Narrabri Aboriginal Land Council CEO Lyn Trindall, Cotton CRC's Jane Trindall, trainees George Lamb (front), Blake Hilderson, Gus Mason and Shane Toomey and TAFE trainer Verity Gett.

Trainees start work in cotton industry



ABORIGINAL cotton industry trainees have started work at Narrabri, northern NSW, as part of the CRC Cotton Trainee Program.

Launched by the Cotton Catchment Communities Cooperative Research Centre (CRC), the program aims to enhance the job skills and employment rates of Aboriginal workers.

George Lamb, Gus Mason, Shane Toomey and Blake Hilderson are the first four recruits to take on the 12-month course, which is designed to result in a Certificate II in Rural Production qualification.

Under the program, the men will play key roles in implementing critical revegetation projects while building their skills in natural resource management.

They will take on environmental rehabilitation projects in local

bushland and along rivers and creeks, and will be trained through host farm placements in agricultural activities such as machinery maintenance, irrigation system operation, crop planting and harvesting.

George Lamb said working on the host farms had been far more enjoyable than other jobs and

wonderful to see how excited the boys were about starting work on local farms.

"They're a great group and their enthusiasm has been matched by the host farms who've welcomed the boys in to their workplaces," she said.

Ms Knight said the Sydney University Wheat Breeding Institute, the Australian Cotton Research Institute and Cotton Seed Distributors farming operation had all taken on trainees.

The host farms have been supported by the CRC with trainee wages subsidised through the

Caring for our Country initiative and administered by the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Training is provided by the TAFE NSW New England Institute as part of a program negotiated with the host farm businesses to ensure trainees are in the workplace when they're needed most.

'There's a big range of things to do on a farm so that it keeps the job interesting. It doesn't get repetitive and monotonous'

employment programs he'd been involved in.

"There's a big range of things to do on a farm so that it keeps the job interesting," he said. "It doesn't get repetitive and monotonous."

Sally Knight, the CRC's liaison officer between the trainees, TAFE, and host farmers, said it had been

Inquiry told of booze threat



ALCOHOL bottles should carry clear labels warning women of the detrimental effect drinking can have on unborn babies, a parliamentary hearing has been told.

A range of medical experts who believe the dangers of alcohol should be highlighted to pregnant women have addressed a public inquiry into Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

FASD can affect the children of mothers who drink during pregnancy and can result in developmental difficulties such as speech disorders, as well as abnormal structural developments of the face and head.

Professor Elizabeth Elliott, from the Westmead Hospital FASD clinic, told the inquiry there were multiple factors influencing the effect of alcohol on unborn babies, including genetic predispositions of the baby.

"The safest option is to recommend to people for the short term of nine months to avoid alcohol," she said.

However, she said that with evidence drinking in young Australian women was on the rise, other tactics were needed. These could include education programs, an increase of the tax on alcohol and a limit put on its availability, as well as clear labels.

"We hope the Government will select explicit and clear research-based labels, as advised by health professionals," Prof Elliott told the hearing on behalf of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

'Loud labelling'

The labels have been compared to the 'loud labelling' on tobacco products.

Women should be advised that no alcohol is the safest option during pregnancy, Prof Elliott said.

"We will never know exactly what is the safe limit because we're not going to experiment on pregnant women," she said.

Professor John Whitehall, who chairs the University of Western Sydney's pediatrics and child health foundation, said education programs at school levels should be implemented.

Professor Jennifer Fraser, from the Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses, echoed the call for education programs targeted at school-age children.

"Prevention strategies need to occur much earlier and schools are a good place for that prevention effort," Prof Fraser said.

She said one of the key ways to target drinking in young women was to focus efforts on educating men of the dangers of alcohol abuse.

"There's strong evidence to suggest that drinking habits of women are influenced very strongly by their partners that they are living with and the men with whom they grow up," Prof Fraser told the inquiry.

The hearing was continuing. — AAP

Elders shown Nimbin Rocks project



NORTH Coast TAFE tour guiding students working in conjunction with Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council presented their Nimbin Rocks cultural tourism project to Bundjalung Elders last week.

Elder Vivien Laurie listened to presentations on Indigenous cultural storytelling, flora and fauna, and bush tucker and crafts, with lunch featuring traditional foods including kangaroo, emu and barramundi prepared by the students.

"This is a very important project for the young people to learn about the area, our culture, the people and especially the Rocks; they need to take the reins and keep the stories to tell others and show the world," she said.

Ngulingah LALC initiated the Nimbin Rocks project to ensure preservation of the site and bring the community together and the next aim is to develop an eco-tourism venture.

● **Pictured right: Students and teachers at Nimbin Rocks. Standing, from left, Bawoo Cockatoo, teachers Athol Compton, Allyson Taylor and Greg Nye and Allan Hunt. Front, from left, Gilbert Laurie, Bindhi Gaze, Angela Collyer and Mirra-Winni Gaze.**



Event in harmony

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



BABY Risha Robertson's flag summed up the theme and the vibe of an event held in Townsville to celebrate Harmony Day last month.

Six-month-old Risha and her mum Roberta Robertson and Craig Morris were amongst more than 200 people who gathered for the celebrations at Townsville High School's basketball court building on 23 March with a local theme of 'Everyone Belongs'.

The event featured cultural displays and performances, information stalls, an international feast, sport and other games.

The celebrations also had a distinctly Torres Strait Islander flavour, helped along by Murray Islander Maman Martin and Darnley Islander Millianna Davey entertaining the crowd, together with guitar strummer Albert Rahman who is originally from Papua New Guinea.

The trio acknowledged the Bindal and Wulgurukaba tribes on whose land the event was held.

"One of our songs was *Nade Ma*

Nali which means 'where are you?' and it is good to see so many youth from different cultures enjoying this," Maman said.

Uncle Albert, Maman and Millianna are also members of the local Community Justice Respected Elders Group and Murri Court.

"This type of event is great for racial harmony and promotes friendship and goodwill and we were glad to be involved," Uncle Albert said.

Harmony Day is held annually and promotes cultural diversity – an environment in which all people see a place for themselves in Australia's future.

It is funded by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to promote understanding and build bridges between youth from refugee, mainstream and Indigenous backgrounds.

Students involved in the Townsville event included newcomers from Somalia, Congo, Burma, Thailand, Nepal, Liberia, Rwanda, Papua New Guinea and youth from the Tokalau, as well as members of the local Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and mainstream communities.



Murray Islander Maman Martin and Darnley Islander Millianna Davey with Albert Rahman holding his guitar.



Baby Risha Robertson holds a Harmony Day flag with mum Roberta Robertson and Craig Morris.



On stage, from left, Uncle Albert Abdul Rahman, Queensland Education's community councillor Kitty Henaway, Maman Martin and Millianna Davey.

Artist hopes to inspire youth

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



NOW that his artistic talent has been discovered, Palm Island-born Paul Conway hopes it will inspire young Indigenous youths to find their own.

The 48-year-old has a month-long display of his paintings at the Holiday Inn in the Townsville city centre. The *Koori Mail* checked it out earlier this month.

Mr Conway said that, until now, his paintings had been hidden away on his walls, but visiting friends had told him they were good.

"My works incorporate my Palm Island clan totem the rainbow serpent. It's good they're on display at the Holiday Inn where tourists from all over the place come and look at them," he said.

Mr Conway blends earthy tones with a modern colour pallet and technique to depict traditional subjects and symbols.

"The animals of the land and sea have been used to tell the story of my Bwgcolman people who have a kindness in their hearts," he said.

Advice passed to Mr Conway from his mother was to surround himself with colour to strengthen and warm the spirit within.

"Whilst painting has been handed down from generation to generation, I am the only one in my family to have



Paul Conway and some of his art on display at the Holiday Inn in Townsville.

kept going with it," he said.

"I want to be a role model for youngsters and hope they can develop their own talent whether it be painting, boxing or football. We all have skills."

Mr Conway, who attended St Michael's Catholic Primary School on Palm before attending Cairns High, said he had 15 paintings on show at the Holiday Inn.

One of his favourites was a big one highlighting Uluru and the animals living around it.

"It takes me about three to four days to finish a painting," he said.

Mr Conway said he was delighted that a special art committee had been formed on Palm Island to encourage and support painters and sculptors.

Protest rally set for Melbourne



A PROTEST rally is being planned for Melbourne next month to mark the death in jail of transgender woman Veronica Baxter three years ago, and the 23rd anniversary of the police shooting of Aboriginal man David Gundy.

The rally is being organised by the Indigenous Social Justice Association – Melbourne as part of what it has declared a year of action to encourage people to become active campaigners.

To feature speakers from Victoria's transgender community and Deaths in Custody campaigners, the event is planned for 11am on 12 May on the steps of the Old General Post Office, at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne.

ISJA spokesperson Cheryl Kaulfuss said it was shameful that 21 years after the release of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody



CHERYL KAULFUSS

people were still dying needlessly.

"One recommendation is that imprisonment be the last resort," she said.

"Yet Aboriginal people continue to be locked up for minor transgressions and face racist over-policing.

"The result is that an Aboriginal person is 14.3 per cent more likely to be jailed than a non-Indigenous person."

Another ISJA spokesperson, Alison Thorne, said there were a number of issues to be tackled to reduce deaths in custody.

"The privatisation of prisons, the use of lethal weapons such as Tasers, the escalation of police powers, the shocking

lack of accountability coupled with the system where police investigate police are all issues that increase the risk of deaths in custody," Ms Thorne said.

"While our group focuses on stopping Aboriginal deaths in custody, winning changes that save the lives of Indigenous people will benefit all who come into contact with police and the prison system."

Police pursuit policy queried



WEST Australian police must reassess their pursuit policies following the death of an innocent woman during the unauthorised police chase of a stolen vehicle, the State Opposition says. Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan has promised a full and open investigation after two constables pursuing a stolen Audi, crashed into the woman's Toyota Corolla after running a red light at Dianella in Perth's north on Thursday.

The 50-year-old's daughter, who had been celebrating her 16th birthday, was injured in the crash, while the two officers sustained minor injuries.

Mr O'Callaghan has confirmed the officers had not received the required authority to pursue the Audi when they ran the red light at an intersection and T-boned the woman's car.

She died an hour later in Royal Perth Hospital.

Mr O'Callaghan has confirmed the officers requested permission to

pursue the Audi at 11.05am (WST) but had not been given clearance to do so.

A minute later the officers were calling for an ambulance, he said.

Opposition police spokeswoman Michelle Roberts says police chases are risky and Mr O'Callaghan must review the force's pursuit policy following the woman's death.

"In my view police pursuits should only occur in extraordinary circumstances," she said.

Risk of injury

"If it's just a matter of a stolen car, serious as that is, I think many in the public would weigh up that benefit against the risk of injury to innocent parties and police officers."

Ms Roberts said pursuing a stolen car in the middle of the day in built-up areas was not warranted, given the risks.

She said that in other cases, drivers being pursued by police drove erratically and crashed into other cars.

Ms Roberts said the policy of requiring officers to seek permission for pursuits was a good one, and

officers should not assume that such authority would be given.

She said the average police officer may not have had the required police pursuit training and often did not have the appropriate cars for high-speed chases.

Mr O'Callaghan said Major Crash Unit officers would investigate the smash while the WA Police Internal Affairs Unit would investigate whether the officers had followed correct procedures.

He said the force constantly reviewed its pursuit procedures, particularly after crashes, but the community did not want police to stop chasing offenders in vehicles.

"I think people want us to chase offenders," he said. "What we've got to make sure is that our policies are correct, that the police officers obey the policies and they drive within the limits that are set."

The stolen Audi was later found burning in East Perth.

Police have arrested a 21-year-old man who was a passenger in the Audi and charged him with stealing a vehicle and criminal damage by fire. — AAP



Mary Chatfield with NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group vice president Ken Weatherall. Photos courtesy NSW Department Education and Communities



Jonathon Kennedy, of Blakehurst High School, with NSW Department of Education Aboriginal education and training director Michelle Hall.

Dream win for Mary



RESPECTED Campbelltown/Airb resident Mary Chatfield was honoured during the sixth annual Nanga Mai Awards held at the State Library of NSW in Sydney earlier this month.

Ms Chatfield, who has worked for more than 20 years to improve the education of Aboriginal children and is currently director of the only Aboriginal pre-school in the Airb community, was presented with the Award for Outstanding Contribution

to Educational Achievement by a Community Member for her commitment to 'making a noticeable difference in the lives of her own people and her local community'.

Other recipients from Sydney metropolitan area schools were:

- Jonathon Kennedy, Blakehurst High School – Aspirational Award
- Mariah Reynolds, East Hills Girls Technology High School – Student Leadership Award
- Paige Stewart, Campbelltown

Performing Arts High School – Student Leadership Award.

They were joined by award-winners from across the state.

Eora word

Nanga Mai is the Eora word for 'dream' and the awards celebrate and recognise innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education in NSW public schools, school communities and Department of Education and Communities regional and state offices.

NSW Department of Education and Communities Aboriginal education and training director Michelle Hall said the Nanga Mai Awards were an opportunity for students and staff, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, and schools and communities to shine.

"The awards showcase those who are among the best and brightest in public education," she said.

"The awards can lay the foundations for the ignition and fulfillment of one's dreams or

aspirations for a life nurtured by many learnings and achievements.

"They are a great honour and I extend my congratulations to the students, staff and Aboriginal community members who have contributed so much to education in our homes, communities, schools and regions.

More details of the awards are available at: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/what-we-offer/awards-scholarships-and-grants/awards-nanga-mai-awards>



Award-winner Paige Stewart, of Campbelltown Performing Arts High School.



Award-winner Mariah Reynolds, of East Hills Girls Technology High School.

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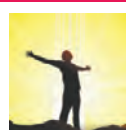
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Walgett teams in a league of their own



WALGETT Public School won both divisions at the Goodooga primary schools gala day of rugby league at Goodooga's Magpie Park recently.

Lightning Ridge Central School, Goodooga Central School and Walgett entered teams in the Years 3-4 and Years 5-6 competitions.

The Years 3-4 division was a thriller, with Goodooga and Walgett drawing their final match 16-all at full time, with Walgett winning 20-16 in extra time.

They had earlier beaten Lightning Ridge 24-4.

Goodooga was unlucky to finish runner-up after beating Lightning Ridge 20-16 and leading 16-12 just before full time against Walgett.

Walgett speedster and player of the Years 3-4 tournament Shannon Morgan ran 50m to score and take the game into extra time. It was one of several long-range tries he scored on the day.

In the Years 5-6 division, Goodooga started its campaign with a 20-8 win against Lightning Ridge.

Walgett then beat Lightning Ridge 28-12 before toppling Goodooga 32-16 to win the title.

Jacob Thurston (Walgett) was named player of the Years 5-6 tournament.

While there were fewer teams than last year, all schools were happy with the action and reported there were many tired and happy students after running around in 30-degree temperatures.

The emphasis was on fun, and the children had plenty of that.

Walgett PS Years 3-4 side included Malik Dennis, Trudy Sharpley, Victor Fernando, Trent Mason, Kyandra Sullivan, Nicholas Kennedy, Shannon Morgan, Chris Murray, Robert Murray and Tre Teara-Jones while Shauri Carberry, Allan Carberry, Kaleb Sands, David Mason, Dion Jones, Jacob Thurston, Jayden Murray and Rob McGrady were in



Walgett's Shannon Morgan (Years 3-4) and Jacob Thurston (Years 5-6) were named players of the final at the Goodooga primary schools rugby league gala day.

the Walgett Years 5-6 team.

Goodooga CS Years 3-4 team included Kenneth Skuthorpe, Keisha Jarrett, Tyron Cochrane, Shelton Brown, Kia Coffey, Leah Lamb and Shakira Cochrane while Farren Lamb, Jono Brown, Leslie Stanton, Tarni Jarrett, Monique Cubby, Brett Jackson, Priscilla Barker, Ursula Coffey and Kirsten McDonald were

in Goodooga CS Years 5-6 team.

Lightning Ridge CS was represented by Oscar Cheal, Dylan Ciprian, Feli Ciprian, Jacob Ellis, Jock Ellis, Thomas Ellis, Lachlan Johnston, Kyhnan Samuelsson, Jack Stone, Bradley Watt, Sean White and Luke White across both age divisions.

— Submitted by Dallas Reeves

\$583m in Govt funds for NT



THE Federal Government says it will spend more than half a billion dollars over the next 10 years to improve Indigenous education in the Northern Territory. The Government announced the \$583 million package early this month, saying it will pay for a range

of programs including 200 extra teachers and teaching assistants, a school nutrition program and housing for teachers.

The funding will be included in the 2012/13 Federal Budget to be handed down on 8 May.

"I think we've got a comprehensive wrap of measures, which basically covers all of those things which we know can and will make a difference," Schools Minister Peter Garrett said in Canberra.

"I'm confident that we've got the right framework in place."

The package also included a previously announced \$85.6 million for a so-called Improving School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure (SEAM).

Mr Garrett said making sure children actually attended school was vital. This would be supported by having better teachers and engagement between schools and communities as well as sending a message to the small number of parents who didn't see the value of school attendance.

Other measures to be covered by the funds include extra professional development for Aboriginal school staff and specialist training for teachers in intensive numeracy and literacy for students who have English as a second language.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Labor wanted to announce the funding before 2012-13 Budget to give certainty to thousands of workers whose current program funding winds up at the end of June.

"We're making these announcements now to give these people certainty in the jobs that they're doing but also to say to Aboriginal people, we're there with you for the next 10 years," she said. — AAP

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New WA family centre part of moves to close the gap



WA EDUCATION Minister Liz Constable says a new children and family centre to be built at Middle Swan and Clayton

View primary schools is part of the Government's Closing the Gap Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership.

"There are a high number of disadvantaged families in the Middle Swan and Koongamia areas and the two schools chosen have a significant percentage of Aboriginal students enrolled," Dr Constable said.

"This centre will help to

ensure that, rather than children playing catch-up when they start school, they are well prepared to go into pre-primary and prosper, which is even more important as pre-primary education becomes compulsory in 2013.

"Learning begins at birth and we know the early years are the most vital to a child's development, so nutrition, good parenting and health care all play vital roles in helping prepare children to do well at school."

Through the national partnership, the Federal Government has provided \$42.35 million to establish five WA children and family centres,

with the other four at Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Kununurra and Roebourne.

Facilities at the Middle Swan site will include a family centre, creche and health consulting rooms, while child care will be among the services at the Clayton View site.

"From talking with the communities, it is clear there is a need in the Swan region for family education such as parenting support, maternal and child health services, and cultural and language programs," Dr Constable said.

The Swan centre is expected to be completed next year, and open in January 2014.

Deadly sex celebrated



THE Deadly Sex Congress Awards has celebrated ten years, with 70 delegates from across Queensland attending a three-day conference culminating in a gala evening at the Gold Coast. The congress is an annual gathering of workers in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual health field.

Organiser and Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council sexual health and blood borne viruses co-ordinator Sidney Williams said the event covered a wide range of topics including epidemiology, contact tracing, HIV prevention and education, health promotion and working with at-risk populations.

"The awards recognise the contribution the sector makes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual and reproductive health in Queensland," he said.

Winners on the night included the 2 Spirits Program, Healthy Communities for the Collaboration for Change Award; Murri/Clinic Room, Ipswich Sexual Health Services for the Innovation in Practice Award; and Morgan Dempsey for the Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health Award.

Honourable mentions were made for Brett Mooney, Gay Menerey and Helen Withers.

Mr William said the awards also recognised contributions made by original Deadly Sex Congress committee members Aunty Betty McMahon, Tony Coburn, Dion Tatow, Colin Ross and Shaun Edwards.

2 Spirits health promotion officer Nikki Hill said the congress provided opportunities for networking and developing partnerships.

"As part of the 2 Spirits team, it was an honour to win the Collaboration for Change Award and for the project to be recognised by its peers for its work across the state in bringing



From the 2 Spirits Program, Healthy Communities, which won the Collaboration for Change Award, are Phillip Sariago, Nikki Hill, Arone Meeks and Brett Mooney. Absent from the photo is Michael Scott.

about change," she said.

"The Deadly Sex Congress is extremely successful in bringing together health workers, individuals, teams and community members that

are dedicated to providing high quality care and improving sexual health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Queensland."



Original committee members Colin Ross and Tony Coburn cut the cake.



Aunty Betty McMahon presenting Morgan Dempsey with the Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health Award.



Aunty Betty McMahon (second from left) presenting Wally Anderson, Natasha Chong, Karen McKellar and Caleb Meredith with the Murri/Clinic Room, Ipswich Sexual Health Service Innovation in Practice Award.



The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners



The RACGP National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Working Together

AWARDS FOR THE ANNUAL RACGP CONFERENCE

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is holding its annual conference (GP12) on the Gold Coast on 25-27 October, 2012. GP12 is a highlight event on the general practice events calendar, attended by GPs, medical educators, students, registrars, key influencers in Australian general practice and members of practice teams.

The RACGP's National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health invites applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people for two awards that it offers for this conference:

Standing Strong Together Award 2012

This award provides recognition for partnerships between GPs and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in improving the health of Indigenous Australians. The award will be for a total of \$5000 to be used for the purposes of providing an educational opportunity for the recipients or to continue their work. Each recipient will also receive a commemorative certificate at the conference.

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Medical students currently studying at an Australian university who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are invited to apply for a student bursary to attend this conference.

Interested applicants can download the application form from the RACGP website at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/awards>

Application deadline: 8 June 2012

Maari Ma a winner



BROKEN HILL-based Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation has won two awards at the 2012 Aboriginal Health Awards. The winners were announced during a ceremony in Sydney on the evening of National Close the Gap day.

Maari Ma took out the Director-General's Award for its workforce strategy – 'Planning for our future: developing and implementing an Indigenous workforce development plan in far west NSW'.

The service also won the Closing the Gap in Aboriginal Health through Excellence in the Chronic Care Award category for its Outback Vascular Health Service – specialist chronic disease care is now part of the local team.

Maari Ma CEO Bob Davis said that to receive recognition at a state level was testimony to the board's strategic vision and dedication of the organisation's staff over a long period.

"Providing services to Aboriginal people to improve their health outcomes is all about meeting health needs in a way that is appropriate and accessible for Aboriginal people," he said.

"We have been setting the foundations and implementing the strategies for increasing our skilled Aboriginal workforce for a long time and we are now seeing the positive impact our Aboriginal workforce development plan is having on the way community accesses our services.

"Similarly, Maari Ma's Chronic



Maari Ma Primary Health Care Service acting manager Justin Files holds the Chronic Care Award for the Outback Vascular Health Service. He's with awards MC Rhoda Roberts, left, and NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner.

Disease Strategy has been in place since 2005.

"It's a whole-of-life course approach to chronic disease which begins with our Healthy Start Program and goes through

to our Keeping Well Program.

"The Outback Vascular Health Service (OVHS) is a key feature of the Keeping Well program.

"We understand the difference that effective health care can

make towards closing the gap.

"Investment in our workforce and investment in sound health programs will help maximise our ability to produce more sustainable health outcomes for

our communities to bring about a reduction in early mortality.

"We are encouraged and very pleased to have recognition of this investment at a state level."

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"I liaise with parents for child immunisation scheduling and I promote, through education and training, healthy sex behaviours for people aged 16-25 years within the Midwest community.

"What I find very rewarding is that I learn new skills every day.

"I recently coordinated a project for World Hepatitis Week and not only did I really enjoy being involved in this project but I also found it extremely interesting to learn more about hepatitis.



Naomi Chandler, Aboriginal Health Officer.

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Partnership praised as vital to close gap



THE ongoing partnership between the National Aboriginal Community

Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia has been hailed as vital in continuing to close the gap.

NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed said the partnership would result in 'vast improvements' in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people getting the prescription medicines they needed, along with tailored advice and assistance.

He was speaking after the national joint QUMAX and S100 forum in Melbourne, where more than 250 delegates discussed the need to integrate three programs that support medicines access and quality use of medicines for Indigenous people.

Mr Mohamed said all delegates supported the three programs – the section 100 supply and support program for



JUSTIN MOHAMED

remote area Aboriginal health services, the QUMAX program for non-remote Aboriginal community controlled health services, and the closing the gap PBS co-payment relief measure.

"This forum proved that the networking of Aboriginal health services with prescribers, pharmacies and allied health

professionals will produce outcomes to progress the continued improvement of these programs towards quality use of medicines for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and that will be one more step to close the gap," he said.

"These programs are an example of a true partnership to close the gap. It demonstrates the significant impact that Aboriginal community controlled health services can make in improving Aboriginal people's access to health care, in partnership with industry and government.

"If access to medicines is improved, then chronic disease can be reduced, and we can start to see some improvements in Aboriginal people's life expectancy.

"To close the gap we need to also help those patients who are the most needy and hard to reach. Our member services are able to do that because our services know the community and they are run by the community, for the community."

Grants to target cervical cancer



A FUNDING scheme to help improve cervical screening rates in the Indigenous

community has started in Victoria.

It is run by PapScreen Victoria, which says Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are currently twice as likely to be diagnosed with cervical cancer and five times more likely to die from the disease than other women.

The organisation has offered grants of up to \$3000 each to Aboriginal health services and organisations dedicated to improving cervical screening for Indigenous women across Victoria. The funds can be used to provide additional Pap test clinics or to implement a health promotion event encouraging Indigenous women in their community to have regular Pap tests.

PapScreen Victoria Aboriginal Education Program co-ordinator Kylie Johnson says Indigenous women are a key priority when it comes to improving cervical screening participation.

Cultural barriers

"We know there are cultural barriers that Koori women face when it comes to having Pap tests, such as feelings of shame and the lack of a culturally appropriate or female provider," she said.

"Often there is also the issue of women knowing the health professional on a personal level – perhaps a relation or a family friend – and not feeling comfortable having the test for that reason.

"We believe these issues could be impacting screening behaviours within this population group, which in turn is contributing to the increased cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates.

"PapScreen Victoria's Koori Grants Program is just one initiative we're undertaking to help improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"We are also working closely with Aboriginal community controlled health organisations and Aboriginal health professionals to target cancer prevention messages.

"Education within these communities is crucial to effectively address these much higher rates of cervical cancer."

Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (VACCHO) CEO Jill Gallagher agrees. "Aboriginal people are significantly more likely to have cancers that have a poor prognosis, are usually diagnosed at a later stage, are less likely to receive adequate treatment, and are more likely to die from some cancers than other Australians," she said.

"Initiatives such as PapScreen Victoria's Koori Grants Program are fundamental to help raise awareness and reduce the prevalence and mortality of cancer within these communities."

For more information on cervical cancer, Pap tests and grants, visit www.papscreen.org.au



WA Health
Aboriginal cadet
Naomi Smith.

Health cadets on the job



NAOMI SMITH is among six cadets who will complete 12 weeks' paid work experience with the Western Australian

Department of Health – the first such intake.

The six cadets have been placed in various areas including health promotion, health system improvement and environmental health.

Since starting her cadetship, Ms Smith has become part of the department's health promotion team developing quit

smoking campaigns for Aboriginal communities.

"I have met so many people who have offered me really useful advice on career pathways and opportunities," she said.

"The flexible working hours are also an added bonus as they make it so much easier to manage my university commitments.

"I am really enjoying working on a project aimed at changing behaviours at such a grassroots level.

"It is also rewarding to see first hand how a program such

as this is already improving people's health."

Ms Smith's supervisor David Waters said her skills and enthusiasm were proving an asset to the team.

"The tackling smoking programs are targeted at Aboriginal people of all ages," he said.

"Naomi provides a fresh perspective on how we can make these programs more relevant, especially to younger people."

Director of the Aboriginal health division Jenni Collard said the cadetship program

offered win-win outcomes for all involved.

"Aboriginal university students gain paid work experience and lay the foundations for a career in WA Health, while our workforce benefits from access to talented students keen to gain experience in a real life environment," she said.

"Attracting and retaining strong performing cadets will develop WA Health's skilled workforce and be instrumental in shaping future strategies to improve Aboriginal health."

New report 'a wake-up call'



A NEW report showing most Australians have at least one preventable risk factor for chronic disease has been labeled a wake-up call for individual action.

Diabetes Queensland CEO Michelle Trute said the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's new report, 'Risk factors contributing to chronic disease', painted a disturbing picture of Australian lifestyle behaviours that contribute to obesity and chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers – all prevalent among Indigenous people.

"The evidence is clear – 90 per cent of people have at least one risk factor and over half of all Australian adults have two or three risk factors. Of course, the more risk factors you have, the greater the likelihood of developing a chronic disease," she said.

"Diet, for example, is a very common risk factor for chronic disease, with over 90 per cent of Australians failing to eat enough vegetables each day, and only half consuming enough fruit.

"The recommended daily intake is five serves of vegetables and two serves of fruit."

recommended 30 minutes a day," she said.

"A sedentary lifestyle is increasingly recognised as being bad for your health as it can contribute to many chronic diseases, as well as increasing the risk of early death.

"Almost 80 per cent of Australians usually spend more than three hours a day sitting during their leisure time, whether they exercise enough or not."

Ms Trute said this was why a flexible healthy lifestyle program such as Swap It, Don't Stop It was so important to encourage people to start making small simple food and activity changes for better health.

"Queensland's peak health organisations support Swap It because it enables individuals to choose everyday swaps that fit their lifestyle to help manage their weight, eat well and be more active," she said.

For information on how to become a 'Swapper', visit www.swapit.gov.au

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Ms Trute said the report showed about 60 per cent of people did not do enough physical exercise to maintain good body weight and healthy bones and muscles.

"That means a large proportion of us are not getting around to being active for the

Vanessa has an art connection



BUNDJALUNG artist Vanessa Kapeen doesn't get a lot of time to paint, but when she does she relishes the creativity.

Ms Kapeen is one of a handful of artists featured in a new exhibition titled *The Coraki Connection*, at the Platypus Gallery in Casino, northern New South Wales.

Ms Kapeen grew up in Coraki, is a mother and works at Coraki Primary School. She won the emerging artist's award at the 2011

Coraki Art Prize for her work *Blue Dolphins*.

The Coraki Connection will run until 17 May at the Platypus Gallery, 86 Centre Street, Casino, then move to the Casino Community Cultural Centre from May 22-1 July.

Richmond Valley Council tourism staff supported and helped to arrange the event and exhibition, which it is hoped will generate more local interest in arts.

● **Pictured: Artist Vanessa Kapeen with her work at a new exhibition in Casino.**



Yirrkalala art on show



A GROUP show of screen prints depicting remote community life through the eyes of young Indigenous artists from Yirrkalala in the NT has opened in Melbourne.

The Yuta Project exhibition, a partnership between Yirrkalala's Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre and The Ownership Project (TOP) gallery in Melbourne's Fitzroy, showcases the work of nine artists aged 12-25, who took part in a two-week print workshop in February.

During the workshop, which was held at the Yirrkalala Art Centre, participants set out with cameras to capture significant scenes, places and people from their daily lives.

Digital prints of these images were then layered with screen prints of hand-drawn personal and traditional designs.

TOP director Sean Smith was invited to facilitate the workshops alongside Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre printmakers Annie Studd and Ruby Alderton.

"The personality and determination each of these young artists put into the workshops is well and truly depicted in the strong and diverse character of the work," Smith said.

"We are delighted to be exhibiting the Yuta Project at The Ownership Project gallery. It's an exciting glimpse into the next generation of talent emerging within the region."

While individual prints differed in imagery and story, from local landmarks and activities to portraiture and local scenes, Smith said that together, the exhibition brought a powerful insight into youth culture in the community.

The Yuta Project is a Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre initiative that began in 2009 with the premise of engaging at-risk young people who do not participate in mainstream schooling.

This is the second series of workshops from the project, and is funded by The Australia Council.

Ruby Alderton, daughter of artist Banduk Marika, participated in the original Yuta Project workshops and is now a permanent printmaker at the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre.

Just 18, and a talented printmaker and bark painter, she is keen to see other young people in her community work with the arts.



Ruby Djikarra Alderton with one of her works. Photos by Annie Studd



An artwork created by Gadaman Gurruwiwi.

"Many of these young people are the children, grand-children and even great-grand-children of very well known Yolngu artists," she said.

"Many hold their own artistic talent.

"With a program like the Yuta Project, we can draw these amazing talents out of the young people."

Alderton said it was great to take the prints out of Yirrkalala and

exhibit them nationally.

"It makes the young artists feel proud and appreciated for their art work," she said.

The Yuta Project exhibition runs until 6 May.

The Ownership Project is at level 1/110, Johnston Street, Fitzroy.

For more info go to www.theownershipproject.com.au



Young Yirrkalala Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre artist Gandhurrminy Yunupingu at work on a screen print now on show in Melbourne.

Hip hop summit has funding goal



THE Beats n Roots Hip Hop Summit and National Youth Arts Leadership Conference is hoping to raise \$2000 by 23 April.

Organiser Nadine Smith, from the Creative Peoples Collective, said the event would bring together some of the best artists and practitioners in Australia to develop skills and performances for youth in regional northern NSW.

"We have been overwhelmed by amazing artists being prepared to volunteer their time, we just need to transport, accommodate and feed them," Ms Smith said.

"We are now trying to raise funds through the crowd-funding platform Pozible to support the costs for artists who will be running workshops and performing."

The project has been supported by

the Youth Development and Support Program, which is managed by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Artists and organisations donating their time include Morganics, Jamima Jonez, Busty Beatz, Candy B, Scripted Dialects, Bats Vs Snakes, Slippery Sirkus, the Blackrobats and Mayibuye.

"I am asking if you could consider making a pledge – every single dollar counts," Ms Smith said.

Beats n Roots National Hip Hop Summit and Youth Arts Leadership Conference offers a program of creative and industry workshops, panel discussions, performances and more. It will be held from 26-29 April in northern NSW.

To make a pledge or for more information go to <http://www.pozible.com/index.php/archive/index/5483/description/0/0>



Philanthropist Neil Balnaves and Ilbjerri Theatre Company artistic director Rachael Maza at the launch of a new \$20,000 award for an Indigenous play.

Rich award is on offer



BELVOIR and the philanthropic Balnaves Foundation have launched a new \$20,000 award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playwrights.

The Balnaves Foundation has committed \$7500 as a cash prize and \$12,500 as commission for an Indigenous writer to write a new play with the support of Belvoir.

"Reconciliation is difficult without an understanding of Indigenous issues, culture and history by the non-

Indigenous community," foundation spokesperson Hamish Balnaves said.

"We hope that by supporting Indigenous playwrights these stories will be told."

Belvoir literary manager Anthea Williams said she hoped the award would help the theatre company find and develop the work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers.

"We hope the award will help us find exciting and new voices from across Australia," she said.

Ms Williams will be joined on the judging panel by

Ilbjerri Theatre Company artistic director and Torres Strait Islander actor and director Rachael Maza and Queensland Theatre Company artistic director and writer and director Wesley Enoch.

In 2010, the Balnaves Foundation announced it would support two Indigenous works each year as part of Belvoir's annual season.

Plays must be submitted by 6pm, 31 August. For more information and guidelines about submissions, visit www.belvoir.com.au/about-belvoir/balnaves-award



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Black Impact is an initiative of the Indigenous Department of Screen Australia and ABC.



**Closing Date:
25th May 2012**



Ceremony opened by performer



AN exhibition of paintings by senior Aboriginal men was officially opened last month at the Cessnock Regional Gallery, NSW, by Indigenous hip hop performer and song-writer Joel Wenitong, of Newcastle-based group The Last Kinection.

Called *Ceremony*, the exhibition includes significant works by some of Australia's most senior Indigenous artists of recent times, including three works by Ernabella-based Dicki Minyintiri, who won the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award last year.

Wenitong spoke about the crucial role of artists of all kinds in keeping Indigenous culture and communities strong, and pointed out the importance of such exhibitions so younger people, and non-Indigenous Australians could see how painting was keeping the artists' culture strong.

Wenitong said the location of the exhibition in Cessnock in the Hunter Valley was particularly appropriate, as nearby Wollombi was a traditional meeting place for ceremonies and corroborees for seven neighbouring tribes.

Honour

Exhibition co-curator Matt Dickson said it was an honour to have Wenitong open the exhibition. "He's a role model for Indigenous youth through his issues-driven lyrics, and he's been lecturing on Indigenous health and education for eight years," Dickson said.

Ceremony brings together paintings of ceremonial rituals associated with creation stories, body markings used in ceremony, and mythic landscapes inhabited by creation beings.

Dickson said the paintings were innovative and colourful expressions of sacred knowledge, alive with the power of creation itself and timeless assertions of the power of the law.

In addition to works by desert artists such as Tiger Palpatja, Hector Tjupuru Burton, and Harry Tjutjuna, there are also pieces in the exhibition from the Kimberley and Darwin areas, and a selection of works by men from Papunya Tula.

All works are sourced from Aboriginal-owned and run art centres, with the exception of those by Darwin artist Prince of Wales, whose works were painted before an art centre was established there.

Ceremony runs at the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery until 20 May. The gallery is open Tues-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm and Sun 12pm-4pm. Entry is free.

Tandanya hosts new exhibition



AN exhibition showcasing paintings by artists from the 360 sq km Katherine region in the NT will open at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide this Friday, 20 April, at 6pm.

Representing the artists, Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft have brought together a collection of works from across the country in the exhibition, called *Across Countries*.

Reflecting a variety of culture and landscapes, artists represented in the show include senior lawman in the Alawa community Barney Ellaga, who uses his brushes to create textured works in vibrant colours.

In contrast, the earthy tones of x-ray style paintings by Lurick Fordham reflect the painting style of his father, while Amy Djirwulurr Johnson paints the everyday events of her country at Ngukurr on the Roper River, working in a figurative style.

Other artists in the exhibition include Allan Joshua, Judy Martin, Peggy Rockman and Maureen Thompson.

The exhibition runs at Tandanya until 20 May.

Painting a family affair

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



PAINTING is a real family affair for Theresa Hammer. She has passed her talents on to her kids, including son Kyle Dalton, 9, and daughter Juanita Hammer, 22.

Theresa, originally from the Daly River area south of Darwin, has painted for the past three years, and for the past 20 has lived in Townsville with partner Richard and her seven children. She regularly displays her art at various local markets.

Theresa said her paintings and designs drew on her Dreaming and her childhood memories.

"I am originally from Darwin and my paintings are dedicated to my mother's tribe, the Marramaninjsji people from Daly River south of there," she said.

"My father is the reason I started painting. He passed away three years ago and his death made me realise how important my culture is to me and my children.

"Through my paintings I am able to make a connection with my culture for my children. My paintings show the animal spirits of the Dreamtime and the colours and terrain of the outback.

"I paint the landscape of my country as I see and feel it. I paint what I know and have experienced. My art links me with my land and its animal spirits.



From left, Juanita Hammer, Kyle Dalton and Theresa Hammer displaying their art in Townsville.

"The long neck turtle is my Dreaming and was given to me by my mother and father when they were hunting. I've given each of my children their Dreaming of their animal spirit, the dingo, possum, owl, snake, kookaburra, curlew and goanna.

"These are stories of my family and

my travels. They will keep my culture alive for future generations."

Theresa and her family's paintings are popular with visiting overseas countries, as well as locals.

West Australian visitor Daniel Land said the paintings on the stall inspired thought about the land and animals.

New album is in language



WITH help from his family, country music icon Warren H Williams has released his first

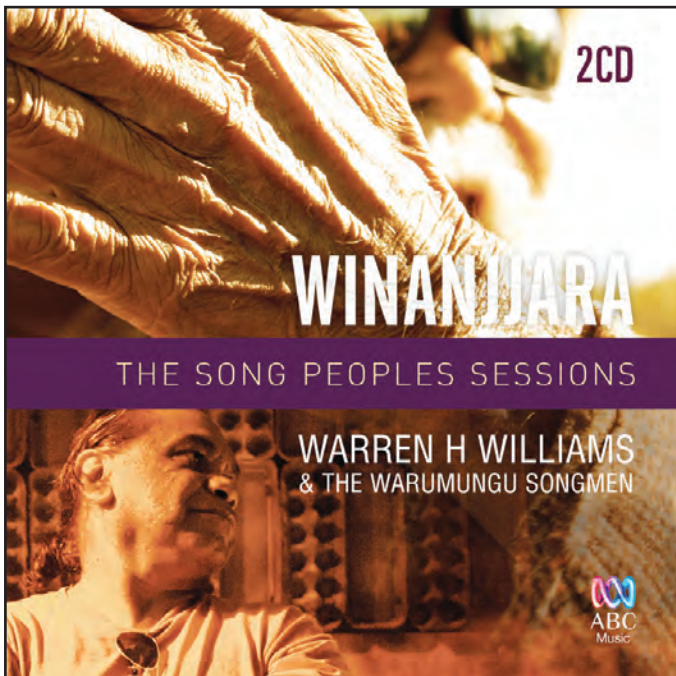
language album – *Winanjara* – about love, land and family.

Winanjara translates as 'song man' in the Warumungu language of his paternal grandmother. The traditional land of the Warumungu peoples is the greater Tennant Creek area of the Barkly region in the Northern Territory.

For thousands of years, the Warumungu have travelled their lands, singing the sacred sites of their country as passed down to them from their ancestors in the Wirrkarra (Dreamtime).

Meanwhile, Golden Guitar-winner Williams has played to hundreds of thousands of people across the world, but said his most nervous moment was taking to the stage at Tennant Creek to sing songs in Warumungu.

The two-CD album has 12 new ballads written by Williams, translated by aunts and Warumungu Elders, and then recorded with traditional song men – many of whom are his blood uncles.



The cover of Warren H Williams' new album.

Originally recorded as part of the inaugural Barkly Arts Song People Sessions, the second album has 19 traditional Warumungu songs sung by men of the area recounting stories handed down over centuries.

"It's because of the Elders that the songs have been

passed down, each song, one after the other, teaching the young people so that they can take over," Warumungu song man Michael Williams says.

Since its debut at the Desert Harmony Festival in Tennant Creek, there have been calls for a wider distribution of the music, and

ABC Music was keen to take up the project.

"It was like I had to learn to walk again, I remember using the language when I was a little kid, but I had to re-learn it," Williams said.

"All my aunts and uncles were calling me kid – I was the apprentice and they were teaching me about my history and the tradition of handing down our stories through song and I was teaching them about music in my world.

"I always thought that to be successful in the Australian music industry I had to sing in the white man's language. I've done that now, but these songs are for my people, my family and for me."

Working with aunts and uncles from the Warumungu land, *Winanjara* is Williams' first foray into language recordings, though his latest country album *Urna Marra* has a gospel song, sung in his other parent language, Western Aranda.

"This is an Australian album, it is the language of Australia, the language of the desert, the beach, the wind, the people – all Australians will understand the meanings," he said.

NATIONAL CALENDAR



National

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 or visit www.rcna.org.au

Until 30 April: Calling for applications for the 2012 NAHSSS Continuing Professional Development Scholarship. Aims to finical support practising allied health professional to attend the continuing professional development activities. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1800) 338 061 or email sarrah@sarrah.org.au or visit www.sarrah.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

13 April-22 April 2012: National Youth Week: Imagine.Create.Inspire. Celebrating Youth Week aims to recognise the value of all young Australians to their communities. Events are being held all over the country. Free and all welcome to register an event. Details: (1300) 363 079 or visit nationalyouthweek@deewr.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. Featuring speakers, workshops and presentations. Cost involved, all welcome to register, must register before the date. Details: email reception@ahma-bc.org or visit 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 exploring 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 or visit www.bangarra.com.au

NSW-ACT

Until 27 April: Calling for applications for the Ashfield Club grants 2012. This funding is for community projects and services under ClubGRANTS for community welfare and social services, community development, health services and employment assistance activities. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9716 1800 or email info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au or visit www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Ongoing: Free counselling session – Mondays and Tuesdays. The Salvation Army, in association with a provisional psychologist, is offering counselling sessions. Free and all welcome. Held at The Salvation Army, 32 Cambridge Dr, Goonellabah. Details: (0432) 044 047 or (02) 66247326.

Until 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

Until 15 May: Smoke check: A brief intervention for smoking cessation. This training workshop aims at working towards smoke-free Aboriginal communities in NSW by providing health information regarding tobacco use. Free and all welcome, must register before date. Dates and location: 24 April – Bourke. 26 April – Lightning Ridge. 27 April – Coonamble. 15 May – Newcastle. Details: (02) 9036 7113 or email smokecheck@sydney.edu.au or visit www.smokecheck.com.au

Until 18 May: Calling for submission for the NSW Murray-Darling Basin Environmental Works and Measure Feasibility Project. Aims for communities to identify projects to save water for the environment or achieve basin environmental objectives using less water. Free and all welcome to submit. Details: (02) 4224 9730 or email information@water.nsw.gov.au or visit www.water.nsw.gov.au

Until 4 June 2012: Calling for applications for the Small Change Grants round. These grants are for people aged 12-25 living in the Byron Shire and can assist financially in getting an idea or project into action. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (02) 6626 7225 or visit www.byron.nsw.gov.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. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email media@nma.gov.au or visit http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/

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. All welcome to register, cost involved. Details: (1300) 368 783 or email amy@eastcoastconferences.com.au or visit www.eastcoastconferences.com.au

18 April: Youth Homelessness Matters Day: Be part of the solution. Aims to raise public awareness about youth homelessness and celebrate the resilience of young people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Australia including a free BBQ, and dance workshops. Free and all welcome. Held at Dance Hall, Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. Details: (02) 6620 1891 or email nicola.p@nrsdc.org.au

18-20 April: Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference 2012. Aims to create effective and sustainable strategies in Indigenous employment to achieve outstanding economic outcomes, also providing information about benefits Indigenous employment can have for corporations, employees and Indigenous communities. Guest speakers and workshops. All welcome to register before the date and cost involved. Held at the Grace Hotel, Sydney. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email conferences@tonkinincorporation.com

20-22 April: Mirrung Ngu Wanjarri invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to share some time away together to communicate, practice relaxation techniques, discuss relationships and family violence and more. Free and all welcome, transport available. Held Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 170 Red Rock Rd, Corindi Beach. Details: (0401) 739 887 or email nancy_walke@clc.net.au

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 briony1@ywcansw.com.au

25 April: Anzac Day 2012 Indigenous service. A day to commemorate and honour the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islanders Veterans in the Australian Defence Force. Free and all welcome. Held at the Aboriginal Memorial, Mount Ainslie, Canberra. Details: (0418) 636 586 or email ocky@hotmail.com

25 April: 2012 Redfern Anzac Day March and Commemorative Service, honouring our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. Free and all welcome. Held at Redfern Park War Memorial to Redfern Community Centre. Details: (0417) 929 701 or email raymin@me.com

26-27 April: Beats n Roots Hip-Hop Summit and Youth Arts Leadership Conference, a three-day youth summit exploring youth arts and leadership which aims to create pathways for young people and to empower them to take part and be active in their communities. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty St, Lismore. Details: (0434) 529 337 or email connect@thecpc.org.au or visit www.beatsnroots.com

28 April: Crankfest, a day of regional celebration of youth, arts and culture, including hip-hop, skate & BMX competitions, circus, trapeze, DJs, live bands and market stalls. Drug and alcohol-free event. Held at Riverside Park, Evans Head. Details: (0428) 020 178 or visit www.crankfest.com.au

1-3 May: IN to Business workshops. One-day workshops for Indigenous people starting a business, buying a business, or thinking about it. Topics include business goals and expectations, product service, risks, business research, planning process and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Moree, Walgett and Tamworth. Details: (1800) 107 107 or email narelle.webb@iba.gov.au

4 May: Sydney book launch ‘NT Consultations Report 2011: By Quotations’. Guest speakers. Free and all welcome, light refreshments. Held at Amnesty International’s NSW Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale. Details: (0422) 385 852 or email binockha25@yahoo.com

4 May: The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues. Free and all welcome, lunch provided. Held at the Gully, Gates Ave, Katoomba. Details: (02) 4725 3046 or visit www.hn.cma.nsw.gov.au

25 May: Sixth commemoration service honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. Free and all welcome. Held at Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park South, Elizabeth St, Sydney. Details: (02) 9264 8188 or email rbaker@rslnsw.org.au

30 May-1 June: National Conference: ‘Nawi Exploring Australia’s Indigenous Watercraft’. Demonstrate techniques of construction by storytelling sessions, displays performances, lively 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 & Torres Strait Islander Housing Conference ‘Better Housing Strategies for Stronger People’. Guest speakers. All welcome to register, must register before the date, cost involved. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern. Details: (1300) 316 882 or email registration@criterionconferences.com or visit www.register.criterionconferences.com

Victoria

Until 25 April: ‘Paddy Bedford Works on Paper’ Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing Indigenous art by Aboriginal artist Paddy Bedford. Free and all welcome. Held at the William Mora Galleries, 60 Tanner St, Richmond. Details: (03) 9429 1199 or email mora@moragalleries.com.au or visit www.moragalleries.com.au

Until 27 April: ‘Manifestation’ Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing 18 contemporary Australian artists from diverse art practices and cultural traditions with works that span drawing,

sculpture, video installation, photography, live performance and hybrid art forms. Free and all welcome. Held at Federation Square, Russell Ct, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9655 1900 or visit www.fedsquare.com

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. Free and all welcome. Held at the Queensland Museum South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840 7555 or visit www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au

18 May: Family day, celebrating National Families Week with nutrition activities, health checks, promotion, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance crews, young Indigenous talent shows, children’s activities, local Indigenous musicians, and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Ravizza Park, Edmonton. Details: (07) 4045 6333 or email socemo@mookairosie.org.au or visit www.mookairosie.org.au

4-6 June: National Native Title Conference – Echoes of Mabo: Honour and Determination. Aimed at reviewing current native title practice, policy. 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

4-9 June: BlackDance 2012. Showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contemporary dance providing a platform for Australian and international First Nation choreographers to produce performances, forums, artists symposiums and master classes. Free and all welcome. Held at the Queensland Theatre Company, 78 Montague Rd, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3010 7600 or email mail@queenslandtheatre.com.au or visit www.queenslandtheatre.com.au

South Australia

20 April-20 May 2012: ‘Ngarlurgu’ – All of Us, Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing a selection of fine arts from Western region of South Australia featuring emerging and established Indigenous artists. Free and all welcome. Held at Tjutjuna (Ceduna) Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre, Tandanya. Details: (08) 82243200 or email carmel@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

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 Purtili Gallery, 6 Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta. Details: (08) 8641 9175 or email ellenor.day@portaugusta.gov.au

Northern Territory

Until 30 April: Calling for applications for art project grants. Aims to finically support artists, groups and community organisations. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (1800) 678 237 or visit www.arts.nt.gov.au

Until 15 July: Yalangbara: Art of the DjangŌkawu, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land. 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 Hoops4Health. 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

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Liaison officers on the job at Townsville Hospital

Townsville Hospital emergency department Indigenous liaison officers Vanessa Corowa, Shazza Mallie and Dorothy Smith.



THREE Indigenous liaison officers have started work in the Townsville Hospital's Emergency

Department to help bridge the cultural divide and support Indigenous patients undergoing emergency care.

Vanessa Corowa, Shazza Mallie and Dorothy Smith started work last month after a four-week orientation.

Emergency Department

director Dr Niall Small said he was delighted to welcome the three new staff.

"The positions are focused on supporting ED staff in their care of Indigenous patients, including helping them understand cultural norms and sensitivities," he said.

"We treat a large number of Indigenous patients every year including many who come from very remote places in the Gulf and Cape.

"Helping our staff to understand the cultural

perspective of Indigenous patients and improve communication ultimately results in better care."

Ms Smith said her role included helping break down communication barriers and encouraging patients to trust and talk to their treating doctors and nurses.

Information

"Many patients find they are reluctant to give doctors information and there can be fear and mistrust of the

unknown and unfamiliar," she said.

Ms Mallie said another part of the role was to support families.

"We are also there to help families access accommodation and other support services and to help them navigate their way around the hospital system," she said.

Ms Corowa said cultural connectedness was a big part of helping Indigenous patients trust and understand hospital staff.

"If they can see we may know some of their family or be

familiar with their culture, they are immediately at ease and more inclined to talk openly," she said.

District executive director of Indigenous health Carl Grant said the positions were funded through the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) National Partnerships Agreement.

"This funding has allowed us to deliver a service that will ultimately result in better health care and better health outcomes for our Indigenous patients," he said.

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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.

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Social Worker - Previous experience in family support services case management and group work is essential as is an understanding of good governance, financial management, issues in Aboriginal communities and staff management. This position reports to the Executive Director – Child and Family Centres.

For further information please obtain an information pack from
Helen.Littlehales@brebc.com.au and applicants **must** address all the selection criteria in their applications.

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 by 20 April 2012



Family Violence Service Inc.

Child Protection/Client Support Officer

Walgett

Position: Permanent

The Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc is a community not for profit organisation that provides support and assistance to victims of domestic/family violence and sexual assault.

The service wishes to employ a full time Child Protection/Client Support Officer to be based in our Walgett Unit. Applicants are required to be highly motivated with skills and knowledge in the area of child protection. Applicants must have the confidence and ability to liaise and network with government and non -government agencies in working together to support clients and community in the area of child protection. This role within our organisation also requires some case-management of victims of domestic violence.

For an information kit containing a complete job description and selection criteria please contact Thomessa Swan on (02) 6751 1400 or email thomessa.swan@thiyamali.com.au Applicants must address the selection criteria.

Please post applications marked "Confidential" to:-

Noeline Carr
CEO
Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc.
PO Box 928
Moree NSW 2400

Applications must be received by close of business **Friday 20 April 2012**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1997.

Catholic Education Office Diocese of Bathurst

Applications are invited for the position of:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER

**James Sheahan Catholic High School,
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Part-time Permanent Position

60 hours per fortnight

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Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

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- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Aboriginal students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Aboriginal students.
- Build links with the local Aboriginal community.
- Promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture within the whole school community

Please ring 02 6882 7355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an application package and further details of this position.

Applications close: Friday, 4th May 2012

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Training Coordinator

Position No: 32577

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The Training Coordinator represents BIITE on the Tiwi Islands and is responsible for the development of educational partnerships between: the School, the Institute, local employers, Government and non-government departments/agencies, CDEP, Aboriginal organizations and community members.

The Training Coordinator is responsible for the provision of support services relating to the implementation and utilization of education programs both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training offered by BIITE and TITEB within the Tiwi Islands.

Note: All applicants must address the selection criteria.

Applications close: Friday, 27th April 2012

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

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INDIGENOUS LEADING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Mildura Community Corrections Services

\$53,502 - \$61,524 + super

Position No : 5445 Ongoing

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Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship



The Department of Immigration and Citizenship helps build Australia's future through the well-managed entry and settlement of people.

Division: Various

Classification: APS Level 3

Position Number: 2231 (Several)

Location: NSW, Sydney State Office

Salary: \$51,842 – 57,606

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- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Possess strong oral and written communication skills
- Display strong client management skills (including the ability to be appropriately empathetic or assertive, and diffuse conflict situations)
- Have an ability to quickly acquire legislative, policy, procedural and computer systems knowledge

Additional Information:

Contact person: Lily Chan, (02) 8862 6993

Applications close: Friday 4 May 2012 at 12:00 Midday – AEST

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Salary Package: \$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The primary purpose of the Clerical Support Officer is to ensure accurate, timely and logical registration of correspondence and of the movement of organisational files in and out of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations. The position works closely with the Executive Assistant, Field Operations and Correspondence Unit, Office of the Commissioner to ensure an efficient and transparent process. Additionally the position works as a team member within the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations assisting with broader administrative and clerical functions.

Job Notes:

- For your application to be considered you must attach an up-to-date resume and a written response addressing each of the selection criteria using the text box provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Ability to work with computerised records management, document tracking and filing systems and processes.
- Ability to implement sound and effective administrative systems and procedures.
- Sound organisational, time management and problem solving skills.
- Sound oral and written communication skills.
- Well developed expertise in word processing.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with a sound customer service focus.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to implement OHS, EEO principles and ethical practices.

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy 2009-2012.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is 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**
- (d) This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

Enquiries: Diane Elphinstone (02) 8263 6386

All applications must be submitted through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000XMZ

Closing Date: Sunday 6 May 2012

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Corporate Services Manager

We are seeking an experienced Manager to join our Executive Team. The Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation is a regional body for Aboriginal arts and culture on the Mid North Coast of NSW based at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus.

The Corporate Services Manager primary role is to organise the resources of the business, improve its performance and ensure operations run smoothly while upholding the organisation's strategic objectives.

We are looking for a person with high level experience and knowledge in financial management, compliance and statutory duties, risk management, policies and procedures and administration. The successful applicant will have experience in the not for profit sector and be 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 \$65,000. Aboriginality is desirable but not essential.

If you have a strong desire to work with an innovative Aboriginal corporation, please contact the SWFW office on 02 6658 1315 for a position description and more information on how to apply.

Closing date for applications Friday 4 May 2012.

www.saltwaterfreshwater.com.au



Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Education Officer (Multidisciplinary)

Ref: 69302 Temp F/T at RPAH

Enq: Janeen Foffani

Ph: (02) 9515 6424

Closing Date: 27 April 2012

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

POSITIONS VACANT

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Pius X is seeking to fill the following 2 full-time positions under the PACT program. Aboriginality is a necessary requirement for these positions. Exemption is claimed under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

The 2 positions are:

- **PACT Manager**
- **PACT Advisor**

To obtain an information package with the criteria and position description please contact: Mrs Kim Connors Administration Officer on 02 6752 1099 or; email: admin@piusx.com.au Written applications including detailed resume and references should be marked "Confidential" and be addressed to CEO, Pius X Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 363, MOREE NSW 2400

Applications will be received until Friday 4th May 2012



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. The Aboriginal Health College – the RTO arm of the AH&MRC – are currently seeking applications for the following position located at Little Bay, Sydney.

Administration Support Officer

Fixed term, full time for 12 months

The position will be the first point of contact working within a small team that provides administrative support to academic and management staff.

Closing date: 8 May 2012

*** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.**

For further information on this position or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit: www.ahmrc.org.au



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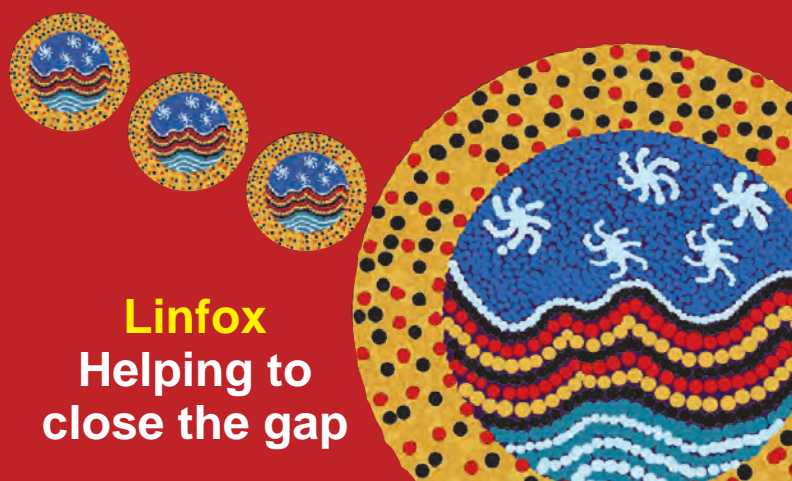
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Clerk Grade 5/6, Wellington
Correctional Centre
Temporary Part-Time
(17.5 hours per week)

Vacancy Number: 00000XBX. Total remuneration package valued at \$85,816 pa including salary range of \$70,480 pa to \$77,767 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$2,570pa, also applies during occupancy of this position. Part-Time positions are remunerated on a pro-rata hourly basis.

Primary Purpose of the position: Advise on the development & delivery of spiritual, ecological & educational programs for Aboriginal offenders. Provide leadership & encourage participation in programs to promote positive change & reduce the number of Aboriginal offenders in custody.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Proven experience and ability to consult with Aboriginal representatives, organisations and communities. Willingness to participate as a team member in working with offenders in custody and in the community. Effective communication and negotiation skills. Understanding of the NSW Justice System.

Job Notes: This is a secondment/temporary employment under the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002* for a period of up to 24 months. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants must:

- apply and address the selection criteria online and attach their resume as a word document to their online application www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
- attach their resume as a word document to their online application and
- provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which must be a current or recent supervisor within the last 12 months.

An eligibility list may be created for future permanent and temporary vacancies which may occur in various locations over the next 12 months.

All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Lisa.O'Brien@dcs.nsw.gov.au (02) 6840 2800

Closing Date: 29/04/2012

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A 'Closing the Gap' initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



Executive Support Assistant – Aboriginal Affairs NSW

Clerk Grade 3/4
Identified Position
Department of Education and Communities

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,376 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Executive Support Assistant provides administrative and clerical support in the Ministerial and Executive Services unit to assist in carrying out the development, coordination and monitoring of Agency and Executive Team functions.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality is a requirement for this position.
2. Knowledge of Aboriginal cultural, social and economic issues.
3. Good oral and written communication skills.
4. Proven ability to work within tight timeframes.
5. Demonstrated organisational skills.
6. Demonstrated ability in problem solving.
7. Demonstrated records management skills, including the use of electronic file management systems.
8. Experience in providing high quality administrative assistance in a complex working environment.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 12 Months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

Enquiries: Max Saxby (02) 9219 0749

Closing Date: Monday 30 April 2012

Thank you for your interest in this position. (Requisition No. 00000X6V)

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Victorian Electoral Commission

Community Engagement Officer Aboriginal Communities

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) conducts elections for the Parliament of Victoria, and elections and polls for local government and various community organisations. As a politically impartial organisation, the VEC also plays a key role in promoting public awareness and understanding of elections.

An exciting and demanding position has become available in the VEC's Community Education Team working to promote democratic participation within the Victorian Indigenous community.

- VPSG-4
- \$66,235–\$75,151 plus superannuation
- Fixed term to 30 April 2015

The Community Education Team works year round encouraging democratic participation and electoral awareness amongst a range of audiences. These groups include: young people; people experiencing homelessness; people with disabilities; Indigenous Victorians and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The Community Engagement Officer will drive the VEC's Aboriginal engagement strategy and deliver community-based education initiatives to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in Victoria.

The ability to communicate and negotiate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous communities and organisations, and an understanding of current issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are essential.

The Community Engagement Officer – Aboriginal Communities is an identified position and, subject to exemption A265/2009, is only available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

For a more detailed position description and key selection criteria please see vec.vic.gov.au or careers.vic.gov.au

Applications must address the key selection criteria.

For further information please contact Ms Billy Crombie on (03) 8620 1194 or email billy.crombie@vec.vic.gov.au

Applications must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Friday, 4 May 2012.

The VEC is an equal opportunity employer*.

* In accordance with Section 17A of the Electoral Act 2002, the VEC may ask applicant for disclosure of specific political activities that could compromise the perceived independence of the organisation.

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Community Mental Health Rehab/Support Workers

The *Richmond Fellowship of NSW* has exciting opportunities for a **Community Mental Health Rehabilitation Worker** (FT) and several **Community Mental Health Support Workers** (casual, permanent or fixed term contracts) to join their dedicated teams in Nowra and Ulladulla. These roles provide support for people with a diagnosed mental illness living in their community. Enjoy an **attractive remuneration** plus **tax-free salary packaging, family-friendly and flexible working conditions, generous leave provisions** + more! Applications close on the 27th of April.

www.rfnsw.applynow.net.au

Coordinator/ Comm Development Worker Broken Hill, NSW

- * **Great salary circa \$75k + salary packaging!**
- * **Training, job support & development!**

The *Broken Hill Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service* is seeking a **Coordinator/Community Development Worker** to join their dedicated team in Broken Hill. This is an **Aboriginal Identified position** (provided for by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997, NSW*). You will be responsible for the **oversight & management of all aspects of the service**. Enjoy an **attractive salary circa \$75k + relocation assistance, salary packaging, work vehicle, training & more!**



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Family Violence Counsellor Broken Hill, NSW

- * **Join an established NFP organisation!**
- * **Salary packaging + relocation assistance!**

A unique opportunity has arisen with the *Broken Hill Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service* for a **Family Violence Counsellor** (FT) to join their dedicated team. You'll be responsible for **providing support and case management services** to Indigenous people living with actual or potential family violence and abuse. Enjoy a **competitive remuneration circa \$70,000 - \$75,000 plus salary packaging options, relocation assistance, access to a work vehicle and more!**



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<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=67722>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF)



Aboriginal Organisations Capacity Building Project Worker

Western Sydney (Aboriginal Identified position)

WSCF are recruiting for a worker for the Aboriginal Organisations Capacity Building Project - we are seeking an experienced Aboriginal worker who can work between 28 & 35 hours per week / 2 year contract. This project worker will work closely with Aboriginal workers and organisations in Western Sydney. It will assist with worker support, management support, submission-writing resources, advocacy systems, partnership development and locate back office support with the aim of better support for Aboriginal communities.

The worker will work with the Metro West Aboriginal Capacity Building Advisory Group (ACBAG).

Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF) is the peak regional body for community groups across Western Sydney. The project covers the local government areas of Blacktown, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains, Holroyd, Parramatta, Auburn & The Hills.

WSCF offers:

- The position pays \$36.15 per hour
- Full-time or Part-time - between 28 & 35 hrs per week / 2 year contract
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- Flexible hours of work; Family friendly work environment
- Office is located close to public transport
- Culturally diverse, enthusiastic and supportive staff team.

Applicants must obtain an information package, containing job description and selection criteria on 02 9687 9669 or Email: nancyn@wscf.org.au

Applications close on Monday April 30th 2012

NB: Applications must address the selection criteria to be considered.

Interviews will be held on Monday May 7th 2012 in the morning.

Coordinator (RRSP, HASI & Community Peer Link Programs) - Moree, NSW

- * **Fantastic leadership opportunity!**
- * **Salary packaging + flexible conditions!**



Psychiatric Rehabilitation Australia has a great opportunity for an energetic **Coordinator** to join their growing team in Moree, working across the RRSP, HASI and Community Peer Link programs. You'll **provide high level program coordination and support**, while providing recovery focused services to program participants. Enjoy an **attractive remuneration**, plus **salary packaging options, flexible working conditions, career development opportunities** and an **excellent work/life balance!**



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Inner South East Partnership in Community and Health (ISEPICH)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Salary range \$87,143 to \$97,657 per annum plus superannuation
- Full-time. 1 year contract with possibility of extension

ISEPICH's vision is to improve the health and wellbeing of the Inner South East Community, through the development of dynamic partnerships committed to equity and inclusion.

The Executive Officer is employed by the City of Port Phillip and reports to the Executive Committee comprising representatives of the 56 organisations and community members of the Partnership within the municipalities of Port Phillip, Stonnington and Glen Eira.

We are looking for an Executive Officer who can:

- Think and act strategically
- Lead and develop a team
- Negotiate and build collaborative partnerships at a senior level in multi disciplinary environments
- Work with diverse groups and individuals to identify and respond to community health and wellbeing needs, and
- Drive service system integration and health promotion.

As the Executive Officer you will lead and manage a small staff team, oversee the implementation of the Partnership Plan and manage all other contractual and administrative requirements of the program including financial accountability.

To be considered for the position you will also have a track record in project research, design, management and evaluation delivering quality programs in a Local Government context.

For a position description/more information go to www.portphillip.vic.gov.au or contact Michele Leonard on 9209 6507.

Applications must address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

**Applications close:
Monday 30th April 2012.**



Screen Australia is the Commonwealth Government screen agency providing support to Australia film, television, documentary and digital media makers. In partnership with MediaRING, Screen Australia is seeking applicants for the following employment opportunity:

Indigenous Employment Program Manager - *Re-advertised* 2 year fixed-term contract

The Indigenous Employment Program Manager will oversee and lead the implementation of the MediaRING Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy to grow and develop the Indigenous talent pool available to the Media industry, and increase the engagement of Indigenous people with the industry. The focus of this role will be the hands-on creation of sustainable employment and skills development nationally, at all levels; urban, regional and remote.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Manage the government relationship and government contracts in relation to Indigenous employment funding.
- Implement the MediaRING Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2012-2015, in consultation with Screen Australia, to develop a sustainable Indigenous talent pool for the Australian media industry.
- Leverage key partnerships within the MediaRING network to identify employment and development opportunities.
- Provide advice to the HR Departments of various MediaRING organisations regarding the recruitment, retention and development of Indigenous employees.
- Report to MediaRING on a quarterly basis regarding progress.
- Provide status updates to DEEWR as required on funding commitments and delivery against agreed KPIs.
- Oversee research, administrative and financial reporting/budgeting tasks, as required.
- Maintain effective working relationships with staff of participating organisations, e.g. broadcasters, film bodies, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media organisations.

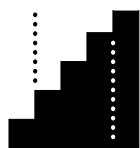
To be successful in this role, you will require:

- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous society and culture and an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people in contemporary Australian society, including the diversity of circumstances in Indigenous communities.
- Practical experience in mentoring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Experience implementing Indigenous employment programs aimed at improving company diversity.
- Good understanding of change management concepts related to driving and influencing behavioural and attitudinal change.
- Proven experience recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with a strong focus on candidate attraction and retention
- Proven experience of managing multiple projects and working constructively in a team environment to accomplish common goals.
- Demonstrated financial management skills.

Please note that this is an indigenous identified position. *The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.*

Job Information: Further information on this role including the full job description, is available on the Screen Australia website: www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs

Closing Date: Friday 18 May 2012



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RESEARCH & STUDENT ADMINISTRATION



Ninti One Ltd (NOL) is an organisation which incorporates the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation and is devoted to the creation of benefit for remote Australian people, businesses and landscapes through research. NOL and its 50+ partners collaborate to deliver excellent research, training, commercialisation, economic development and evidence for policy from its work. Together with Batchelor Institute, an exciting administration role is available.

Based in Alice Springs, this is a full time position and has two key components. With a 0.4 contribution to the Health and Wellbeing Research Project, this position will provide administrative support to the team exploring the Interconnections between Education, Employment, Health and Wellbeing in Remote Australia. The Student Administration component will be a 0.6 contribution and will play an important role providing support to both host organisations and students undertaking scholarships with Ninti One and the CRC-REP.

The successful candidate will have a relevant background in administration. Proficiency in the full range of MS Office programs and efficiency in the use of email and internet is essential. This position will be required to assist in the planning and booking of travel, accommodation and organising people to come together for meetings, workshops and forums. As such, high level organisational and problem solving skills, excellent communication and the ability to engage effectively with a broad range of stakeholders will be pivotal to your success.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Administrative Support Officer (Part-Time)

Aboriginal Identified
SP12/031
(Job Reference No.: 00000XVW)

Responsible for providing a range of administrative support services, including but not limited to, secretarial and receptionist duties, to support the effective and efficient operation of the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program (WDVCP) Branch.

Full position details can be found at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au – search by job reference number.

Enquiries: Michelle Jones on (02) 9219 5791

All applications **must** be submitted via the www.jobs.nsw.gov.au website.

Closing Date: 29 April 2012

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Indigenous Media Policy Leadership Positions



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Two Vacancies:

- **CEO**
- **OFFICE MANAGER**

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are Encouraged to Apply

The Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national peak elected representative body for all aspects of the broadcasting and media sector in Australia, including radio, TV, newsprint, and film.

AICA has entered into an exciting change period against a backdrop of media convergence, rapid speed growth in social and international media, and national broadband rollout, all with the potential to add considerable value to the Closing the Gap national agenda.

The AICA Board is now seeking to appoint two talented people to the positions of Chief Executive Office and Office Manager to help drive our agenda forward.

Your written application will need to include a covering letter, a copy of your CV, and written responses to each of the Selection Criteria. Previous applicants need not submit another application.

You can request a Position Description by emailing contact@aicainc.org.au or by telephoning AICA on 02 6262 8699. **Applications close Friday 4 May 2012.**

AICA: here to give voice to First Australians Media

Lecturer: Australian History and Australian Studies

David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research

- > People of Aboriginal Australian and Torres Strait Islander cultural and linguistic backgrounds are encouraged to apply
- > Adelaide CBD
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Director, Cape York Team

Indigenous Coordination Centre
Cairns, Queensland State Office
EL2, \$99,982 - \$113,886

Information about the Section/Branch

Indigenous Coordination Centre's (ICC) bring together Australian Government agencies administering government programs and services for Indigenous people and play a key role in coordinating services across relevant agencies. The Cairns ICC is the main mechanism for coordination of Indigenous-specific programs in the region including Community Development and Employment Projects (CDEP) and a range of welfare reform initiatives.

Description of the role

The Director, Cape York Team will manage the implementation of the Australian Government's collaborative approach to program management and service delivery to remote Indigenous communities in the Cape York region. This role has a strong focus on stakeholder engagement and fostering effective working relationships with community leaders.

This is an Identified position. Part or all of the duties of this position impact on Indigenous Australian people and/or involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with the necessary skills and experience can apply.

Closing Date: 6 May 2012

How to apply

For further information visit "Careers in FaHCSIA" at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact recruitment on 07 3004 4763.

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Senior Manager Communications
Senior Manager Policy
Senior Manager Sector Development

Please send your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria as outlined in the position description found on our website www.qcoss.org.au. For further information please contact Tina Fairley tinaf@qcoss.org.au or Telephone 07 3004 6903.

Applications close COB: Monday 30 April 2012.

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Legal Support Officer Aboriginal Identified

Clerk Grade 1/2

Parramatta Justice Precinct Regional Office
(Recruitment Action: RA12/033)

The Legal Support Officer provides a range of, clerical and administrative services including but not limited to, processing legal documentation, preparing correspondence, liaising with the various stakeholders, Government Departments and the general public and providing basic referral information services to clients to support the effective and efficient operation of legal services within Legal Aid NSW.

Job Notes:

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality Criteria of this position. Aboriginality is defined by decent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such.

Your application may also be considered for the purposes of creating an eligibility list to fill future permanent and temporary (full-time and part-time) Legal Support Officer vacancies as they arise at the Parramatta Justice Precinct Regional Office within the next 12 months.

Full position details (including selection criteria) can be found at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Heidi Clarke on (02) 8688 3805

Information packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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Closing Date: Sunday, 22 April 2012

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The Position

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It is essential that applicants have well developed leadership skills suitable for the organisational context, a demonstrated ability to strategically manage competing priorities in a manner that promotes organisational and staff wellbeing and a demonstrated ability to perform senior management functions to a high standard.

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Please visit our website for a job and person specification: www.aboriginalsobrietygroup.org.au

Further information is available from Mr Michael McCabe (Acting Executive Officer): michaelm@asg.org.au

Written applications must be addressed to Mr Gary Paynter (ASG Chairperson) marked Private and Confidential,

PO BOX 7306 Hutt Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000,
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For further information please visit www.ausaid.gov.au/recruit or speak to our Indigenous HR Adviser on **02 6178 5910.**

Applications close midnight 14 May 2012, Canberra time.

AusAID's Reconciliation Action Plan 2011-12 and Indigenous Employment Strategy 2011-15 reflects our commitment towards promoting reconciliation and providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Family & Community Services Aboriginal Housing Office

Senior Project Officer – ATSI Identified

Clerk Grade 9/10
State-wide Housing Services
Western Region - Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 00000XXX

Total remuneration package valued up to \$111,026 per annum (Salary: \$91,303 pa - \$100,613 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Senior Project Officer within the Region is responsible for building the capacity of the Aboriginal Housing sector at the regional level. Providing input into development and review of the strategic direction and framework for Aboriginal housing and for managing projects that undertake skills development and provide support for identified training to regional management services Aboriginal housing providers or external stakeholders within the sector.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. Creating a sense of need to achieve organisational goals in line with a clear overall vision through planning, managing performance, motivating people and role modelling desired behaviours.
- Participates in and/or leads successful projects, using strong communication and organisational skills to balance conflicting priorities and manage resources.
- Listens, interprets and conveys information in a clear and accurate manner, provides timely delivery of information and selects the most appropriate method of communication.
- Identifies and analyses situations and/or issues, considers options, develops solutions, and decides on, implements and monitors appropriate solutions.
- Operates computer hardware and software, departmental systems and electronic systems effectively.
- Applies and improves specialised technical knowledge, skills and judgment to achieve outcomes.
- Leadership or participation in policy development through consultation, stakeholder engagement, scoping needs, development, implementation and review.
- Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement for this position. The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Laurinne Campbell - 02 6841 9100

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000XXX

Closing Date: 4 May 2012

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Family & Community Services Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Manager Aboriginal Home Care

Clerk Grade 11/12
Aboriginal Service Development &
Delivery Directorate – Aboriginal Home Care
Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No. 00000X0W

Total remuneration package valued up to \$134,768 per annum (Salary: \$105,602 pa - \$122,128 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Plan, coordinate, lead and manage Aboriginal staff and resources to develop strategic policies and frameworks to provide a cost effective, quality service that meets the needs of Aboriginal Home Care clients and ADHC key performance indicators and financial accountabilities.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and extensive knowledge and understanding of service and program delivery issues relevant to Aboriginal people with a disability, their carers and families.
2. Proven ability to provide advice and recommendations to senior management on policy and operational matters.
3. Sound experience in managing resources, budgets, assets, projects and staffing to maximise achievement of goals including the ability to develop staff skills and performance.
4. Ability to develop realistic plans, identify solutions to problems and deliver results of projects on time and meet organisational standards.
5. Experience in leading a team responsible for designing, developing, managing and reporting on business unit strategies and deliverables within the business unit planning cycle.
6. Demonstrated experience in establishing and managing complex and diverse stakeholder relationships/partnerships to broaden understanding and developments to build responses that better meet the service delivery needs of Aboriginal communities.
7. Promotes a workplace commitment to employment equity and diversity, occupational health and safety (OHS), risk management and ethical practices.

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. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Lyall Gibbs (02) 4978 6207

Information Packages and to apply: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000X0W

Closing Date: Friday, 4 May 2012

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chief executive officer



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Link-Up Queensland is an equal opportunity employer and non-Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

If delivering positive outcomes for the stolen generations inspires you then please contact Richard Green or Louise Furlong on 07 5530 8066 or send a detailed covering letter & resume to cv@ngorecruitment.com quoting #31118.



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For more information and to apply, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on: 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close: 16 May 2012

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
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Executive and Ministerial Support Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8
Temporary Full-Time, Surry Hills
Department of Education and Communities
Reference No. 00000XDE

Total remuneration package valued up to \$97,836 per annum (Salary: \$80,096 pa - \$88,660 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Executive and Ministerial Support Officer is responsible for ensuring the quality and timeliness of briefings and correspondence for the General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs, the Chief Executive, Office of Communities and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; and providing support to the Agency's Executive including coordination of meetings, committees and parliamentary inquiries.

Selection Criteria:

1. Sound knowledge of Parliamentary procedures, the operation of Ministerial offices and more general machinery of government matters.
2. Clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities that individual government agencies have for the delivery of services to the Aboriginal people of NSW.
3. Broad understanding of NSW government policies and procedures which relate to Aboriginal affairs.
4. Knowledge or understanding of Aboriginal culture, social and economic issues and of Aboriginal community attitudes and aspirations.
5. Strong organisational and coordination, communication, negotiation and liaison skills.
6. Ability to exercise sound judgement under pressure; and high level problem solving ability.
7. Experience in working in a high volume, politically sensitive working environment; handling sensitive or controversial issues and coordinating an appropriate ministerial response.
8. Experience in managing competing requirements and conflicting deadlines.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and you must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: For information about the position, please call Max Saxby on (02) 9219 0749

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Refer to Reference No: 00000XDE.

Closing Date: Friday 27 April 2012

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Closing Date: 29 April 2012

Aboriginal Workforce Development Consultant

Sutherland Hospital, Caringbah
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Enquiries: Sharon Litchfield, 02 9540 7458
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This is a fixed term position of 12 month but may be extended

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Email applications to recruitment@alsnswact.org.au

This role is an Australian Aboriginal identified position
Applications close 9 May 2012



Office Manager Aboriginal media and events company

An award winning Aboriginal media and events company is seeking a bright and savvy Office Manager to join their small team in Darlinghurst. This highly successful organisation has a great company culture. You will be highly valued and given the opportunity to learn, develop and progress. As well as the daily running of the office, you will be the first point of contact for all clients and community members. This role would suit someone who loves to do a bit of everything and has amazing abilities at multi-tasking, prioritising and thinking outside the box.

Your duties will include:

- Liaising with clients and community
- Office management
- Making arrangements and assisting with executive management meetings
- Operating and maintaining office equipment
- Making recommendations for new or additional office equipment as appropriate
- Developing, implementing and updating office policies and procedures including scheduling appointments, processing mail, answering phones and ordering supplies.
- Database Management

The successful applicant will have:

- Ability to multi-task in a dynamic environment
- Self-starter with excellent communication skills, attention to detail and analytical mind
- Exceptional time management skills
- A strong work ethic
- Skilled in Microsoft Office, Excel and Word
- Desirable to have skills in Filemaker

You will enjoy:

- The family friendly culture
- Autonomous nature of the role
- A variety of responsibilities

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Email application CV to: Georgia.Cordukes@vibe.com.au
or call 02 9361 0140

Closing date: 5pm Friday, 27 April 2012

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Applications can be lodged online at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Clinical Support Officer

John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin 02 4921 4266
Reference ID: 71911
Closing Date: 29 April 2012

Patient Support Officer

John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin 02 4921 4266
Reference ID: 74052
Closing Date: 29 April 2012

Aboriginal HealthCancare Care Project Officer

Site Negotiable

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Applicants must be female - exemption is claimed under Section 31(2)(h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Christine Pidcock 02 4924 6414
Reference ID: 73867

Closing Date: 6 May 2012

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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General Administrative Support Officer (Aboriginal targeted position)

Hunter Valley Local Area Command, Northern Region, Field Operations
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-Time
Muswellbrook
NSWPF 12/073

Salary Package: \$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Hunter Valley Local Area Command, focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support including Court Process Officer duties.

Job Notes:

- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- For your application to be considered you must attach an up-to-date resume and a written response addressing each of the selection criteria listed in the advertisement. If not, your application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including workings of the local court system.

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy 2009-2012.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is 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
- (d) This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Rebecca Hinze on (02) 6542 6901.

Applications must be submitted through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000XQA

Closing Date: Sunday, 29 April 2012

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Regional Director Identified

Clerk Grade 11/12

Permanent Full-Time

Bateman's Bay, Coffs Harbour, Bourke, Dubbo & Sydney
Department of Education and Communities

Reference No. 00000XRL

Total remuneration package valued up to \$134,768 per annum (Salary: \$105,602 pa - \$122,128 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Regional Director leads a team of Project Officers to be effective advocates for Aboriginal communities in the Region by developing and sustaining strong and effective partnerships with those communities and with Government agencies and Non Government Organisations (NGOs).

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
2. Superior understanding of Aboriginal culture, and substantial understanding of and experience in the delivery of programs and services for Aboriginal people.
3. Proven record of successful achievement in influencing enhanced outcomes for Aboriginal communities.
4. High level written and oral communication, interpersonal, consultation, facilitation and negotiation skills.
5. Experience in developing and sustaining effective working relationships with diverse groups, organisations and people, and successfully manage and resolve conflicts.
6. Substantial middle level management experience and success in managing conflicting priorities within available budgets and other resources.
7. Experience in leading teams to achieve substantial results in the face of significant challenges for complex problems and organisation-wide goals.
8. Success in and commitment to mentoring and developing the capabilities of other people, whether team members or people outside the organisation.

Job Notes: There are various Permanent Full-Time positions available. Applicants must clearly identify which position they are applying for. If applying for more than 1 position, please indicate the order of preference.

Further information about these positions is available online and you must address the full selection criteria. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: For information about the position, please call James Spink on (02) 9219 0747.

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Refer to Reference No: 00000XRL.

Closing Date: Friday 27 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
- 1 x Tobacco Action Worker
- 2 x Healthy Lifestyle Workers

For the Selection Documentation and more information on the Program please contact the CEO on 0266815644 or via email to: 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

We are seeking a motivated and organised Aboriginal person to join our team. The Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation is a regional body for Aboriginal arts and culture on the Mid North Coast of NSW based at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus.

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



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Miscellaneous Licence	47/635	PROCESS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	81.62HA	107km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 118° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
The purposes of L 47/635 are: a bore field, a minesite accommodation facility, a pipeline, a power line, taking water						
Miscellaneous Licence	47/636	PROCESS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	63.13HA	107km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 51' S Long: 118° 49' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
The purposes of L 47/636 are: a bore field, a minesite accommodation facility, a pipeline, a power line, taking water						
Mining Lease	15/1411	HAWKS, Graham Alfred	7.31HA	3km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 121° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1801	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	60.33HA	10km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 121° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1084	NIWEST LTD	378.70HA	49km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 48' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 18 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 **18 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. 18 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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Regional Director, Western Region NSW



Australian Government
Department of Families,
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and Indigenous Affairs

The **Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)** is the Australian Government's main source of advice on social policy and manages about one fifth of the federal budget expenditure. The Department is taking the lead in driving a significant social policy reform agenda to improve the lives of all Australians by creating opportunities for economic and social participation by individuals, families and communities. Specifically following the release of COAG's Closing the Gap strategy, the Australian and NSW Governments have renewed their commitment to the Indigenous community, with a focus on facilitating sustainable service and programs improvements in Western NSW.

It is important we identify a senior leader who can develop and persuade others to intelligent policy, program and service outcomes and publicly champion the social, economic and emotional wellbeing of those living in western NSW. Advocacy and creating shared responsibility at grassroots levels across a complex stakeholder landscape is a key factor to success. Thus it is critical you are able to seize the unique challenges that confront the community and meet them in a principled and dynamic manner.

This appointment calls for a person who will point to a track record of success in a similar role. You will need to be an outstanding and self-reliant leader and manager, with exceptional communication and stakeholder management capabilities. Your impressive personal style and your ability to engender trust and respect will be complemented by sound judgment, intellectual rigour, drive and initiative.

Do you want to make a difference to the Australian Community? Enquiries should be directed in confidence to **Mr Allan Laurie** on **(02) 9252 2393**. Expressions of interest may be sent to info@odgersberndtson.com.au or posted to **PO Box R247, Royal Exchange NSW 1225**. All applications should quote reference number 453 and must be received by close of business 27 April 2012. FaHCSIA welcomes and encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse culture and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

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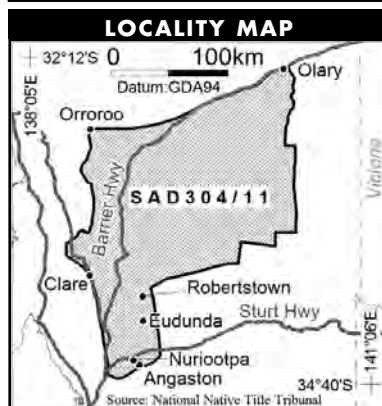
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia

Notification day: 2 May 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 1350, Adelaide, SA, 5001 on or before **1 August 2012**. After **1 August 2012**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Ngadjuri Nation #2

Federal Court File No: SAD304/11

Date filed: 22 November 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

1. Description: The application covers about 26,200 square kilometres and is located approximately 35 kilometres north of Adelaide as shown on the locality map. Please note that not all land within the external boundary is claimed, for example freehold land and exclusive leasehold is excluded.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Barossa District Council, Clare and Gilbert Valleys District Council, Goyder District Council, Light Rural City, Mid Murray District Council, Northern Areas District Council, Orroroo/Carrieton District Council, Peterborough District Council, Port Pirie City and Districts Municipal Council, Wakefield District Council and the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.

Data statement: Application boundary data compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal from data sourced from the Dept of Environment and Heritage (SA) and Geoscience Australia.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Aboriginal Women's Network Project Worker

- 2/3 days per week - 15 hours
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- 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 or call Michelle Moloney at BRC Recruitment on 02 82451400



BARAMBAH REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICE INDIGENOUS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

If you are passionate about Primary Health Care, want to make a difference and are seeking a unique and rewarding experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people along with a great work-life balance, now is the time to join our team.

Barambah Health Centre is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. The most significant function of our service is to provide comprehensive primary health care, medical and social & emotional well being services to Aboriginal people living in the Cherbourg community and the surrounding area.

Location: Cherbourg based

Cherbourg is a small rural community with a population of 2500 people located within the South East corner of Queensland. Once a Aboriginal mission Cherbourg is known for its friendly and welcoming nature and is now a thriving community. Cherbourg is governed by Local Government structure.

CLINIC MANAGER - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE

A driven and results oriented person is required to further;

- Develop the services capacity and quality of service.
- Improve health outcomes.

Responsibilities include:

- Program planning, monitoring and reporting.
- Ensure the Clinic/Service delivers quality treatment and meets

agreed health Service Agreement commitments to clients.

- Manage Quality Assurance program and obtain/maintain AGPAL accreditation.
- Operational / Financial Management.
- Stakeholder Management.
- Staff Management.

RN - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE

A competent and results oriented RN is required to further;

- Improve and deliver nursing services.
- Increase health checks.
- Assist GP.

Responsibilities include:

- Provision of clinic based and some outreach services.

Barambah Health Centre is an equal opportunity employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Full Job Descriptions are available from and Applications to be forwarded by email to **Veronica Roderick;** veronicaroderick@barambah.org or ph: (07) 4169 8600 or Fax: (07) 4169 5164.

Applications Close:

C.O.B. Monday 30th of 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
27/413	CARRICK GOLD LTD	392241	2089.87HA	67km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
28/2153	CARRICK GOLD LTD	393024	101.83HA	70km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
47/1267-I	DE BEERS AUSTRALIA EXPLORATION LTD	387112	25.22HA	100km E'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 117° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
47/1286-I	DE BEERS AUSTRALIA EXPLORATION LTD	387113	48.38HA	91km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 117° 13' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
53/1212	NEWMONT YANDAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	392703	267.52HA	62km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 121° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
53/1496	CREASY, Mark Gareth LINGER AND DIE PTY LTD	392704	388.18HA	73km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
59/1437	AUSTRALASIAN MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD	379756	197.32HA	21km W'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 116° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
59/935-I	RESOURCE EXPLORATION NL	379114	570.45HA	78km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 116° 56' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 18 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 **18 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. 18 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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For Further Information

Email: selection@gpet.com.au or phone AGPT Selection on 02 6263 6776 Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm (AEST).

Doctors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin are encouraged to apply.

Applications Close

10.00am (AEST) Friday 18 May 2012.



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Department of Education and
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Koorie Transition Officer

Fixed term, full time until 31/12/2013.

Job Ref EMR222

The position focuses on supporting multiple learning pathways, career development and mentoring of Indigenous young people. The position will provide a crucial linking role between students, training organisations, workplaces, DEECD and Department of Health. As a collaborative position the incumbent will be required to facilitate the collaboration at senior levels in both DEECD and the Department of Health, maintaining open and effective communication and broker support of a diverse range of stakeholders.

The position is substantively (0.8 FTE) located in the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and is part of the Eastern Metropolitan (EMR) Koorie Education Workforce. The position also has a health role and will be co-located in the Eastern Metropolitan Region's Department of Health; one day per week (0.2 FTE).

The position seeks to halve the gap in achievement between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people by 2020 through increasing participation of young Indigenous people in education and training, increasing attainment levels and improving successful transitions from school. Furthermore, the strategy seeks to improve pathways into health sector employment for young Indigenous people with a particular focus on specialist and allied health roles by:

- raising awareness of the range of jobs in health and benefits of working in the health sector;
- improved navigation of educational and training pathways into health jobs, traineeships and work experience; and
- providing support to Indigenous students to identify and attain the educational requirements for different health jobs.

Applications close 4 May 2012

For further information contact: **Denise Kotsikas on 03 9265 2415**

For further information on the position description and selection criteria visit

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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	04/2172	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	98L	125km S'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 23' S Long: 123° 57' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2173	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	118L	67km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 9' S Long: 124° 57' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2174	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	200BL	124km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 56' S Long: 124° 44' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2175	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	93BL	128km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 40' S Long: 124° 29' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2176	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	178L	88km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 0' S Long: 124° 47' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2177	SGM COAL PTY LTD	238L	101km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 41' S Long: 124° 47' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1937	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	168L	129km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 44' S Long: 116° 26' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1322	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	288L	33km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/780	MCMURRAY, Frederick William	98L	55km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 117° 26' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/466	WESTEX RESOURCES PTY LTD	48L	57km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/161	JOHNSON, Chad Graeme	28L	22km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1008	JOHNSON, Sharon Lee				
Exploration Licence	31/999	ST BARBARA LIMITED	148L	97km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4012	ST BARBARA LIMITED	628L	148km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 1' S Long: 122° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
		YOUNG, Bradford John	38L	39km SEly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 28' S Long: 118° 56' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
		YOUNG, Julie Lynne				
Exploration Licence	45/4013	YOUNG, Bradford John	28L	41km E'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 25' S Long: 118° 58' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
		YOUNG, Julie Lynne				
Exploration Licence	45/4022	DIATREME RESOURCES LIMITED	146BL	122km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 19° 41' S Long: 120° 53' E	BROOME SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2746	ERRAWARRA PTY LTD	116BL	91km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 56' S Long: 120° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1634	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	418L	62km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 120° 32' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/912	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	84km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 118° 29' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/914	ORREX RESOURCES LTD	98L	114km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 118° 48' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/426	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	138L	56km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 118° 24' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/427-8	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	1058L	59km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 118° 26' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1832	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	118L	55km NE'ly of Paynes find	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 118° 5' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1833	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	148L	64km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 118° 13' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1852	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	218L	90km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 118° 26' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1853	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	358L	73km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 118° 23' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1854	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	358L	75km NE'lyof Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 118° 16' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/2887	ELLIS, Heather Margaret	378L	47km NE'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 14' S Long: 117° 53' E	BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE, CRANBROOK SHIRE, GNOWANGERUP SHIRE
		LIPPLE, Stephen Leonard				
		WADLEY, Lynn Geoffrey Bernard				
Exploration Licence	70/4009	HILL RIVER MINERALS PTY LTD	128L	39km N'ly of Gingin	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 115° 54' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4104	GREAT SOUTHERN GOLD PTY LTD	2008L	48km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 47' S Long: 118° 7' E	KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4166	HARD ROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	118L	40km S'ly of Katanning	Lat: 34° 3' S Long: 117° 34' E	BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4284	WESTERN IRON ORE PTY LTD	348L	107km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 115° 32' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4285	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	578L	23km NE'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 34' S Long: 117° 45' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KATANNING SHIRE, WOODANILLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/523	FAIR NORTH MINERALS PTY LTD	338L	13km SW'ly of Munglipup	Lat: 33° 48' S Long: 120° 46' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4669	M.E. I'ONS AND ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	68L	145km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 17° 4' S Long: 128° 35' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4675	LAZARUS RESOURCES PTY LTD	18L	86km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 51' S Long: 127° 11' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/625	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	49.53HA	98km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 30' S Long: 116° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/626	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	23.42HA	101km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 32' S Long: 116° 12' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/630	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	47.76HA	62km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 4' S Long: 115° 58' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/631	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	47.79HA	65km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 115° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/632	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	22.89HA	71km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 7' S Long: 115° 53' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/633	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	22.90HA	68km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 115° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/634	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	47.69HA	82km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 11' S Long: 115° 48' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/635	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	47.73HA	79km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 10' S Long: 115° 50' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/636	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	23.48HA	78km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 9' S Long: 115° 49' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/637	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	23.45HA	74km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 8' S Long: 115° 51' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/638	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	23.43HA	72km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 7' S Long: 115° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/639	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	48.83HA	68km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 115° 53' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/640	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	23.44HA	63km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 4' S Long: 115° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/641	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	23.49HA	81km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 10' S Long: 115° 47' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/642	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	73.81HA	81km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 116° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/643	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	23.49HA	84km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 11' S Long: 115° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/644	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	47.76HA	57km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 4' S Long: 116° 3' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/645	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	22.89HA	54km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 3' S Long: 116° 4' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/646	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	123.95HA	97km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 116° 48' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/647	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23.40HA	103km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4629-30	PHOTIOS, Michael John	229.86HA	70km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4632	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	199.11HA	62km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4633	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	195.11HA	61km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4634	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	197.56HA	60km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4635	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	197.78HA	60km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3863-73	THOMPSON, Paul Gerrard Washington	2092.38HA	15km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2115	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	7.99HA	52km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL				
Prospecting Licence	29/2229	DALLA-COSTA, Melville Raymond	160.02HA	4km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 121° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8115	PMCC PROPERTY TRUST	24.64HA	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8175	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	199.92HA	39km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 43' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8187	CONTO RESOURCES LTD	4.86HA	10km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8188-S	SMITH, Gregory Donald	9.87HA	10km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8191	RAJANDER, John Michael	200.92HA	39km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 44' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8192	RAJANDER, John Michael	197.79HA	37km E'ly of Leonoa	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8193	RAJANDER, John Michael	198.30HA	37km E'ly of Leonoa	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8194	RAJANDER, John Michael	197.47HA	37km E'ly of Leonoa	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8196	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	123.49HA	19km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2786	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	99.82HA	118km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 54' S Long: 118° 55' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	45/2787	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	101.60HA	116km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 118° 54' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	45/2818	WITX PTY LTD	24.00HA	11km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 119° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2819	WITX PTY LTD	198.42HA	8km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 119° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2820	WITX PTY LTD	57.45HA	10km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 119° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1598	BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD	17.99HA	93km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 53' S Long: 118° 58' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1636	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2.03HA	83km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 42' S Long: 118° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1637	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	74.20HA	106km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 35' S Long: 116° 20' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1638	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4.93HA	84km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 59' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1639	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	5.02HA	82km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 117° 0' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1644	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23.01HA	69km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 9' S Long: 116° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1645	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	44.03HA	70km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 35' S Long: 117° 6' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1646	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	152.11HA	87km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 117° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1647	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	22.70HA	116km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 43' S Long: 116° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1648	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	48.79HA	114km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 44' S Long: 116° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1649	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	122.33HA	109km W'ly of tom Price	Lat: 22° 42' S Long: 116° 44' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1650	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	47.66HA	97km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 26' S Long: 116° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2601	REWARD MINERALS LTD	35.21HA	40km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 55' S Long: 118° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2767-71	BLACK PEAK WA PTY LTD	849.15HA	4km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 35' S Long: 118° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2772-4	BLACK PEAK WA PTY LTD	616.55HA	12km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 39' S Long: 118° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2775-80	BLACK PEAK WA PTY LTD	1093.6HA	17km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 118° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2781-2	WESTCOTT, Timothy Daniel	222.52HA	74km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 55' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1973	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	119.85HA	21km N'ly from Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 116° 44' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1900	LOPRESTI, Stephen	151.70HA	10km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 121° 41' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1903	SARUMAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	3.35HA	11km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 17' S Long: 121° 49' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1905	BROOKS, Alan George	134.09HA	29km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 4' S Long: 122° 2' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
		POWTER, David John				
Prospecting Licence	77/4010-1	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	278.41HA	80km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 20' S Long: 119° 41' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4012-4	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	392.39HA	84km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 119° 42' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1766	NATURALISTE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	126.52HA	26km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 26' S Long: 127° 45' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
		TAN, Soh Cheng				
Prospecting Licence	80/1767-9	NATURALISTE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	379.08HA	27km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 27' S Long: 127° 45' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1775	CLACK, Michael Colin	10.29HA	120km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 48' S Long: 128° 24' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1776, 80/1778 & 80/1783	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	540.04HA	8km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 11' S Long: 127° 36' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
		NORVALE PTY LTD				
Prospecting Licence	80/1777 & 80/1780	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	363.92HA	4km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 12' S Long: 127° 38' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
		NORVALE PTY LTD				
Retention Licence	63/3	SPITFIRE OIL PTY LTD	23700.54HA	29km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 46' S Long: 121° 27' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 18 April 2012

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Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 18 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,

Melbourne hosts Indigenous athletics



ATHLETES from throughout Australia were in Melbourne last week for the Australian Indigenous athletics championships at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

It was the first time Melbourne had hosted the event, which had the backing of the Victorian departments of Sports and Recreation and Aboriginal Affairs.

More than 100 of the best Indigenous track and field athletes were on show.

They were welcomed at the Gamadji Institute in Punt Road by Victorian

Sport and Recreation Minister Hugh Delahunty and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell.

"It is a pleasure to welcome competitors from all across Australia, as far as Nhulumbuy in the Northern Territory, to Marree, in South Australia," Mr Delahunty said.

Coaching workshops

"On top of competing, the athletes will have the chance to participate in a 'getting to know Victoria' program, coaching workshops run by elite athletes, nutritional classes and leadership workshops.

"The championships are a perfect

chance for young, enthusiastic athletes to emulate their heroes and experience the thrill of competing at a world-class venue, while also gaining valuable life skills."

Mrs Powell said Victoria had been home to many leading Indigenous sporting legends such as cricketer star Johnny Mullagh, endurance runner Alby Clarke and boxing legend Lionel Rose, all of whom were recently added to the Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll.

"With the London Olympic Games set for later this year, the wonderful example of (400m runner) Cathy Freeman should be an inspiration

to those competing," she said.

"The Victorian Government is committed to closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Victorians. One of the principles guiding our approach is that every Victorian should have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

"These championships help 'close the gap' by promoting healthy active lifestyles and by encouraging Indigenous athletes to aspire to excellence in their chosen sporting field."

The Victorian Government contributed \$20,000 towards the championships.

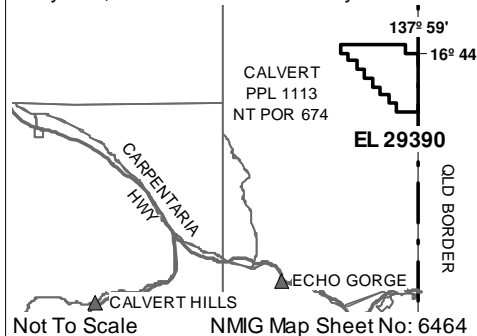
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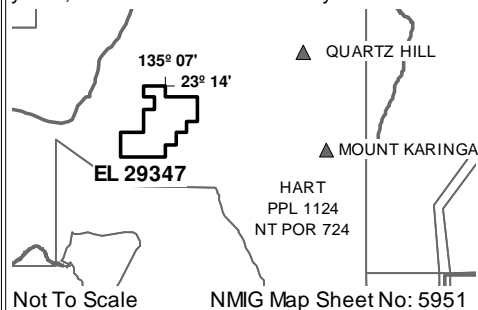
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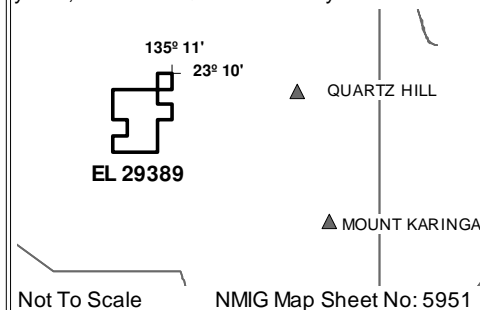
Exploration Licence 29390 sought by DELGARE PTY LTD, ACN 137 981 081 over an area of 50 Blocks (157 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



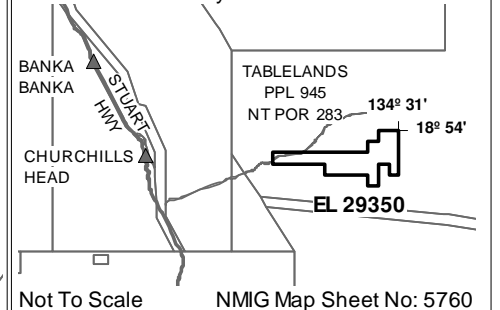
Exploration Licence 29347 sought by GEMPART PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 and ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 24 Blocks (76 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



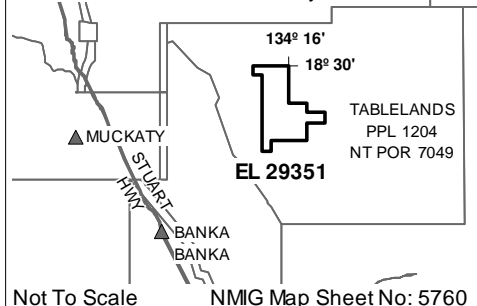
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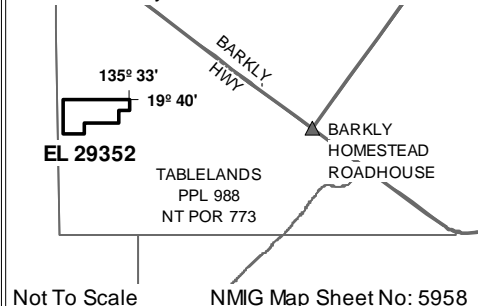
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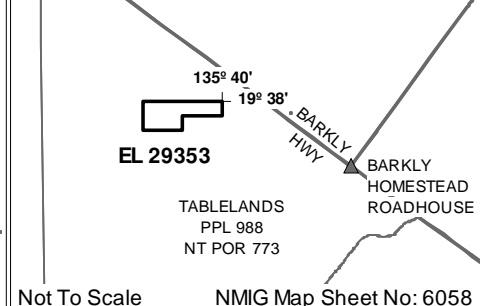
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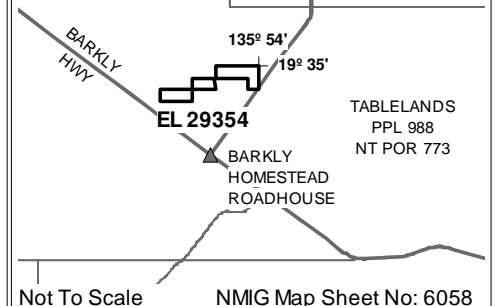
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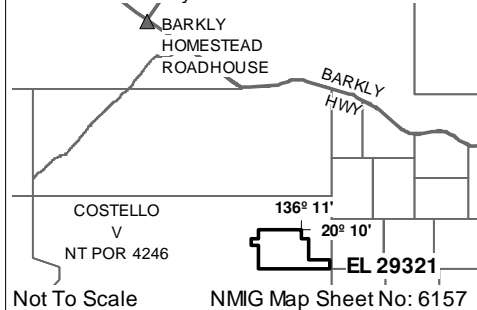
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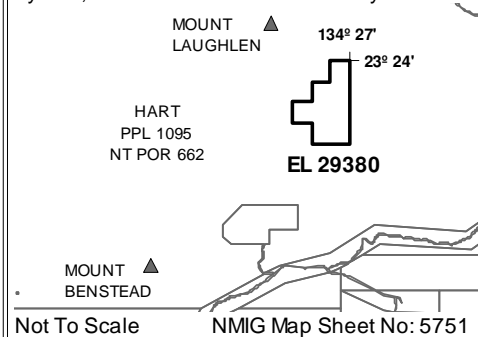
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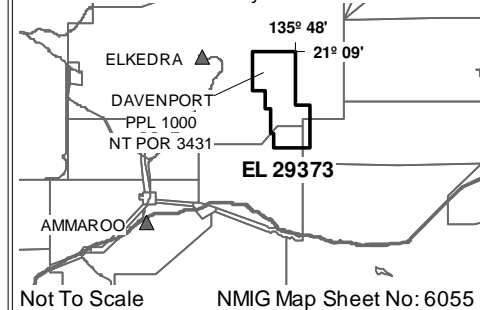
Exploration Licence 29321 sought by NORTHERN MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 38 Blocks (123 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JOILDUNG locality.



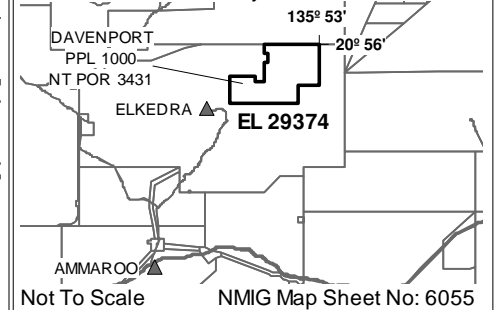
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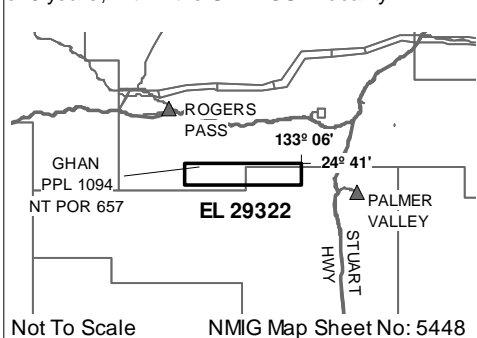
Exploration Licence 29373 sought by NUPOWER RESOURCES LTD, ACN 120 787 859 over an area of 180 Blocks (576 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GEORGE CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 29374 sought by NUPOWER RESOURCES LTD, ACN 120 787 859 over an area of 193 Blocks (619 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GEORGE CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 29322 sought by USI PTY LTD, ACN 152 441 668 over an area of 51 Blocks (160 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SEYMOUR locality.



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Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 18 April 2012

Off to Canada... or so he hopes

NOWRA schoolboy Braedon Stewart has been selected in an Australian team to compete as a long jumper in Canada.

The privately-organised tour involves promising athletes from around Australia.

Because it is privately organised, assistance funding from usual sources is not available and Braedon and his family have to come up with nearly \$7000 by 1 June if he is to make the trip.

The team will leave Australia on 27 June.

Braedon, 13, attends Bomaderry High School, where he is in Year 8.

Braedon's mum Toni Stewart said the trip was an amazing opportunity for a young Koori boy from Nowra.

"Braedon shows a huge amount of determination and commitment to achieve at a very high level and hopes one day to represent his country in the Olympics," Toni said.

She has been trying to raise the funds to get him to Canada in June, but \$7000 is a lot of money.



Braedon Stewart in action in the long jump. Photo: South Coast Register

She has managed to raise about \$2000.

South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation CEO Faye Warner said the South Coast community wanted Braedon to go to Canada.

"It is really important that boys like Braedon get these chances and see what they may become with hard work, determination and community support," she said.

Braedon belongs to the Yuin

(NSW South Coast) mob.

In addition to being a promising athlete, Braedon also represents his school in Australian football and rugby league.

With no formal training, he reached regional level in the 100 metres, the 4x100m relay, high jump, shot put, discus and long jump.

He qualified to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools State titles in the long jump, where he finished ninth.

Before moving back to the South Coast, the family lived in Sydney, where Braedon was a member of the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir and was also with an Aboriginal dance troupe.

He featured in a Qantas commercial with the children's choir that was filmed in Broome in 2009.

People or organisations wanting to help Braedon reach his fundraising target can contact Toni Stewart on 0459 028 846 or toni@waminda.org.au or Faye Warner on 0409 787 763 or faye@waminda.org.au

Matt's leap for the Force



The Western Force's Matt Hodgson wins a line-out during the Super Rugby match against the NSW Waratahs at nib Stadium, Perth, last Friday night. The Waratahs survived a frenetic second-half comeback from the Force to post a 23-18 win. The Waratahs appeared set to run away with the match after leading 17-3 early in the second half. – AAP image

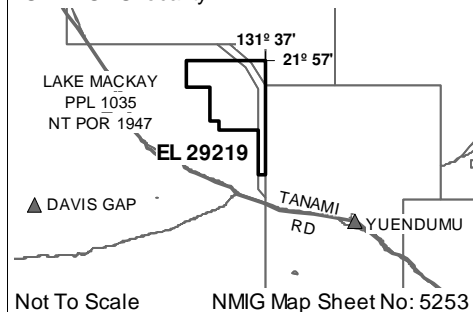
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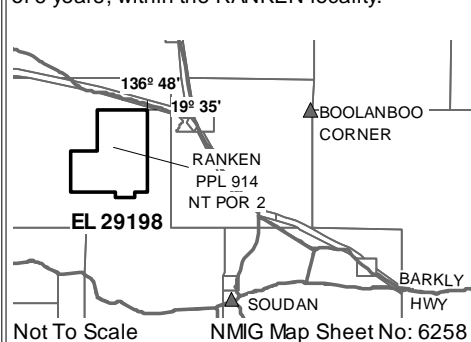
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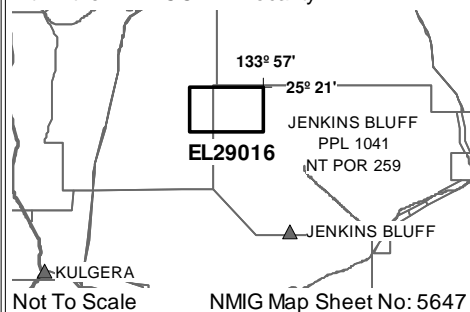
Exploration Licence 29219 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 69 Blocks (216 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the YUENDUMU locality.



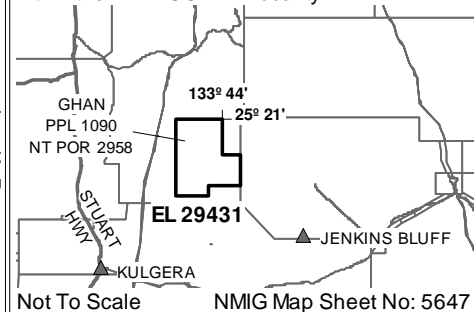
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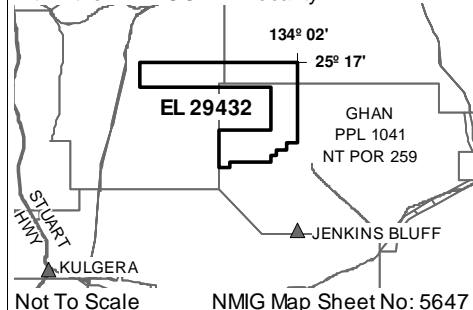
Exploration Licence 29016 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY. LTD., ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 91 Blocks (282 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the IDRA COWRA locality.



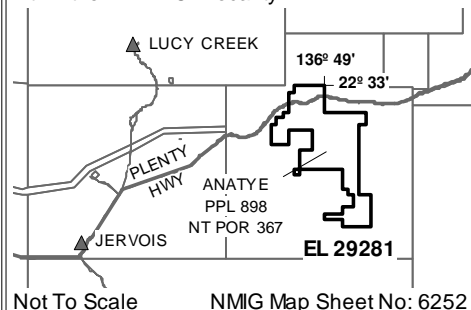
Exploration Licence 29431 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY. LTD., ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 168 Blocks (521 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the IDRA COWRA locality.



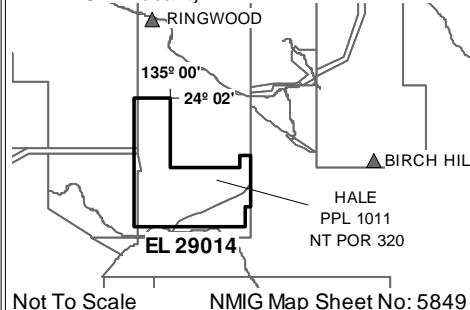
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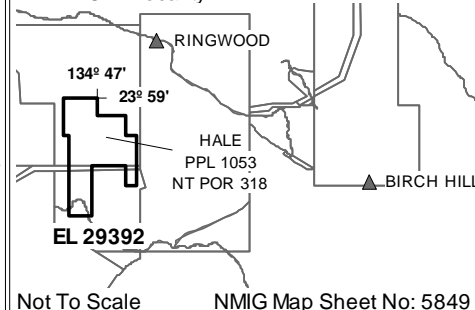
Exploration Licence 29281 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 163 Blocks (516 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TARTON locality.



Exploration Licence 29014 sought by TROPICAL RESOURCES PTY. LTD., ACN 150 465 259 over an area of 247 Blocks (765 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PELLINORE locality.



Exploration Licence 29392 sought by TROPICAL RESOURCES PTY. LTD., ACN 150 465 259 over an area of 149 Blocks (467 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PELLINORE locality.



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Notification Day: 18 April 2012

Blazing a new trail



A YOUNG Alice Springs Indigenous athlete is blazing a new trail as a role model in a

sport not usually known for attracting interest in the Aboriginal community.

Twenty-year-old Hayden Jude will be the first Indigenous youth to participate in the Ingkerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro, a multi-day stage bike race that covers 251km over five days of racing from 14-18 May.

Jude, a boiler maker who works for Alice Springs-based Ingkerreke Commercial, heard about the race when approached by Ingkerreke Commercial general manager Scott McConnell.

"I have never taken part in mountain biking before, but I am a competitive BMX rider," says Jude, who said there were definite differences between the two cycle sports.

"I am learning that they require different muscles," he said.

Jude says he is proud to be taking the lead as an Indigenous mountain biker by participating in the enduro.

"I feel good about the idea that there are no other well-known Indigenous mountain bikers," he said. My community and friends are very supportive and pleased that I am taking part. And it's good to show my community – and people from outback regions in general – that there is something different to football that they can have a go at."

Since signing on to compete, Jude has taken to the



Hayden Jude is more at home on the BMX track, but is preparing for a new challenge – the 251km Ingkerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro.

single-track bike trails around Alice Springs with gusto as part of his training.

"They are pretty rough and rocky trails, but fun to ride and definitely helping to improve my skills," he said.

"I am also getting in some road riding in the morning before work to increase my general fitness level."

New challenge

The distances involved in the Ingkerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro will present a challenge, according to Jude, who is more accustomed to rolling over distances in the hundreds of metres on enclosed BMX tracks rather than the open 251km of trails he will encounter in the Enduro.

"It makes me feel scared because I have never done anything like this and I don't know how my body is going to

cope," he said. "But I'm just going out to have some fun with everyone else riding with me."

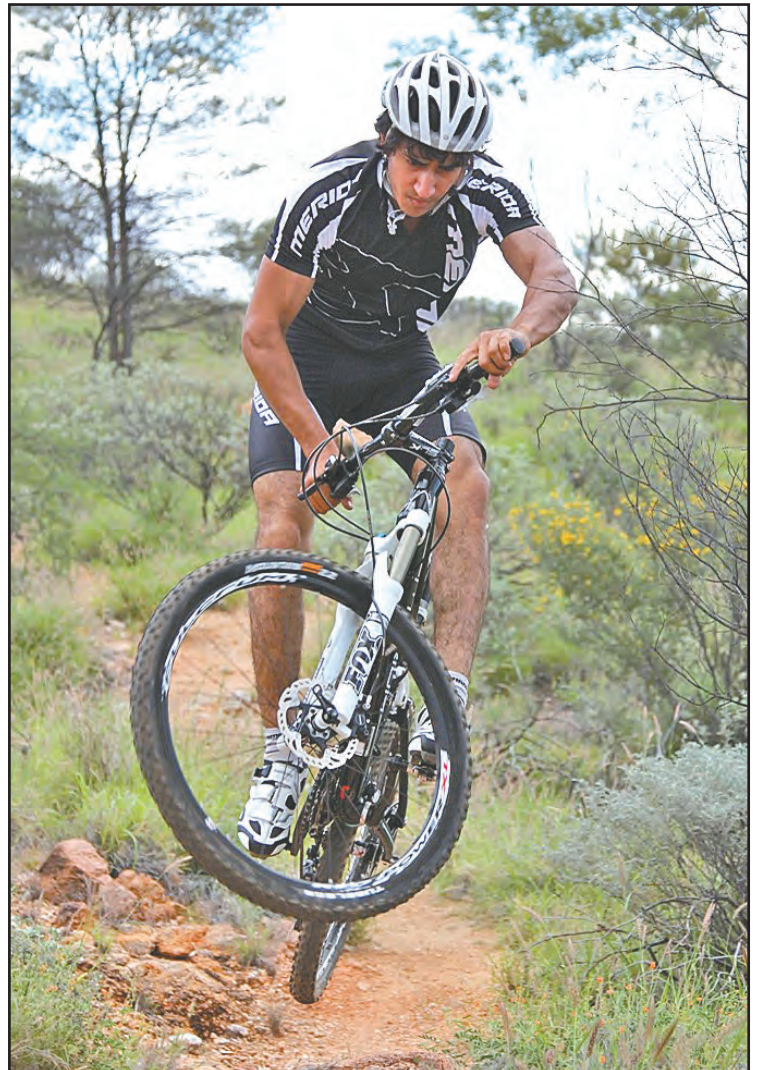
Jude is being mentored and supported by local cycling identity Corey Gerdson, the owner of Alice Springs bike shop Ultimate Ride.

"Ultimate Ride has sponsored Hayden in all aspects of his BMX racing and downhill for six years and he is the most talented rider I have seen," said Gerdson.

"He's the type of guy that can show up to anything involving two wheels and make anyone look bad."

"The Enduro will be a good test. This will be the first event he will participate in that involves endurance. His skill level will not be matched but it will be good to see Hayden challenge himself at a whole different level in terms of going the distance."

Gerdson has assisted Jude



Hayden Jude gets the feel of endurance riding.

with training and bike set-up as he transitions to the mountain bike category.

"But the rest is up to him. He works long hours and also needs to keep riding BMX as this is number one in his eyes," he said.

"But Hayden has been given a great opportunity and has a massive carrot dangling in front of him if he is able to perform to his ability."

"He has the potential to be in the top 15 if he commits himself over the coming weeks."

Following dreams can be costly



KATLIN PETERSON



FOLLOWING sporting dreams can be expensive – just ask Araluen Peterson and her 15-year-old daughter Katlin.

Katlin, from Oakey, near Toowoomba in Queensland, is a rising soccer and futsal star.

Already, she has represented Toowoomba in soccer and futsal, Darling Downs in soccer and futsal, south-west Queensland in soccer in futsal, and Queensland and Australia in futsal.

As a single mum for the past five years, Araluen has had the help of her family in giving Katlin all the opportunities that come her way.

But there is a limit, and the further Katlin goes, the greater the burden.

"My parents are not well and I'm finding it very hard to fund Katlin's upcoming representations – South-west Queensland (March to September – \$500), and State championships in May 2012 (\$600)," Araluen said.

"I have had to withdraw Katlin from the Australian futsal team as it costs \$6000 and with all the help in the world, we cannot come up with that kind of cash."

Araluen would like to hear from anyone who can help Katlin follow her dreams. She can be contacted on 0431 288 845.

Katlin has been a higher academic achiever, graduating as a Year 7 student at St Monica's Primary School, Oakey, in 2009, before

attending St Ursula's College, Toowoomba.

She trains four to five nights a week with local team the Toowoomba Raiders in addition to goalie training twice a week.

She also attends referees training and on Saturdays she coaches an Oakey under six team and referees games, then plays in the local Junior Premiership League.

She has a further three goalkeeper sessions a week with specialist goalkeeper coaches such as John Garside, who trains Brisbane Roar, and Sue Bubeck, who trains all South-west Queensland goalkeepers.

Australia Day award

In 2011 Katlin was the recipient of the 2011 Oakey Region Sporting Australia Day Award.

In 2009, she was named the Oakey region Australia Day Junior Citizen of the Year.

Katlin's mum she her daughter was actively involved in school peer support and was recognised for having a caring and responsible attitude.

She was elected sports captain for St Monica's Kokoda House in 2009, and was a member of the Good Samaritans Group at St Monica's.

She is a member of the FACED youth group in her community, where she was invited to participate by the Oakey State High School and the Toowoomba Regional Shire Council Organisational Representative.

Blacklock's amazing record still remains unchallenged



MELBOURNE Storm fullback Billy Slater has made a flying start towards overhauling Nathan Blacklock's record of 27 tries in a National Rugby League season. But he has a long way to go to match the St

George Illawarra winger's career.

Blacklock's season record of 27 (in 2001) is two tries higher than his nearest rivals.

There are three players with 25 tries in a season – Blacklock (scored in 2000). The other two are Brett Morris (St George – 2009) and Rhys Wesser (Penrith – 2003).

The next best is 24 tries – scored by none other than Nathan Blacklock (1999).

Other Indigenous players who appear in the season-high try list are Ben Barba (Canterbury 2011 – 24 tries), Nathan Merritt (Souths 2011 – 23 tries), and Amos Roberts (Penrith 2004 – 23 tries). – *With AAP*



The Dragons' Nathan Blacklock celebrates after the NRL Rugby League, Round 25 game against the Manly Sea Eagles match at Jubilee Stadium, Sydney, on 29 August 2004. – AAP image

Cartwright says ARL should help battling Titans



GOLD coast National Rugby League (NRL) coach John Cartwright says if an Australian Football League (AFL) team had faced the same financial difficulties as the Titans, their

peak body would have sorted the problems out a long time ago.

The ARL Commission made it clear last week it is not convinced the sale of the club's beleaguered Centre of Excellence will be enough to stave off financial ruin.

Just over a week ago the Titans sold the building which is at the heart of the club's reported \$25 million debt for an undisclosed sum – with managing-director Michael Searle trumpeting the sale as a significant step in shoring up the club's future.

Independent auditors are to hand a report on their investigation into the club's finances to the ARL Commission any day and chief executive David Gallop said the impact of the Centre of Excellence sale was still not clear.

The coach and senior players last week rallied behind Searle in a show of unity.

Cartwright said all Searle ever wanted was what's good for the Gold Coast and good for rugby league.

"He's not asking for a handout, he's asking for some assistance to get through as a loan basically," he told reporters.

"If this was AFL, I'm sure it would have been sorted out and done and dusted and the club would be looking nothing but forward – that's all we're asking and I think he's done enough to deserve that right."

Inaugural Titan Luke Bailey, newcomer Nate Myles and retired club favourite Preston Campbell were among players who paid tribute to Searle's commitment to the players and the Gold Coast.

Cartwright admitted that after five losses in a row, and the team sitting in second last position on the ladder, many fans are feeling disillusioned.

"For me the most disappointing thing is our form on the field," he said.

Despite the team's poor performance, he has no thoughts of resigning. – *AAP*

Walker runs into form



SHANNON Walker had to wait a while to make his debut in the Qantas men's sevens rugby union team, but he hasn't wasted his opportunities.

The former rugby league star scored two tries in Australia's nail-biting 28-26 win over Samoa in the Tokyo leg of the HSBC Sevens World Series.

It was the Australians' sixth-ever HSBC Sevens World Series title.

The result is the best finish so far for the Australians in the 2011-12 HSBC Sevens World Series and their first cup win since May 2010, when they beat South Africa 19-14 in London on the 2009-10 circuit.

Previously this season, on a run that was hampered by injuries, the Australians' best result was a fourth-place finish at the inaugural Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch tournament which kicked off the 2011-12 HSBC Sevens World Series.

Coach Michael O'Connor was elated with the result, having seen his players work hard for little reward in recent tournaments.

Bo missing from Indigenous team

BO De La Cruz was missing from the National Indigenous Women's Sevens rugby union team that contested the inaugural National Women's Championships in Sydney last week.

That's because she played in the tournament for the Northern Territory.

While players were encouraged to represent the National Indigenous Women's Sevens, the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) allowed State sides' first preference when it came to selecting players.

Therefore, De La Cruz, who was a recent standout with the Qantas Women's Sevens, played with the Northern Territory instead of the new Indigenous Sevens side.

The tournament was held St Ignatius College,

Riverview, from 13-15 April.

Australia's most-capped Wallaroo, Selena Tranter, named the Indigenous Women's Sevens following a two-day camp at Redfern's National Centre for Indigenous Excellence.

National Indigenous Women's Sevens: Theresa Anderson (Brisbane, Qld), Vanessa Lee Cheu (Cairns, Qld), Candice Clay (Newcastle, NSW), Taylor Jarrett (Coffs Harbour, NSW), Sharon McGrady (Coffs Harbour, NSW), Tallisha McKinnon (Sydney, NSW), Lavina Mealey (Sydney, NSW), Mahalia Murphy (La Perouse, NSW), Paris Robinson (Gold Coast, Qld), Taleena Simon (Sydney, NSW), Simone Smith (Port Macquarie, NSW), Natasha White.

"We've really come a long way, it's not easy to win a cup final," O'Connor said.

"They showed a lot of tenacity, courage and commitment against Samoa, it was an extraordinary final and I'm really proud of them."

Contesting the final with just eight healthy players, the Australians hit the field with guts and determination and went into the half-time break up 14-12 after Shannon Walker scored a double

in only his second tournament of the series.

Walker's tries were converted by youngsters Allan Faalavaau and Matt Lucas.

Down 26-21 with four minutes left, the Australians remained patient and following a solid build-up, an outside run by captain Ed Jenkins levelled the scores.

Kicking from near the sideline, Lucas slotted the conversion just seconds before the final siren.

Day two of the Tokyo Sevens saw the Australians secure two solid wins on their way to facing Samoa in the cup final, first defeating Wales 21-14 in the cup quarter-final, before beating England 33-12 in a clinical semi-final performance.

On day one, the Australians emerged from Pool B in second place, with two wins and one loss, which saw them move through to the cup play-offs.

They beat Hong Kong 17-14, the United States 15-0 and were beaten 22-10 by New Zealand.

Walker notched a try for Australia in the quarter-final against the Welsh.

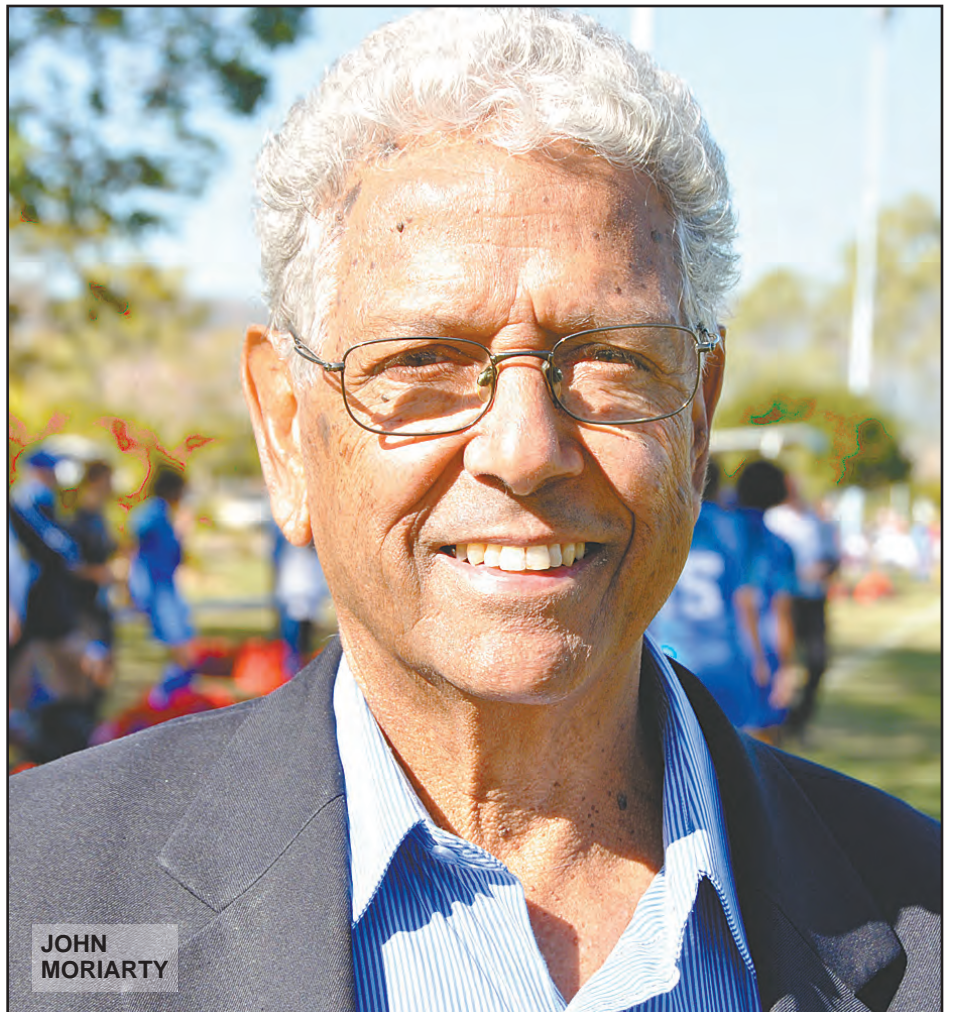
In the semi-final, the Australians never let up against their English opponents. Faalavaau opened the scoring, converting his own try to take Australia to 7-0 two minutes into the game. Australia scored twice more, through McMahon and Walker, with Faalavaau hitting both conversions to take a 21-7 lead at half time.

It was a similar story in the second half, with Australia outscoring the English two tries to one.

The team is on a month's break from competition before returning to the HSBC Sevens World Series circuit for the remaining two tournaments in the 2011/12 season, with Glasgow on 5-6 May and London on 12-13 May.

The squad will use the time to recuperate and assess the injuries of a number of players before entering into a number of camps throughout April ahead of the final two tournaments.

Soccer's catch-up begins



JOHN MORIARTY



FOOTBALL Federation Australia boss Ben Buckley hopes Indigenous players will ultimately make up at least ten per cent of

domestic and national teams, after unveiling a strategy he admits is overdue.

While other football codes, especially AFL and rugby league, have long produced a plethora of celebrated Indigenous players, only about half a dozen have represented the Socceroos.

Earlier this month Buckley unveiled the Football Dreaming development strategy aimed at maximising participation for Indigenous footballers and identifying and developing those with talent.

The FFA also plans to use its code as a vehicle to positively affect areas such as education, employment and health.

Buckley conceded an Indigenous strategy for Australian soccer was

overdue and that his code was in catch-up mode.

"I think football has traditionally been a very urban-focused game and it hasn't reached out to the regional communities that the other sports have," he said.

"We haven't had the depth of resources to be able to fund these sort of projects and we're increasing our capacity to do that.

Behind other sports

"We're recognising that we're behind where the other sports have got to over their history and that's something we're going to work really hard to catch up as fast as we can."

Initially, the FFA hopes to have at least a five per cent representation of Indigenous players in all the domestic league and national teams, though Buckley is ultimately aiming higher.

"We would like to see a ten per cent

goal," Buckley said. "It's an ambitious target. I don't think we'll get there in the short term, but that's the sort of goal we've set for ourselves over the medium to long term."

John Moriarty, the first Indigenous player to be selected in an Australian soccer team, hailed the announcement of the strategy as a historical moment.

Matildas' striker Kyah Simon, who last year became the first Indigenous Australian to score at a World Cup, also

welcomed the FFA's initiative.

"I'm very excited. It's definitely been a long time coming, but it's great to see it finally getting in motion and things happening," Simon said.

"It's exciting for me being a current Indigenous national team member to see that there is a strategy in place to get more Indigenous kids involved at a younger age and then hopefully develop into something more as they get older." — AAP

Williams scores two awards



Lydia Williams, left, and Kyah Simon of Australia warm up during a training session of the team in Augsburg, Germany, last 9 July. Sweden faced Australia in the quarter-final match of the FIFA Women's World Cup in Augsburg the next day and won 3-1 after Australia finished second behind Brazil in their pool. Other teams in the pool were Equatorial Guinea and Norway. — EPA photo



INDIGENOUS Australian women's soccer star Lydia Williams has added to her trophy cabinet, with the Canberra United W-League goalie being named Australia's Goalkeeper of the Year and the

Players' Player of the Year.

Katanning-born Williams picked up the awards at Football Federation Australia's (FFA's) annual awards night in Sydney last Tuesday.

Club team-mate and Westfield Matildas midfielder Sally Shipard won the Julie Dolan Medal for Women's Player of the Year after an excellent season with the undefeated Westfield W-League champions.

Shipard, now playing for Bayer 04 Leverkusen in Germany, was unable to make the awards presentation.

Canberra unsurprisingly dominated the Westfield W-League Awards, with striker Michelle Heyman winning the Golden Boot for her 12-goal season, Williams picking up her two awards, and United coach Jitka Klimkova being named Coach of the Year.

After playing junior football for Tuggeranong and Woden in the Australian Capital Territory, Williams joined the Australian Institute of Sport Football Program.

She joined Australian W-League team Canberra United in 2008.

She first represented Australia at the 2006 AFC Women's Asian Cup and the 2006 FIFA World Under 20 Women's Championship.

Brisbane Roar's German sensation Thomas Broich continued a trend of foreign players taking out the A-League's top individual prize as he claimed the Johnny Warren Medal.

Broich became the third straight import to claim the league's player of the year award, following Costa Rican Carlos Hernandez (2009-10) and Argentine Marcos Flores (2010-11). — With AAP

First New York, now it's Boston

By ALF WILSON



KELSEY Youngblutt, from Palm Island, Yirrkala's Jamie Wunungmurra, and Derby's Tegan Pigram yesterday were running for the Australian Indigenous Marathon Project team in the Boston Marathon.

The trio were selected after recently climbing over Canberra's harsh Brindabella Mountains to secure themselves a place for the prestigious Boston Marathon which was first run in 1897.

Youngblutt's mother Nazareth, of Yorke Island descent, told the *Koori Mail* her daughter wanted to inspire others on Palm Island and the Torres Strait to run and be fit.

"She turns 21 in July and hopes to get young people to start running when she comes back from Boston. We are proud of our Yorke Island heritage," Nazareth said.

That may even include organising a mini-marathon on Palm or somewhere in the Torres Strait.

There is a Torres Strait Islander community of about 200 on Palm Island and Nazareth said they, as well as other locals, were getting right behind Youngblutt.

Youngblutt, along with Jamie Wunungmurra and Tegan Pigram, proved to themselves they were ready for the big Boston event.

Indigenous Marathon Project director and founder Rob de Castella said their achievements were amazing.

He said he was particularly proud of the runners' performance in one of Canberra's toughest running events, the Stromlo 30km Lightning Strike.

"They have highlighted their guts and determination by completing that gruelling event that saw them run along firetrails, up and down

mountain ranges, and even through creek crossings as high as their thighs," he said.

"This run was a great lead-up for the tough Boston course, which has some big hills, including the famous heartbreak hill at 30km.

"What Kelsey has achieved in the past nine months is just amazing and a credit to her spirit, determination and commitment to the long, hard training.

"She has evolved from a speed and short-distance runner into now being ready to run 42km in Boston, which is a credit to her ability. I'm excited to see her run in one of the world's biggest marathons representing Palm Island, and she'll do really well and return with some great stories."

Long journey

The trio actually began their journey to the Boston race in April last year when de Castella and his Indigenous Marathon Project conducted a national tryout tour.

From this, 20 promising runners were selected as part of the 2011 New York Marathon squad.

The New York team then was cut to ten.

While these three runners didn't make it to New York, they spent countless hour training and preparing for the chance to represent Indigenous Australia in the world's oldest marathon.

"The journey to the start line for these runners has not been an easy one," de Castella said.

"They have had many obstacles to overcome, but this is a significant achievement for each of them, their families and their communities."

The team travelled to Sydney last Thursday and flew out for Boston on Friday.

They were accompanied by de Castella and coach Tim Rowe.

The Boston Marathon was run on Monday (yesterday Australian time).



Kelsey during the 30km time trial in Canberra in February.



Kelsey Youngblutt, left, with Yirrkala's Jamie Wunungmurra and Derby's Tegan Pigram.

Tabua's 96 points in just two rugby league matches

By ALF WILSON



STAR back Tabua Oui scored an amazing 96 individual points – made up of 14 tries and 20 goals – in the opening two

rounds of the Palm Island domestic rugby league competition.

Oui scored seven tries and kicked 13 goals when his side Mount Bentley Raiders beat Hornets 92-22 at the Palm football oval on 31 March in the 2012 season opener.

Scoring a half century is pretty good in cricket – in rugby league it's sensational.

In round two on Palm Island on 7 April, Oui again scored seven tries and chipped in with seven goals when Raiders belted reigning premiers Jets 100-12.

Versatile

The 25-year-old Oui is of Palm Island and Darnley Island descent and can play centre, halfback or five-eighth with equal potency.

Oui played in the centres for Raiders, who re-entered the competition after a break last season.

When the *Koori Mail* spoke to the 25-year-old Oui, he downplayed his performances.

"I wasn't very fit and if I had been, I would have scored at least ten tries in the first game," he said.

"My grandfather was from Darnley and I am closely associated with Palm Island and the Torres Strait."

Oui's father is the late and great Palm Island back Hector Poynter. Both father and son were named in the all-time best Palm

Island Legends of League team announced last month.

The round one match between reigning premiers Jets and Butler Bay Bulls was called off at half time because Jets were reduced to just seven players after injuries.

Allan Brown, Billo Wotton and William Blackman each scored two tries in the first-half blitz by the Bulls, with singles to Pita Morgan, Frank Morgan and Robert Bulsey.

Pita Morgan booted seven goals.

In the other match, Mundy Bay Warriors defeated Brothers by forfeit.

Skipjacks had the bye.

In round two, Skipjacks scored a 32-24 victory over a gallant Butler Bay Bulls.

A major boost for Skippies has been the signing of Obe Geia Jnr, who played two A grade NRL games for the North Queensland Cowboys several seasons back.

Raiders scored 100 points against Jets in a feat rarely achieved by a team on Palm.

To back up Oui, Kevin Morgan scored three tries, with two apiece to blockbusting Caleb Geia and John Baira.

Lleyton Sam, Wayne Barry, Kristin Baira, Costa Sam, and Ben Nomoa jnr each scored tries, Tabua Oui booted seven goals, Kevin Morgan landed three and John Baira one.

The much-improved Mundy Bay Warriors had a handsome 64-26 win over Hornets in the other round two encounter.

Bwgolman Brothers had the bye.

The ladder after round two was: Mount Bentley Raiders 4, Mundy Bay Warriors 4, Skipjacks 4, Butler Bay Bulls 2, Bwgolman Brothers 2, Hornets 0, Jets 0.



Tabua Oui doing what he does best – scoring tries.

Hoops at Roebourne



NEARLY 200 players took part in the Mawarnkarra Health Services (MHS) Healthy Lifestyle basketball tournament on 30 March-1 April at Roebourne, near Karatha, in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

All told, 22 teams took part. There were eight teams in the senior men's division, six in the senior women's division, five junior men's teams, and three junior women's sides.

All players came from Roebourne.

The senior men's division was won by Wizards from Mayuga Majiks.

The senior women's division was won by MHS from Lady Mustangs.

Larlba Majiks were the winners of the boys' competition from Nuggets, while Gunarjis won the girls' division from Dawns Galz.

The tournament was declared a success. It carried the messages of 'no smoking' and 'closing the gap' and it encouraged healthier lifestyles in homes and communities.

To participate, each player had to take part in a health check.

Other activities included grooming and deportment and hair styling.



The men's winners (Wizards) and the women's winners (MHS) with their trophies.



Boys' division winners Marlba Majiks.



Gunarjus, winners of the girls' division.



Some of Roebourne's older people get their heads together before taking part in an exhibition match.



Referee Daniel Brown in the women's final between Lady Mustangs and MHS. Daniel is the CEO of Mawarnkarra Health Service.



● ABOVE: The Cheeditha boys team.



● LEFT: Tournament officials Sharyn Derschow, Robyn Churnside and Elder Pansy Hicks.



● RIGHT: Krystle Rivers (MHS) taking the shot, with Deborah Williams (Lady Mustangs) defending in the women's grand final.

Lui suspended for remainder of season



AUSTRALIAN Rugby League Commission chief executive David Gallop believes the decision to

ban North Queensland halfback Robert Lui for the 2012 National Rugby League (NRL) season sends a clear message that rugby league will not tolerate violence against women.

Cronulla winger Isaac Gordon was also banned for nine matches in relation to another domestic violence matter late last year.

Lui pleaded guilty last month to assaulting his partner Taleah Rae Backo following Mad Monday

celebrations in September while he was playing for the Wests Tigers.

He was subsequently suspended and then released by the Tigers before being picked up by North Queensland.

The suspension places the 22-year-old's playing future in doubt.

The Cowboys last Wednesday announced a counselling program that would continue to assist Backo, Lui and their son over the coming months.

Gordon, who has been serving an indefinite suspension since round nine last season, will now be eligible to play in round ten after he pleaded guilty to a lesser

assault charge than Lui.

Gallop met with the Cowboys before announcing the decision to ban Lui for the 2012 season.

"We are at the forefront of campaigns in relation to domestic violence and we take seriously our position within the community to send the right message in relation to that," Gallop said last Wednesday.

However he stressed the NRL would continue to look at cases individually despite external community pressure calling for much tougher penalties.

"We'll look at each case in relation to its circumstances," Gallop said.

"We don't support blanket bans, but we do believe the game has a responsibility to send strong messages in this area."

Gallop said it had taken time to announce the penalties because of the sensitive process that they needed to go through.

"These are complicated issues. Certainly understanding the players' commitment to be part of counselling services is part of that and that's taken some time," he said.

Gallop and the commission have come under pressure to take a strong stance following a petition launched last week calling for an automatic one-year ban for

offenders, which has already attracted more than 20,000 signatures.

Gallop stopped short of saying the next player to offend could pay the ultimate penalty.

He said Gordon had been banned for only nine weeks because his was a lesser charge than Lui's.

"I've met with him (Gordon) and I understand his contrition, I understand his commitment to counselling," Gallop said.

"We just felt there are degrees of seriousness in relation to these issues and we've come up with what we think are appropriate penalties." — AAP

20 years celebrated



MORE than \$20,000 was raised when over 300 people attended the 20th annual Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team

dinner at Cockle Bay, Sydney.

The guest speaker was Australian Rugby Union CEO and managing director John O'Neill.

Other VIPs included Lloyd

McDermott, former Wallaby and Wallaby assistant coach Jim Williams, the famous Ella Wallaby trio of Mark, Glen and Gary, Wallaby coach Robbie Deans, and dual international Wendell Sailor.

Money raised at the dinner will assist the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) in its endeavours of developing rugby programs and tournaments.

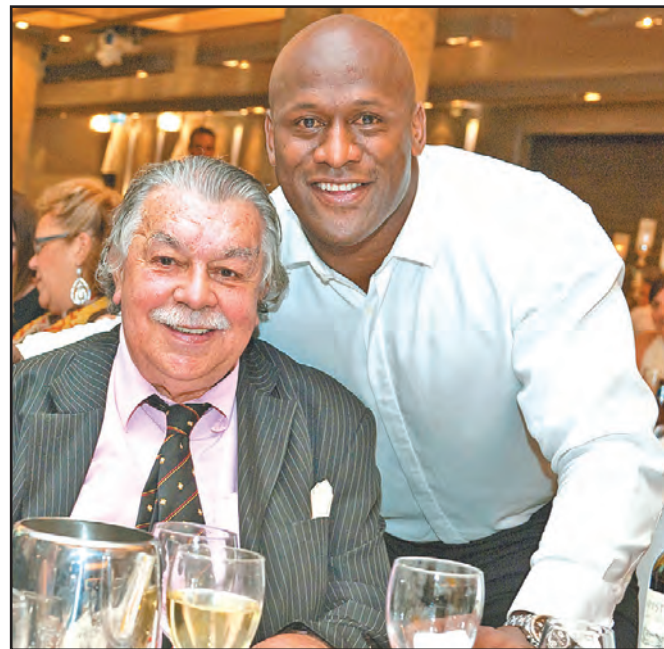
The LMRDT was formed in 1992 by rugby enthusiasts concerned about the lack of Indigenous people playing the game. It became incorporated in 1995.

It was named after Lloyd McDermott, the first Aborigine to play rugby union for Australia, and Australia's first Aboriginal barrister.

So far this year, the LMRDT has hosted the Ella 7s Rugby Tournament in Coffs Harbour, Manila and Hong

Kong 10s tour and the first Women's Sevens Camp to select the National Indigenous Women's Sevens team.

Other events include last week's Investec Schoolboy Sevens, the Qantas National Indigenous No School No Play Under 18 Championships in Alice Springs, and the Santos National Indigenous No School No Play under 16 Championships on the Gold Coast in August.



Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team patron Lloyd McDermott with former dual rugby union and league international Wendell Sailor.



From left, Mark Ella, Allen Stutchbury, of Divcall (NSW), and Glen Ella at the Lloyd McDermott annual fundraising dinner. Pictures: Karen Steains



Glen Ella (centre left) and Lloyd McDermott (centre right) with other guests at the LMRDT dinner.



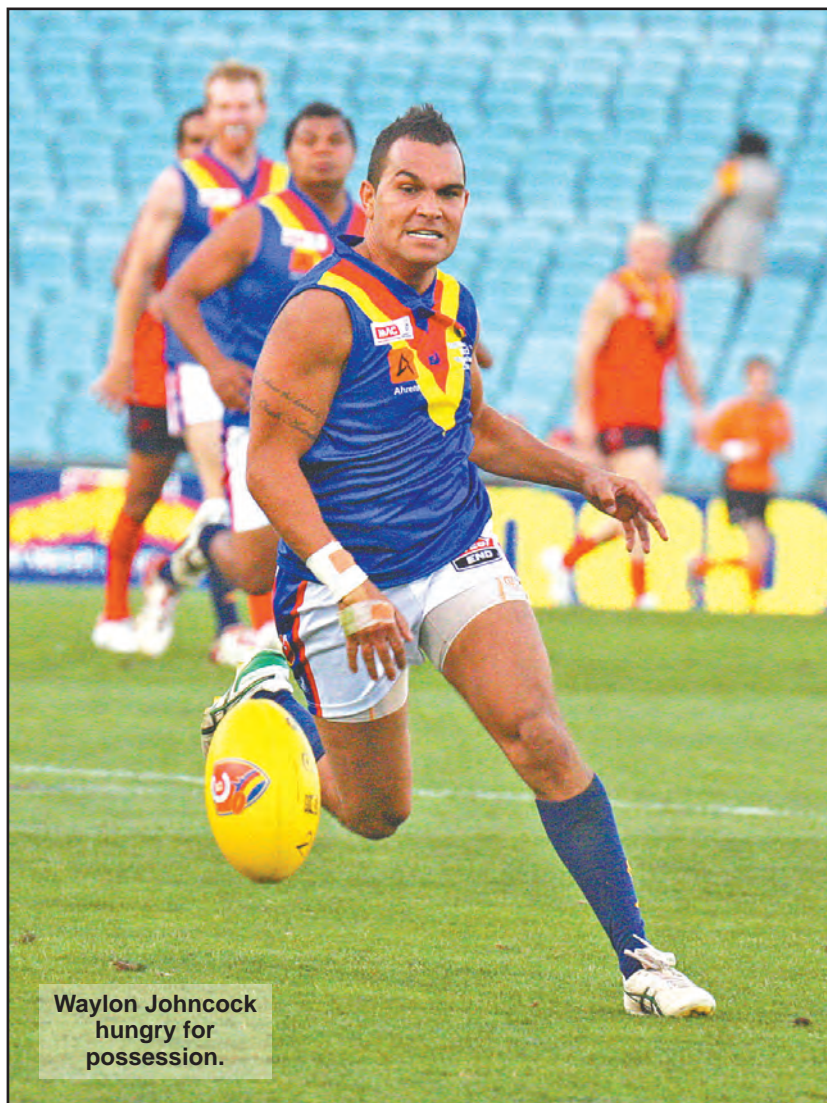
LMRDT president and former Wallaby Gary Ella addressing guests.



Alex Stengle in action for City.



Harry Miller puts boot to ball.



Waylon Johncock hungry for possession.



From left, Harry Miller, Alex Stengle and Waylon Johncock. Photos: Peter Argent

Trio shine in City-Country challenge

By PETER ARGENT



SOUTH Australian country footballers Waylon Johncock and Harry Miller, along with opponent Alex Stengle, starred in the sixth annual MAC Cup City v Country Challenge match.

This contest pits the best rural talent in South Australia against their city cousins from the highly credentialed Amateur League.

The SAAFL won back city pride with a ten-point victory against SA Country in a tense and low-scoring contest at AAMI Stadium on Easter Saturday afternoon.

Scores were locked at half time before City eked out a three-goal lead in the third term.

The last quarter was dramatic, with both having opportunities.

When the siren signalled the completion of the match, City won 8.12 (60) to 7.8 (50).

"Our lack of efficiency in front of goal became frustrating in the last quarter," SAAFL and Gaza

2011 premiership coach Nathan Grainger said. "We had plenty of chances to close the game out, but kicked 1.7."

"Our defence was excellent and the midfield won their share of the ball as well."

Alex Stengle, last year's Pfitzner Medallist for the best player in the A1 SAAFL competition, with Gepps Cross, played as a rover and was high among the leading performers for the victors, winning many possessions, especially at the stoppages.

Productive

"Alex was highly productive for us all day, running hard and using the ball constructively," Grainger said.

"He is an elite player and was in my calculations for the best player."

SA Country coach Symon Chase was pleased with the performances of West Coast lads Miller, from Mallee Park (Port Lincoln) and Koonibba policeman Johncock.

He was frustrated with the amount of down time before the game.

"I thought the team's

performance was a bit flat for most of the game," Chase said.

"We were certainly a big bloke short and a little rusty on occasions."

"Also, some decision-making and skill errors cost us in the last quarter."

Miller was selected as SA Country's second-best player behind Kitchie Medallist Marcus Burdett, while Johncock was considered by many unlucky not to make the best players' list.

"Harry played in the centre, rotating occasionally through half forward," Chase said.

"His clearance work is a real strength and he seems to get through traffic easily."

"With his hand and foot skills, Harry is one of the most creative players in country footy."

"Waylon also had his moments and is an elite user of the ball as well."

"An outside player, he has blistering speed."

Miller and Johncock are expected to be high in the pecking order for selection in the SA combination for the national country football championships during late July.

'The Don' joins an immortal



WERE he alive, the great Don Bradman probably would consider himself to be in exalted company.

'The Bradman Exhibit' has just taken up permanent residence at the Johnny Mullagh Discovery Centre at Harrow, in Victoria's Wimmera district.

The collection is owned by a private collector from South Australia and is made up of about 50 pieces. It was unveiled on 7 April.

It includes 11 bats – seven of which are match-used. Two of the bats are for sale.

The collection also includes lots of

photos, many of them owned by Sir Donald or his Australian team-mates.

It will be refreshed every six months, and the next collection is likely to include a Don Bradman 'Baggy Green' cap.

The Johnny Mullagh Discovery Centre is named after the man who captained the first Australian cricket team to tour England.

Significant event

Johnny Mullagh Discovery Centre spokeswoman Ange Newton said Sir Donald was in excellent company in the Johnny Mullagh Centre, which contained the story of the most significant historical, sporting and cultural event ever to take

place in Australian history.

It depicts the journey of the first international cricket touring team to leave Australian shores. The team was made up of Aboriginal men from the Wimmera region.

The team departed for England under the cloak of darkness in 1868. Mrs Newton said that with the addition of the Bradman exhibit, the Johnny Mullagh Discovery Centre 'must surely' be recognised as one of the finest museums outside the metropolitan area anywhere in the country.

"The Bradman collection belonged to a private collector from South Australia, who, after visiting the centre a number of

times, had been so impressed with the content that he offered his own collection to enhance the centre," she said.

Mrs Newton said security had provided all sorts of challenges and expense, but suffice to say the building could now 'house the Crown Jewels if the occasion arose'.

South Australian Nathan Manley, who has played a big part in the collection going to Harrow, told the *Koori Mail* the un-named donor 'just happened' across the Johnny Mullagh Discovery Centre when he was in the Wimmera district.

He realised the significance of the centre and decided to make available part of his Bradman collection.

Johnny Mullagh featured in cricket book

By PETER ARGENT

AUSTRALIA'S first cricketing Astar and the inaugural Aboriginal first-class player, Johnny Mullagh, or Unaarrimin (his Indigenous name), has been honoured in a book celebrating the pinnacle for any batsman – a century.

The book *Tons of Runs*, written by Melbourne author, speaker and publisher Paul Daley, is called the official register of century makers on Australian soil.

It lists tens of thousands of cricketers who have made the magical 'triple figures' from across the nation.

These include players from the elite competitions through to city, suburban and rural cricketers at all levels.

"I selected 26 famous Australian-born cricketers to

represent each letter of the alphabet," author Paul Daley said.

"In each instance, a full-page piece was utilised to lead off the nation's centurions.

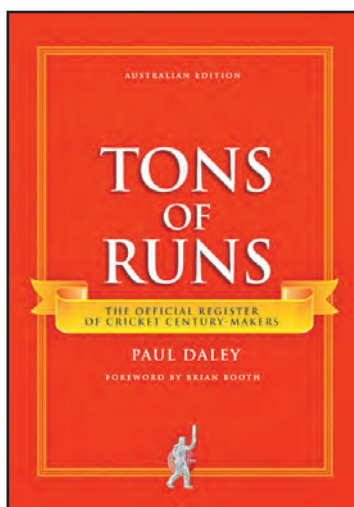
"Mullagh represents centurions with surnames beginning with the letter 'U', based on his tribal name, Unaarrimin.

"In addition to feature on Johnny, leading off the nation's centurions whose surnames begin with 'U'... the book contains a two-page colour feature on the Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre in Harrow."

"This is situated near the front of the book (page 16).

"*Tons of Runs* also contains about 20 colour pages of Indigenous NT cricket action shots.

"Furthermore, it contains premierships photographs



The front cover of the book *Tons of Runs*.

of Darwin Cricket Club.

"It took four years to complete the book."

Johnny Mullagh is etched in



The page featuring Unaarrimin (Johnny Mullagh).

our national sporting archives as the lynchpin of the famous Australian Indigenous team that toured England in 1868.

The squad played a staggering 47 matches.

A bona fide cricketer all-rounder, Unaarrimin dominated the tour, making 1698 runs at an average of 23 and took 245 wickets at ten runs apiece.

Professional

In 1869-70 he was appointed as a professional by the Melbourne Club, but returned home to Harrow, in the far west of Victoria, after a short period.

Unaarrimin played his only recognised first-class match in 1878-79 for Victoria against an England XI, scoring four and 36.

For more information on this comprehensive publication – go to www.tonsofruns.com – where all ordering instructions are stored.

The publication costs \$80 (plus \$15 postage and handling).

'First' for Burgoyne

By PETER ARGENT



FOR much of his Australian football life, Shaun Burgoyne has been following his older brother Peter while still carving his own niche in the game.

The Burgoyne brothers created their own exclusive piece of football history when Shaun ran out on to the Melbourne Cricket Ground for Hawthorn last Sunday against the Crows.

They become the first Aboriginal siblings to play 200 AFL games.

Peter was an original Power squad member in 1997 and went on to play 240 games in a career that spanned 13 seasons.

While football started for Peter in the Northern Territory, it was at the now famous Mallee Park Football Club in Port Lincoln where Shaun Burgoyne began to hone his skills.

He followed Peter out to training when he was very young and his love for the code quickly developed through a large circle of friends in the large South Australian west coast town.

"Yes, I followed in Peter's footsteps at Mallee Park, going out to the Peckers when I was five or six," Burgoyne, now 29, told the *Koori Mail*.

"We were always playing football with

my cousins and friends.

"The freedom of expression comes simply from having fun and from there, anything is possible.

"It was a natural learning environment and we always had a footy in our hands.

"We'd kick the football between trees on the way to school and then play scratch matches as soon as lessons had finished."

Plenty of support

Burgoyne also said there was a bevy of mentors to guide him.

These included his father Peter Snr, who was on the Port Magpies list for a couple of years in the late 1970s and was a Sunday Mail Medallist (association best and fairest in Port Lincoln), who Shaun described as 'spot-on with his tips'.

He had a good handful of cousins and uncles, along with Graham Johncock's father Jack, and Dean Miller as junior coaches at the Peckers.

As a 15-year-old, he made a big decision to move to Adelaide.

"While I missed my family and friends, I was identified by the Magpies as a player with some talent, and happily accepted their invitation to play in their under 17s," Burgoyne said.

"But I was going over to play with the great Port Adelaide Football Club, even if it was their under-age sides, being humbled and star-struck.



Shaun Burgoyne in his days at Port Adelaide. Here, he was playing against the Kangaroos in Adelaide in April 2007. – AAP image

"I lived with my brother and went to school and played footy in the city.

"On reflection, I was happy with that choice."

After stellar performances as a junior at State level, he was selected by Port Adelaide in the first round of the 2000 National AFL Draft at pick number 12.

Burgoyne won a NAB Rising Star nomination in his debut year (2002), and

went on to play 157 games (kicking 171 goals) for the Power.

With his brother Peter, Norm Smith Medallist Byron Pickett and the first Aboriginal 300-AFL gamer, Gavin Wanganeen, they were the Aboriginal quartet in the club's first AFL premiership side in 2004.

Burgoyne was named as an All-Australian in 2006 and also finished second in Port Adelaide's best and fairest count – the Jack Cahill Medal – that year.

In 2010, he was traded to Hawthorn for picks nine and 16.

After 43 games with the Hawks, Burgoyne continues to display the same silky skills and elite decision-making options that makes him one of the outstanding talents in the competition.

Burgoyne also said that having an Aboriginal unit within the Power squad when he started in the AFL helped him step up to this level, with Wanganeen, sibling Peter, Troy Bond and Fabian Francis on the senior list, when he began.

"We have a good Aboriginal contingent in Hawthorn squad," he said.

"One of our rookies, Derek Wanganeen, went along the same pathways as I did.

"We have Amos Frank, from Fregon, in the APY lands, on the far border in the north-west of the State, on our lists as well.

"Among my roles is to help these guys on their journeys."

AFL Kickstart Indigenous

Highlights of the Australian Football League's Kickstart Indigenous under 15 championships held last week at Southport, on the Queensland Gold Coast.

— Photos courtesy of the AFL

Carnival results, the best players

Day 1 results: Victoria/Tasmania 5.5 (35) d Queensland 2.6. (16), South Australia 3.5 (23) d Western Australia 3.4 (22), NSW/ACT 5.3 (33) d Northern Territory 5.2 (32),

Day 2: Western Australia 6.4 (40) d Northern Territory 3.2 (20), South Australia 7.0 (42) d Victoria/Tasmania 1.1 (7), NSW/ACT 2.7 (19) d Queensland 2.2 (14), Northern Territory 6.5 (41) d Victoria/Tasmania 4.2 (26), Western Australia 7.3 (45) d NSW/ACT 2.0 (12), South Australia 4.6 (30) d Queensland 4.4 (28).

Day 3: Western Australia 7.7 (49) d Victoria/Tasmania 1.2 (8), Northern Territory 2.5 (17) d Queensland 2.2 (14), South Australia 6.4 (40) d NSW/ACT 3.5 (23), Western Australia 7.8 (50) d Queensland 3.1 (19), NSW/ACT 3.4 (22) d Victoria/Tasmania 3.0 (18), Northern Territory 6.3 (39) d South Australia 5.3 (33).

Points at the end of day 3: Western Australia 16 (251.2195), South Australia 16 (141.1765), Northern Territory 12 (102.0548), NSW/ACT 121 (73.15436), Victoria/Tasmania 4 (55.29412), Queensland 0 (60.2649).

Grand final: Western Australia 23.16 (154) d South Australia 3.7 (25).

Goal kickers — WA: Callum Ah Chee 4, Michael Headland 4, Allistair Yarren 3, Russell Wynne 3, Ian Penny 2, Gary Scott, Jayden Gerrand, Lachlan Daisybell, Cody Ninnette, Elijah Howard, Troy Garlett, Vincent Adam.

South Australia: Kyle Jackson 2, Gaylen Mentha.

Best — WA: Darnell Morrison, Michael Headland, Callum Ah Chee, Russell Wynne.

South Australia: Kyle Jackson, Brandon Jackson, Wayne Milera.

Best players for each State: Western Australia, Neil Winmar; South Australia, Kyle Jackson; Queensland, Myra Tomsana; Northern Territory, Ralph Dhamarrandji; Victoria/Tasmania, Jade Gresham; NSW/ACT Jammarrach Firebrace.

Player of the carnival, Ralph Dhamarrandji (NT).

Leading goalkicker, Kyle Jackson (SA).



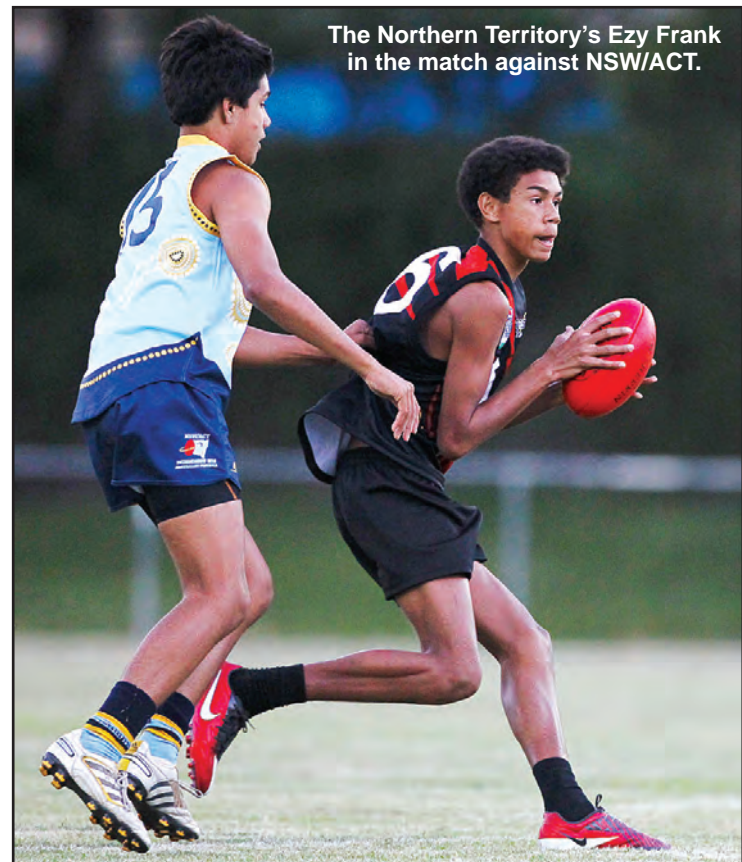
The NSW/ACT's Abe Davis puts boot to ball.



Queenslander Brad Bond gets a kick away.



Gold Coast Suns players Liam Patrick and Steven May with Chris Johnson at the opening ceremony.



The Northern Territory's Ezy Frank in the match against NSW/ACT.



West Australian Calen Lewis sizes up his options.



South Australian Josh Kelly takes a mark against Western Australia.

under 15 championships



Kasey Mobourne (Victoria/Tasmania), left, and Queenslander Sam Stubbs battle it out for possession.



Isaaya McKenzie playing for South Australia against Western Australia.



West Australian Neil Winmar tries to run around a defender.



Kade Alexander in action for Victoria/Tasmania.



South Australian Kim Lebois tries to out-run a West Australian defender.



Tyrone Mitchell kicks for Victoria/Tasmania in their game against Queensland.

Betts' best

Magic's Moments



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CARLTON supporters are dreaming of a return to their glory days this season.

The aura of Chris Judd is one factor in their confidence, but there is little doubt that the unique talents of Eddie Betts give the Blues' fans the belief that they can take on any side.

His recent efforts against the Brisbane Lions show he is one of those rare players who can turn a game with the type of mark that inspires the rest of the team to lift to another level.

But the other great thing about Eddie is his consistency.

Not only was he the club's leading goalkicker in 2010, but he also booted a career-high 50 goals last season, ranking second at the club for goals and score assists.

He was named in the 40-man All-Australian squad last season and was one of the best players in the competition at applying pressure in his side's forward half, ranking No 1 in the competition for tackles applied inside the forward 50 during the season.

He booted a career-high eight goals against the Bombers in round 18, 2011 – the same game in which he set a record for games played by an Indigenous player in a Blues jumper.

With a record like that, you think he could rest on his laurels.

But what he is achieving off the field as a mentor for the younger Indigenous players that

is just as important.

Jeff Garlett and Chris Yarran have benefited enormously from Betts' guidance, but in true footy fashion, always look to have a dig at his expense.

But whether it be on the training track, in a team meeting or away from the footy club, you can expect to see the trio knocking around together, looking for the funny side.

The trio's passion and exuberance bring energy to Carlton, and can help puncture the earnest environment that can develop during the grind of an AFL season.

Carlton assistant coach Alan Richardson certainly believes so.

"They don't mind a practical joke, the boys," he says.

"There's always smirking and laughing going on, when it's the appropriate time, and it's usually Yaz and Jeffrey up to mischief.

"But they don't push the boundaries or let it become a distraction.

"Off the track, they spend a fair bit of time with each other and they're fairly cheeky. Most of their banter is directed at each other."

Dynamics

The team also benefits in another way from the quietly determined dynamics between Betts, Garlett and Yarran.

"They're fairly competitive with each other at training," Richardson said.

Asked about the perception that Indigenous players seemed to have an innate capacity for flair and vision, Yarran and Betts referred to the view expressed by Sydney's dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes a couple of years ago.

He contended that the rush to celebrate Indigenous players' instinctive skills meant their hard work and sacrifice was too often overlooked.

Yarran suggested: "It's just something that we got brought up with, I reckon.

"You look at any Indigenous player on any AFL list and the chances are they're going to have good pace and good skills. That's our strength. Others guys might have other strengths. Like Dennis Armfield and Ed Curnow are freak runners, so they use that to their advantage.

"Whatever your strengths, you go with them, and try to improve the areas that are your weaknesses."

For all of their common interests and shared



Eddie Betts in action for Carlton in 2005.

experiences, Betts, Garlett and Yarran came to Carlton Football Club via vastly different roads.

"When I got to the club, I was shy, I didn't talk to anybody," Betts said. "The only (Indigenous) players there were Cory McGrath and Walks (Andrew Walker)."

However, Betts was a well-established player by the time Garlett and Yarran joined the club over the 2009 pre-season.

Garlett said he and Yarran 'played together at the same junior club in Perth (Midvale, where they also played alongside Eagles ruckman Nic Naitanui). So we've known each other since we were little'.

Nevertheless, Yarran was a highly regarded junior who some thought could even have been selected before pick No 6 in the 2008 national draft.

Garlett, meanwhile, was overlooked in that draft and

trained over summer with Hawthorn, alongside his first cousin Lance Franklin.

"I didn't know where I was going to end up," he said.

Garlett moved into a house with Betts.

"Yeah, he was sleeping on my couch," Betts recalls.

"All the bedrooms were full because we had a couple of other Indigenous boys, Clinton Benjamin and Joe Anderson, staying there at the time as well."

Bond strengthens

Over the past three years, the bond between Betts, Garlett and Yarran has grown.

Initially, all were jostling to be crumbing forwards, but Yarran's reinvention as a running defender has meant all three are not only in the 22, but vital to its success.

Betts and Garlett were among the AFL's top ten goalkickers last season. Yarran and Betts

featured in the top ten in the Blues' best-and-fairest count.

For all the attention devoted to Chris Judd, Marc Murphy and Bryce Gibbs, it may well be another triumvirate that needs to excel if Carlton is to be a contender this season.

They are influential, and Richardson credits Betts with being such a positive influence among them.

"He's really impressive, Eddie. He sets a good example himself," Richardson said.

"He's got his life in order on and off the footy field. He's a really caring person.

"You can see that he's there for any of our players, but in particular the younger Indigenous boys."

Betts is certainly making his mark off the field as well as taking screamers when he is on the paddock.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming



A 2010 file picture of Chris Yarran, left, and Jeff Garlett.



GREG INGLIS

Inglis warms to new task

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A CONFIDENT Greg Inglis is one of the most dominating forces in the modern game. His recent form for the Rabbitohs since his move to fullback has not only been inspiring to watch, but has reminded everybody of what a truly special talent he is.

He is considered to be the best centre in the world, has won a premiership playing five-eighth for the Storm and has now returned to his original position of fullback that he moved aside from to allow the equally brilliant Billy Slater to also emerge as a modern-day champion.

Like all true champions, GI let's his form do the talking, but that doesn't mean he will shy away

from a challenge or that he lacks confidence in his own ability.

So when he says he wants to be the best fullback in the game, that is GI setting himself a personal challenge to be the best player he can.

And that's a frightening thought for all other teams in the competition.

That doesn't mean he expects to take Billy Slater's Queensland and Australian jerseys, but the South Sydney fullback is striving to be put on the same pedestal.

Just three matches into his new NRL career as a fullback, Inglis said he wanted to be the best.

Just starting

That might seem a little ambitious given many have touted Slater as the greatest fullback the game has seen, but Inglis has warned he's only just getting started.

"I would like to be the best fullback there is," said Inglis, who wants to remain at fullback even when Souths flyer Nathan Merritt returns from a troublesome toe injury.

"That's pretty hard... but I want to be up there with the status with where Billy Slater is.

"I think my best is still yet to come and I'm still finding my positional plays in the fullback role and, once I get that going, which hopefully won't be too long, I can be more comfortable and get more free rein.

"I haven't played there since 2007 so it's been a while... but those natural instincts come back in."

He then backed up these claims with a match-winning performance against the Bulldogs

when Souths gave notice they will be a real threat this year.

The move to fullback came after most critics claimed that Souths were wasting GI's talents by not giving him sufficient ball.

Former attacking great Greg Alexander was at the forefront of these critics.

He was at a loss after the Rabbitohs played Storm earlier this season.

"I couldn't believe what I was watching on Sunday night when Inglis lined-up against his former side Melbourne," Alexander said.

"He was given very little quality ball... talk about wasting one of the most prodigious talents in our game.

"I think Inglis finally got some

possession with room to move in the 77th minute when Souths' hopes had evaporated and they gave him space off a scrum and he almost got around the defence.

"I can't help but think teams always want to take that one extra hit-up before giving players like Inglis the ball.

"They do it all the time. In this era of structured play and emphasis on quick metres around the ruck, the arsenal out wide is forgotten about."

As a former Panther player 'Brandy' might have regretted his words because when the Rabbits played Penrith, it was put up or shut up time for South Sydney.

Souths did everything opposition teams feared from

them against Penrith, with the arrival of Greg Inglis at fullback providing the extra dimension that can turn near misses into solid wins.

For that reason, Inglis arrived just in time, although coach Michael Maguire always had it planned. After the game, his knee and ankle lightly bandaged, Inglis said Maguire told him through the week of the switch to fullback.

Inglis brought the X-factor, allowed to pop up where he pleased.

It troubled the Penrith line because Inglis has the ability to go around you, or step past you, or even go straight over you, as Kevin Kingston and Lachlan Coote, among others, found out.

And when he can pop up where he pleases, the threat is multiplied.

Around him, Souths seemed far more composed and confident with Inglis' strikepower just a pass away.

Confidence is a big part of the NRL.

Two or three unlucky losses can be strung together and suddenly the confidence is down and the thinking changes within a team.

The confidence that Greg can provide leads to tight wins like the memorable golden point victory against Wests Tigers.

It was a confidence that allowed them to stay in the fight against the Bulldogs in the first half and then dominate the second half in what was a defining win for the side.

Any side with Greg Inglis in it is a threat.

A side with a confident and dominant Greg Inglis is a premiership threat.



Greg Inglis kicks the winning drop goal during the NRL round 5 match against Wests Tigers at Allianz Stadium in Sydney on Sunday 1 April. The Rabbitohs won 17-16. — AAP image



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Fingertip control by NSW/ACT player Jammarrach Firebrace at the Kickstart Australian Football League under 15 Indigenous championships on the Gold Coast last week. Firebrace was judged his team's best player of the carnival and is in the Boomerangs' train-on squad.
Picture: AFL

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Title heads west



WESTERN Australia last Friday won back-to-back titles in the National Indigenous under 15 Kickstart Australian football championships on the

Gold Coast.

After a slow start to the championships with a one-point loss to South Australia on day one, the team from the West won all remaining games and more than avenged their loss to South Australia by thumping their main rivals in the final.

Western Australia beat their neighbours 23.16 (154) to 3.7 (25).

Best on ground in the final was awarded to Darnell Morrison, from WA.

The Player of the Carnival was awarded

to the Northern Territory's Ralph Dhamarrandji and the leading goal kicker was Kyle Jackson, from South Australia.

The 2012 Flying Boomerangs squad was also announced following the final, with 13 players from the winning team, and players from all States and Territories represented.

Reduced to 25

The squad of 43 will be cut to 25 to represent the Boomerangs at the under 16 national Championships in July and take part in an international tour.

2012 Flying boomerangs Squad:

Western Australia: Alphones Charles, Liam Bennell, Gary Scott, John Shaw, Russell Wynne, Darnell Morrison, Neil

Winmar, Callum Ah Chee, Elijah Howard, Jayden Gerrand, Ian Penny, Lochlan Daisybell, Michael Headland.

Northern Territory: Ralph Dhamarrandji, Harley Purantunamirri, Steven Mole, Ezy Frank, Brandon Parfit, Aiden Hill.

South Australia: Henry Drover, Brandon Jackson, Jeffrey Taylor, Isaaya McKenzie, Kyle Jackson, Colin Sansbury, Kym Lebois.

Victoria/Tasmania: Cory Glass, Jade Gresham, Dije Thorpe-Morgan, Kade Alexandra, Koolyn Briggs, Aidyn Johnson.

NSW/ACT: Johnathan Williams, Jammarrach Firebrace, Braydon Kilpatrick, Ben Davis, Anthony Treacy, Ben Gualaterio.

Queensland: Ethan Morgan, Aaron Yusia, Francis Woola, Heath Molloy,

Nathan Boschman.

The opening day of matches in the 2012 National Indigenous Under 15 Kickstart Championships on the Gold Coast saw a couple of upsets in the windy conditions. South Australia narrowly defeated last year's winners, Western Australia, and NSW/ACT also finished with a one point margin over the Northern Territory.

Round-robin

All states and territories were represented in a round-robin tournament.

Each team comprised 25 Indigenous players who were selected from state KickStart camps held earlier this year. Victoria/Tasmania and New South Wales/ACT played as combined teams.

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