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Goodes takes record

HE'S been a Brownlow Medallist, an All Australian and an international player. And now Aussie Rules star Adam Goodes – a man who started playing in the top league last century – has another career highlight, breaking the Sydney Swans games record when he led his side to a strong win over Hawthorn in the Tasmanian city of Launceston on Sunday. Goodes' 304th game for the Swans took him past 2005 premiership teammate and fellow Aboriginal champion Michael O'Loughlin's mark.

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- Pictured left: Adam Goodes leads the Swans onto the ground during Sunday's game against Hawthorn. AAP image

Rallying justice



CALLS are mounting for an independent body or bodies to investigate complaints against police, in the wake of a series of violent incidents involving Aboriginal and other youths.

In the latest incident, NSW police officers shot and seriously injured two Sydney Aboriginal teens on 21 April after the stolen

car they were travelling in mounted a footpath in the nightclub district of Kings Cross, injuring two pedestrians.

High-ranking police and NSW Police Minister Mike Gallacher have defended the officers involved, despite the emergence of footage of the aftermath appearing to show an officer assaulting one of the youths.

Amidst angry scenes outside NSW

Parliament last week, about 150 people protested against the actions of the officers involved.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) is planning another rally for Melbourne next weekend.

Police are investigating the incident, as well as the Police Integrity Commission (PIC) – the latter at the request of

NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge.

In the meantime, the 14-year-old driver of the car and his 17-year-old front passenger remained in hospital at the weekend and have been charged in bedside hearings. Four other Indigenous youths travelling in the car have also been charged.

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My FAMILY

MARY RICE – Mer Island, Torres Strait



I AM a Meriam woman from Mer (Murray Island in the eastern Torres Strait). I don't speak good English as it is my third language. I talk in my Meriam language.

I am here in Townsville temporarily, down from Mer for medical reasons. I will be here for a short while longer until I return home in a few months.

Family is important to me so it was great to celebrate my 85th birthday with my family and friends. Some came from Thursday Island, Cairns and southern Queensland to join us.

Today (25 April) is my 85th birthday. My family put a birthday party on for me at the Rowes Bay picnic beach area. Balloons and streamers were hanging from the shed and the big fig tree and many of us enjoyed food cooked on a barbecue.

We were all waiting for the tide to come in to do some fishing while the young ones played along the beach.

It was timely event as workers were removing leaves and young coconuts from the trees. We cut open those young coconuts for the sweet coconut milk and jelly flesh.

Elders were also showing younger generations how to weave and make items like bird, snake from the palm leaves and broom from the bone of the leaves. Others were playing island skittles.

I have nine children consisting of five girls and four boys and also too many grandchildren to count as well as nine great-great grandchildren.

My beautiful and loving sisters Annie Day, aged 74, Wadai Baima, 78, Bakoi Philpot, and Mamam Martin who doesn't want her age mentioned, were here as well and we just had a great big yarn and catch-up about everything.

My birthday is celebrated on the same day as Anzac Day, 25 April.

I can still remember being young, during World War II, and the army fighter planes flying and swooping down over the isles of Mer and the sea, as there were reports of a Japanese submarine spotted around our waters.

We rushed up to the Gelam hill and there it was, a big long black submarine coming out of the water and

going back down again like that gigantic (galbol) whale.

During World War II times we no had electricity – only outdoor fireplaces. We'd make fire every day for cooking, most times we make kup-murri (underground oven) and always let off big smoke, the Australian army think we have been bombed and send the army to check on us.

My first husband the late Wabay Akee enlisted in the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion (Service number: Q85123) based on Thursday Island 1941-1946. He was recognised and given his medals by the Army for his service. My late husband had no good feelings about the war period and so he never marched or celebrated in the Anzac parades.

My second husband, the late James Rice, attended Anzac Day with his involvement as a Scout.

James was one of the five plaintiffs of the historic Mabo case and was able to prove to the highest court in 1992 that his lands on Mer were handed down from his generations, prior to the kole-man (white man) settlement of Australia.

Apart from taking care of my own children, I became a foster parent for eight Aboriginal boys in the 1970s and 1980s. Those beautiful boys (or men now) still come around home and bring their children (grannies) to see me and call me Mum, still to this day.

I love and enjoy my life as an Elder. I believe in God for giving me faith and strength to share the love. It means so much to see the love around all my families.

I really appreciate them for spending the day with me and family members that called from across the country with birthday wishes.

Thank You *Koori Mail* for printing my story. God Bless and Au Esou

– As translated by Mary Rice's daughter HELEN AKEE, and told to ALF WILSON.

● Pictured above: Mary Rice (in multi-coloured dress, black cardigan and yellow flowers in her hair) centre, right.

Our Children has been held over and returns next edition.

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Set-straight author's new book

By JILLIAN MUNDY



LYNDALL RYAN remembers her introduction to Tasmanian Aborigines – not accounts of

them in historical archives, but in the flesh.

The author recounted the episode at last week's launch in Hobart of her third account of the Indigenous people of the nation's smallest state, *Tasmanian Aborigines – a history since 1803*.

In the 1970s, the Sydney-sider was undertaking research for her thesis on the Black War in Tasmania – a colonial war waged from 1823 to 1834 in the attempt to exterminate and remove Tasmanian Aboriginal people from their land.

Official records, newspaper reports and other historical documents indicate around 1000 lives were lost – more than 80 per cent of them Aboriginal. During her research, Prof Ryan had a chance meeting with Tas Brown, who told her he was a Tasmanian Aborigine.

She attempted to tell him that was not possible, that his parents must have migrated to Tasmania before he was born and that explained his strong Aboriginal features.

"Well I was certainly put in



Professor Lyndall Ryan signs a copy of her latest book for Bronwyn McAnally, whose ancestor Fanny Cochrane Smith features on the cover.

my place," she reminisced at last week's launch.

"I went back to Sydney and said to my supervisor we've got a story that is bigger than the Black War, it's going to be telling

the story from nought to now, and that's how it took off."

Ryan's first book, *The Aboriginal Tasmanians*, was published in 1981, with a second edition in 1996.

At the launch last week, she spoke of feeling 'gobsmacked' during the Sydney Olympics when controversial historian and journalist Keith Windschuttle accused her and

other leading historians such as Henry Reynolds of fabricating Aboriginal history.

● See page 43 for more on the launch of *Tasmanian Aborigines*.

TV Week, Nine apologise for photo mistake



CHANNEL Nine and TV Week have apologised for using the photo of

Aboriginal actor David Gulpilil instead of Mr Ngoombujarra Starr in the In Memoriam segment of the Logies, which recognised members of the entertainment industry who died in the past year.

Mr Ngoombujarra died in Western Australia last year, aged 44, after a distinguished acting career that included roles in *Rabbit Proof Fence*, *Australia*, *Blackfellas* and Australian Film Industry awards for his performances in *Black and White* and TV show *The Circuit*.

"Nine Network and TV Week apologise for the incorrect image of (Mr Ngoombujarra) used during the In Memoriam segment of the Logie awards telecast on Sunday night," the companies said in a statement.

"We regret any distress or

upset caused to his family by this error and apologise. We also apologise to David Gulpilil and his family for the incorrect use of his image in the segment."

As a result of the embarrassing mistake, a Nine Network public relations spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* that the TV station would change its procedures.

Free guide

Screen Australia provides a free filmmaker's guide to working with Indigenous people, culture and concepts, written by Terri Janke and easily downloaded from the internet.

The Federal Government also provides 'Cultural protocols relating to deaths in Indigenous communities'.

Both contain advice about contacting the family of a deceased Indigenous person and asking permission to show an image.

The Logies production team made no attempt to contact Mr

Ngoombujarra's family or agent to verify the photograph.

A member of Mr Ngoombujarra's family told the *Koori Mail* that there had been multiple instances of using his image inappropriately.

"I think somehow people need to understand how hurtful this is and we don't want to see it happen to anybody else," the family member said. "(Mr Ngoombujarra) has a lot of family spread out throughout Australia and it does affect them when they see negative things."

"In Western Australia a lot of people still endeavour to live traditional lives, so mentioning his name or showing his photo are pretty taboo."

"The mob from up north are not happy about much of this."

The Channel Nine spokesperson said the station had written letters of apology to the families of both Mr Ngoombujarra and David Gulpilil.



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High-profile leaders back change

By KIRSTIE PARKER



DURING the past decade, Aboriginal imprisonment rates across Australia have skyrocketed by more than 50 per cent – to a point where Aboriginal Australian adults are 13 times more likely to end up in jail than the rest of the population.

And Aboriginal Australians now account for about a quarter of the nation's overall adult prison population, despite making up less than three per cent of the broader population.

The situation is so dire that advocates have pleaded for the reduction of Indigenous incarceration to be added to official close the gap targets.

So what's to be done to arrest the current shameful state of affairs?

High-profile Australians including leading lights from sport, the arts and the legal fraternity are now putting their shoulders to the wheel, pledging to use their influence to bring about change.

They say it's time governments, including the NSW Government, spent less on putting people in prison and more on prevention, early intervention and treatment for Aboriginal young people.

Unless a fresh approach is taken, they say, Australia is in danger of throwing away another Aboriginal generation.

At Government House in Sydney this afternoon, NSW Governor Marie Bashir will launch the Justice Reinvestment Campaign for Aboriginal Young People.

The campaign will highlight that in NSW Aboriginal young people (who make up just 2.2 per cent of the population) are now 28 times more likely to end up in juvenile detention than non-Aboriginal young people at an annual cost of more than \$230,000 per young person.

"Aboriginal young people surely need our help and our support to address the circumstances that lead to prison," Prof Bashir said.

Make a difference

"Communities need more help to support Aboriginal young people. More programs indeed are required that can make a real difference and positively engage Aboriginal young people who may be at risk of offending. Incarceration is not the solution.

"More community cohesion, more hope and a better future for our valuable young people are required."

Campaign organisers point out the NSW Government was elected with a justice policy that clearly contains the principles of justice reinvestment whereby funds are diverted away from prison into prevention programs that address the underlying causes of crimes in communities.

In 2011, strategic management and knowledge consulting firm the Noetic Group recommended in a NSW review of the juvenile justice system that a 'justice reinvestment model' be adopted.

The campaign is specifically calling on the NSW Government to implement a justice reinvestment policy and is seeking a commitment to establish a Justice Reinvestment Advisory Group to oversee the process. This group would then provide input into the development and implementation of justice reinvestment policies, monitor the proportion of funds redirected from corrections and detention over the next five to ten years and monitor the levels of Aboriginal young people in detention.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda

Campaign aimed at justice for our youth



MICK GOODA



TED WILKES

Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery, La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council chairperson Marcia Ella Duncan, St Vincent de Paul CEO Graham West, 2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson and former Federal Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus.

Recent comments from NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith, who is due to speak at today's launch, suggest the State Government will be receptive to the campaign.

Mr Smith told media at the weekend that assisting young criminals with their problems would help stop them re-offending and going back to jail.

Mr Smith told Fairfax Radio that preventive action such as mentoring and rehabilitation worked much better than sending young people back to jail.

"Your best chance of saving them from a life of crime, and saving our community from suffering from more criminals, is to actually turn them around by rehabilitation," he said.

Mr Smith said using mentoring and helping them find employment and accommodation were crucial steps to preventing re-offending, and tackling drug and alcohol problems was also important.

— With additional reporting by AAP



Newspix image

described the current situation of over-incarceration of Indigenous people as 'totally unacceptable and shameful'.

National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) chairperson Assoc Prof Ted Wilkes said substantial money had been invested in the correctional system but had made no headway in reducing the Aboriginal overrepresentation in prison.

"Aboriginal Australians are increasingly filling our prisons and juvenile detention centres at alarmingly disproportionate rates," he said. "We need treatment services and rehabilitation services. Not bloody prisons.

"We've simply had enough of seeing Aboriginal people locked up in increased numbers. The current justice system is not working for Aboriginal people. It's a national disgrace."

Sally Fitzpatrick, from Australians for

Native Title and Reconciliation (NSW), said that locking up people was an expensive way to deal with crime and didn't work, given that 70 per cent of people who have been imprisoned re-offend.

Executive director of the Australian National Council on Drugs Gino Vumbaca said it was time to stop talking about being soft or tough on crime and instead talk more about being smart or dumb on crime.

Champions

"Then we might start making the changes that are needed to make a difference in the community," he said.

Other campaign 'champions' include Sydney Swans captain and Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes, acting legend Jack Thompson, retired High Court Justice Michael Kirby, former NSW Director of Public



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Relations with police hit

Protest call for action



ISJA President Ray Jackson reads a statement by Gail Hickey (on the right), mother of Redfern teenager TJ Hickey, killed in 2004. TJ was impaled on a fence in the suburb of Waterloo when he lost control of his bike after being pursued by police.



Hetti Perkins, Lille Perkins-Madden, Maddie Perkins-Madden and Thea Perkins-Madden at the rally in Sydney.



Part of the rally crowd.



Rota Tabua from Brighton and Patrick Thompson from Mt Druitt/Parramatta were at the protest rally.



JENNY MUNRO

By KIRSTIE PARKER, with additional reporting from AAP



A STOLEN car. Two Aboriginal teenagers shot by police, and one of them apparently assaulted by an officer.

Calls for an independent investigation. And claims that New South Wales police are out of control.

Already strained relations between Aboriginal people in NSW and the state's police have hit a new low in the wake of a dramatic car chase along a busy nightclub strip in inner Sydney two weeks ago.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) and NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge are leading calls for an independent inquiry into the incident.

The Police Integrity Commission (PIC) is investigating the matter, which is also expected to be referred to the NSW Ombudsman. But that has failed to quell community concerns.

About 150 people – including family and friends of the teens involved – protested outside NSW Parliament last Tuesday and there are plans for more such action, including a rally in Melbourne next weekend.

As the *Koori Mail* went to print, a critical incident investigation team led by senior police was still looking into the shooting, which was sparked around 4am on Saturday 21 April when officers tried to stop a small sedan near Kings Cross after recognising the young driver and occupants.

Police allege that the car, later confirmed as being stolen, was driven onto a crowded footpath in attempt to evade police and then hit two female pedestrians.

Number of shots

They say two constables tried to stop the car by firing a number of shots at the car's windscreen.

The 14-year-old driver received gunshot wounds to his chest and arm while a 17-year-old front passenger received a wound to his neck. The four other occupants of the car – aged 13, 14, 16 and 24 – were unhurt.

Outrage over the shooting mounted when, within hours, mobile phone footage emerged, apparently showing one of the arresting officers repeatedly punching the 17-year-old about the head as he lay beside the car.

Both of the injured teens were taken to Sydney's St Vincent's Hospital where they underwent emergency surgery. It is

understood the young driver of the car had to be resuscitated after 'dying' at the scene and again after arriving at hospital. The female pedestrian most seriously injured was also taken to hospital but is believed to have been released the next day.

The four other occupants of the car were unhurt and subsequently arrested and charged, with their matters currently before the court.

On Thursday, with family members maintaining a vigil at the hospital, the injured teens were also charged in bedside hearings. The younger of them was charged with using a weapon to avoid apprehension, driving in a manner causing injury and taking and driving a conveyance in order to evade police. He was also charged with robbery in company in relation to the robbery of a petrol station in Earlwood last September, and granted bail because of his injuries.

The other teenager was charged with being carried in conveyance and was to face court again yesterday.

Serious condition

On Sunday, however, they remained in hospital – the 14-year-old still in a serious condition in intensive care and the 17-year-old in a stable condition in a general ward.

The affair caps off a string of incidents in NSW and elsewhere around the country that have seen confidence in police plummet.

They include the death in police custody in January of Alice Springs man Mr Briscoe, the death in March of Brazilian student Roberto Laudisio Curti who was tasered by Sydney police, and the non-fatal shooting in Brisbane at Easter of another Aboriginal teenager who was a passenger in a stolen car pursued by police.

NSW Police and the Government were quick to defend the actions of the officers involved in the Kings Cross incident, promising that the police investigation under way would be thorough. At a press conference two days after the incident, police Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch said that investigation would be reviewed and monitored closely by the NSW Ombudsman.

"Let's just be a little bit calm, a little bit more restrained and see what our investigation (determines)," he said, but added, 'generally speaking, there is no excuse for police brutality'.

A day later, NSW Police Minister and former police officer Mike Gallacher

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new low after shootings



Greens MP David Shoebridge (right) addresses the crowd in front of NSW Parliament House as, from left, ISJA's Ray Jackson, Rachel Evans and Raul Bassi look on. Photos by Kirstie Parker



Redfern community representative Mick Mundine called for cool heads as investigations continue.

Anger in community

● From facing page

took to the airwaves, defending the officers involved.

"Cops had seconds to make a decision but now we want to look at life as if it's slow motion? It doesn't work that way," Mr Gallacher told ABC Radio.

"You know, if someone's not going to stop the car, they've got no intentions of stopping the car, and you've got a young woman on the front of the vehicle, you know, until such times as shown otherwise I'm gonna back the cops."

Nevertheless, the Minister said 'very strong questions' would be asked in light of the mobile phone footage and allegations of police brutality.

Those assurances were cold comfort for the crowd who braved rain last week to protest on the footpath outside NSW Parliament.

Beforehand, Redfern community representative Mick Mundine called for 'cool heads' as investigations ran their course.

Mr Mundine, who runs the Aboriginal Housing Company, said community distress over the incident was understandable but he feared a repeat of community unrest that occurred in Redfern after the tragic death of Aboriginal teenager T J Hickey in 2004. The 17-year-old died in hospital after becoming impaled on a fence in Waterloo. He'd been pursued on his bike by police.

Last week, Mr Mundine called for the Aboriginal community to remain focused on the welfare of the youths injured in Kings Cross, neither of whom he said were from Redfern.

Deputy Leader of the state's Labor Opposition Linda Burney – a Wiradjuri woman – told media that parental and community responsibility, poverty and homelessness were amongst the issues at play.

"I'm desperately worried about the future of young Aboriginal people who are disconnected from the school system, disconnected from their culture," she was

ALS offers to help

THE Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) of NSW/ACT says it will help two teenagers shot during last month's Kings Cross car chase to pursue complaints against the police officers involved, if they wish.

While its lawyers are unlikely to represent any of the six youths involved due to potential conflict of interest, the ALS expressed concern about media reporting of the incident, as well as ensuing statements by police and government figures.

Chief legal officer John McKenzie told the *Koori Mail* the ALS was firmly of the view that police should never investigate complaints against police, especially in relation to critical incidents like the one in Kings Cross.

"There really must be an independent investigative body which doesn't have lines of loyalty and sharing of camaraderie with the local police force," Mr McKenzie said.

"This has been happening for over 20 years. The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody called for such a body and it still hasn't happened in any state or territory that I am aware of. It's fair to say it's becoming more difficult for people to have confidence that their complaints will be treated comprehensively and fairly. All you can do is keep complaining because, when you stop complaining, that's when the baddies win."

Initially, police described the passenger in the stolen car as being aged 18. Subsequent media reports identified him by name, only for it to be revealed that he was just 17 and

therefore not permitted to be identified.

Mr McKenzie said he expected that matter to be the subject of a complaint against police. And he took issue with media reports quoting a police source as saying the 14-year-old driver of the car had been in trouble with the law since he was eight.

"If the police said that, it's a very unusual thing for them to say," he said. "Given they haven't disclosed that young lad's identity, it's quite possible they haven't transgressed the rules (but) I think that one can see the rationale behind the police saying things like that. That is, to paint the occupants of the car as criminals."

Mr McKenzie said the actions of police in such matters were not a black issue but one for the broader community.

"But, because of the frequency of contact between police and Aboriginal people, it's a very real and ever-present issue within the Aboriginal community," he said.

Mr McKenzie said he could see the value in various perspectives in the Aboriginal community. He praised Redfern identity Mick Mundine for helping to calm tempers in the aftermath of the incident, saying 'Mick did a great job and hats off to him for that'.

But he said there was also a place for outspoken critics like ISJA president Ray Jackson.

"I don't always agree with Ray, but I will defend his right to complain about things," he said. "I know from my 32 years of professional life that things aren't too good." — by KIRSTIE PARKER

reported as saying.

But the overriding emotion on display at last week's protest in Macquarie Street was anger.

The crowd chanted anti-police slogans as speaker after speaker criticised the officers involved in the Kings Cross incident and others.

Indigenous Social Justice Association president Ray Jackson said the truth would never come out while police investigated police.

"We know the results (when that happens)," he said. "How many police have been charged since the Royal Commission (into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody)? None."

Mr Jackson also read out a

statement by T J Hickey's mother Gail as she looked on.

"Today I am standing again in sadness for the way those young Aboriginal boys were treated in Kings Cross," Ms Hickey's statement read.

"To see the way police were punching them and dragging them after having shot them point blank while in a stationary vehicle breaks a mother's heart... This has to stop, this has to stop today."

NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge told the crowd he had referred the matter to the Police Integrity Commission (PIC), and criticised his parliamentary

colleagues.

"Only in NSW could it be seen to be an extreme political step to ask for an independent investigation of police," Mr Shoebridge said.

"Only in NSW, where you have the Government and the Labor Opposition refusing to come out and have any criticism of the NSW Police."

"...We have seen deeply disturbing footage from the Cross. That footage raises questions that simply must be answered, and answered not by an internal police investigation with oversight by the Ombudsman but answered by

someone who's not responsible to the Commissioner or the Police Minister – a genuinely independent investigation."

Those sentiments were echoed by many in the crowd.

Hetti Perkins, eldest daughter of the late Charles Perkins, was there with family members.

"I guess I'm here as a mother of Aboriginal children around the age of these children and I'm concerned," Ms Perkins told the *Koori Mail*.

"I just want the Government and the police to be accountable. I agree that there should be an independent investigation. Having experienced police brutality in our own family, I think that's what we need – an independent inquiry."

"I'm really pleased to see so many young people here today. It's good."

Thirty-year-old Nioka Coe said she was 'saddened by the fact that our kids are still being shot at'. "I think the police are more or less trying to make our kids martyrs. Where's the justice?" she said.

"Fair enough, the kids were there in a stolen car and did the wrong thing, but the police have to be held accountable for their actions as well."

Well-known activist Jenny Munro told the *Koori Mail* she was disgusted by the footage that showed 'a young Aboriginal boy already with a bullet in his body – prone, defenceless and certainly not offering any resistance to the police – treated with so much violence and disrespect'.

"It insults anybody with an ounce of intelligence who thinks that was a lawful arrest," Ms Munro said.

The PIC was expected to finalise its investigation of the shooting this week. Police investigations were ongoing.

The ISJA rally planned for Melbourne on Saturday 12 May will commence at 11 am, on the steps of the Old GPO, corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets.

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Qld mayors elected

By Cairns correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander voters in Queensland Indigenous communities have chosen their new leaders, although for many of the

mayors elected it will be a return to their old jobs.

After voting was counted following the Queensland local government elections at the weekend, only two communities remain in the balance – Aurukun, after the sudden death of incumbent mayor and candidate Tharpitch Pootchemunka, and Mapoon, where a close race has

been run requiring a ten-day wait for postal votes to be included.

In Carpentaria Shire, Fred Pascoe was elected unopposed, as was Fred Gela from the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Ken Bone returned to the mayoral position at Cherbourg after a break, while Fredrick O'Keefe is back in the job at Doomadgee.

Greg McLean is again leading Hopevale, while Robert Holness takes up the position at Kowanyama, and Wayne Butcher will head up Lockhart River Aboriginal Council.

Bradley Wilson is the new mayor of Mornington Island, as is Philemon Mene at Napranum.

Alf Lacey was returned at Palm Island, as was Richard Tarpencha

at Pormpuraaw, and Pedro Stephens at Torres Shire Council.

Terry Munns Snr was elected mayor at Woorabinda, Clifford Harrigan at Wujal Wujal and Errol Neal takes over at Yarrabah.

For further information on Queensland Local Government election results, including the newly-elected councillors, go to www.ecq.qld.gov.au

TSI mourns great Elder



TORRES Strait Islander statesman George Mye MBE OAM has been remembered as an outstanding political leader, a staunch advocate for his people, a mentor and good friend.

The Darnley Island Elder passed away last Thursday of pneumonia, aged 85.

His death will be felt hard throughout the Torres Strait and on the mainland, especially coming just six weeks before the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision. Mr Mye was a life-long friend of the late Eddie Koiki Mabo and continued his work around native title for Torres Strait Islanders following Mr Mabo's death in 1992.

Mr Mye served his community in many different roles, including being a Torres Strait Island councillor for more than 20 years, ATSIC commissioner, inaugural chairperson of the Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board, Eastern Islands representative to the Islander Advisory Council, and chairman of the Islands Coordinating Council.

He also represented Torres Strait Islanders on the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (1973-77) and its successor the National Aboriginal Conference (1977-1985) and was the only person elected to the conference over four consecutive terms.

In June 1996, he filed an application for native title in the Federal Court and continued to act as the named applicant on behalf of the people of Erub Island throughout the proceedings. The Erubam Le (Darnley Islanders) #1 determination arose out of this application.

Tributes for Mr Mye flowed swiftly from Indigenous and political leaders last week.

State Premier Campbell Newman extended his condolences to Mr Mye's wife and family. "The passing of George

Mye will be felt by Torres Strait Islander people and others who have known him or his works throughout the country," Mr Campbell said.

John 'Toshie' Kris, chairman of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), said the region would mourn the loss of an outstanding political leader and one of its greatest advocates on the Australian political stage.

"George Mye played a key role in setting up the TSRA," Mr Kris said. "Before that he had played a pivotal role in ensuring that the Torres Strait remained a part of

Entsch said last Thursday.

"When you walked into his house he had all these certificates and awards, and whenever I sat down to discuss anything Uncle George made it very, very clear that I was there to sit down and listen. I never had the courage to argue against him, he had that sense of authority and an aura about him. When Uncle George spoke, I listened. "... (He) has left a void that will be very difficult to fill but he has left us in a better place having made his contribution."

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chairman Professor Mick Dodson said Mr Mye had worked tirelessly to improve life in his community and – to his death – continued to advocate on behalf of his people.

Prof Dodson noted that Mr Mye was at the forefront of the independence movement, demanding Torres Strait Islanders be granted control over their own land and sea resources

"In 1988, he chaired a landmark meeting of 400 delegates on Thursday Island that voted for secession – not just from Queensland, but from Australia," he said.

"That protest led to an avalanche of government committees, working groups and measures to deliver some autonomy to the region, including the establishment of the Torres Strait Regional Authority in 1994, a Federal Government body

originally set up to gradually become an autonomous regional assembly.

"George Mye was referred to as the modern godfather of independence for the Torres Strait Islands and his outstanding leadership, contribution and passion for his people will forever be remembered."

● Warren Entsch said he had contacted Premier Newman seeking a state funeral for Mr Mye. At the time of printing, it was not known if that request had been agreed to.



George Mye pictured in 1994 at the inauguration of the Torres Strait Regional Authority. Image courtesy of AIATSIS, Trevor Creighton Collection

Australia when the Whitlam Government was considering transferring the northern islands in particular to Papua New Guinea.'

Also paying tribute, Federal Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch remembered first meeting with Mr Mye in 1995, as he was preparing to stand for Parliament for the first time.

"Over the years, he became very much one of my mentors in relation to the Torres Strait and I always took the opportunity of visiting him when I could," Mr

Cape York shocked as leader dies



CONDOLENCES have poured in from Cape York and well beyond following the sudden death of Aurukun Mayor Tharpitch Pootchemunka, less than a week before he was due to run again for his position.

Mr Pootchemunka was a Winchnum man from the Wik Mungkan language group who lived most of his life in the community on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula. His first name cannot be used for cultural reasons, with 'Tharpitch' used instead for a certain period after his death.

He was the Mayor of Aurukun Shire Council for two terms (eight years), a board member of the Western Cape Regional Consultant Group, chair of the Regional Organisation of Councils of Cape York (ROCCY) and was involved in a number of youth projects in Aurukun.

Queensland Premier Campbell Newman said his commitment saw him recognised as a leader well beyond his own community. "Our thoughts are with Sarah his partner, children, family, extended family and friends at this time," Mr Newman said.

"I understand this sadness is shared by fellow councillors, mayors and the people of Aurukun.

"His passing leaves a community in mourning, extending to numerous Indigenous communities in far north Queensland and beyond."

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) president Paul Bell said the state had lost a great representative of the Aboriginal community. "He dedicated his life to improving the lot of the Aurukun community and the wider Indigenous community on Cape York, particularly in the areas of economic development, self-management and welfare reform," Mr Bell said.

A joint statement from the Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation, the Cape York Institute, the Cape York Land Council and Cape York Partnerships said he was a hard-working mayor for his community.

"The loss of Mr Pootchemunka is a great loss to the people and causes of Cape York, his family, his colleagues and all who knew him," it said.

"Tharpitch was a young traditional man with a great future ahead of him.

"His leadership qualities were outstanding. He provided young people with a model for the future and was an engaging mentor, working with the

young and Elders to promote cohesion and unity. His cultural knowledge underpinned his authentic notion of leadership. He never shied away from a dispute until resolution was reached.

"He understood the value of friendship and relationships, and never took sides.

"Tharpitch was a very hard working mayor for Aurukun, and during his time in office he took the hard decisions to bring about long-term reform.

"His humour, leadership and great character will be sadly missed."

Close friend and chair of the Cape York Land Council Richie Ahmat said Tharpitch had seen problems in his community and put his hand up for council.

"I think his leadership over Cape York was outstanding," Mr Ahmat said. "He commanded attention, he really did. He will be sorriely sorriely missed, not only as a leader but as a mayor of his community."

Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra said Tharpitch was someone he looked up to. "A great leader and a very traditional man too," he said. "Our community is in shock, we can't believe it. "He was highly respected right through the community. He was somebody everyone in the community knew because he was a very proud Aboriginal man who held his head high at all times and spoke very well.

"All the old people say they're proud of how well he spoke – he spoke loud and clear when he spoke, and strong.

"It's really hard to come to grips with; certainly his time was short.

"He had so much to offer, not just Aurukun but the whole of Cape York."

Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch said Mr Pootchemunka would be sorely missed.

"He was never afraid to embrace controversial initiatives that he believed were in the best interests of his community," he said.

He also said he was deeply saddened by the loss of such a leader at the relatively young age of 50.

"It seems to be the case in many of our Indigenous communities that those who are achieving the most seem to leave us too soon," he said.

"That was the calibre of the man. But there is no doubt that he is leaving us with a lasting legacy and he will not be forgotten."

Tharpitch Pootchemunka was born on 5 November 1961 and died on 22 April 2012.

His funeral will be held on Friday 4 May. – By **CHRISTINE HOWES**

Commissioners on the attack



HUMAN Rights commissioners from across Australia and New Zealand have criticised the

'unacceptably high levels of imprisonment of Indigenous people' in both of their countries, and the Northern Territory Intervention. Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Helen Szoke, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda joined the other commissioners to discuss racial equality matters with a particular focus on systemic discrimination and racism.

During their two-day gathering, they met with a number of community and legal organisations from Alice Springs.

In a communiqué issued following the roundtable, the commissioners noted the 'profound sense of disempowerment' of communities as a result of the NT Emergency Response, or Intervention.

They said that while the current Stronger Futures legislation had sought to move beyond the emergency response, the legislation should be subjected to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights to ensure it complied with human rights



Back, from left, Rivkah Nissim from the Australian Human Rights Commission; Anne Burgess, SA Acting Commissioner for Equal Opportunity; Yvonne Henderson, WA Equal Opportunity Commissioner; Sam Sefuiva, of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission; Robin Banks of the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commissioner; Karen Toohey, Acting Commissioner, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission; and Eddie Cubillo, the NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. Front, from left, Padma Raman of the Australian Human Rights Commission; Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Helen Szoke; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda; New Zealand Race Relations Commissioner Joris de Bres; and Kevin Cocks from the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commission. Photo courtesy the Centralian Advocate

obligations. They said the legislation and implementation of any resulting measures should have, as a central principle, seeking to achieve negotiated and

agreed outcomes between government and communities.

"This will require government to support strengthening of community governance and

capability, consistent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to develop cultural competence in all those involved in the

implementation," the commissioners said.

The commissioners said all organisations, community members and levels of government had a role to play in supporting the development of positive futures.

"We heard from the mentors and participants of the Clontarf Foundation who highlighted the importance and potential of active involvement of young people," they said.

As well, the commissioners met with United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, Rashida Manjoo, and supported her call to stop the abuse and violence against women and children, and to address the underlying causes resulting from long-term social and economic disadvantage.

The roundtable in Alice Springs coincided with efforts to develop an Australian anti-racism strategy.

"This strategy should itself be considered part of a wider vision for racial equality, cultural diversity and intercultural understanding," the commissioners said.

For more information about Australia's National Anti-racism Strategy and how to make a submission to it, visit www.humanrights.gov.au/antiracism/index.html

Govt establishes new remote jobs service

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government is having another crack at solving high levels of

remote unemployment, announcing a new service to combine the four programs currently delivering employment and participation services and community development in remote Australia.

As of 1 July next year, Job Services Australia, Disability Employment Services, Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) and the Indigenous Employment Program will be rolled into a new \$1.5 billion Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

The move follows consultations held last year in remote communities throughout the country, which the Government says found current services were providing short-term help but not delivering long-term results.

But the Federal Opposition has been quick to pooh-pooh the new approach, saying it will do nothing to build remote communities' economies and

won't keep remote Indigenous Australians off the long-term unemployment line.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Employment and Workplace Relations Minister Bill Shorten and Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins issued a joint statement on the new integrated program on Friday. They said it would provide a more integrated and flexible approach to employment and participation services.

"(It) sees jobseekers assisted by a single provider with a permanent presence in their region, ensuring they are getting better support to get the skills needed to get a job," the ministers said.

"It will also ensure people who are not working are participating in activities that contribute to developing strong and sustainable communities.

"People told us they want to see one employment services provider in their community, offering better training and support to get local people into jobs.

"A job contributes strongly to personal, social and economic development and is essential to closing the



JENNY MACKLIN

gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

"This new program will build on the strengths of existing employment and participation programs, while providing a more flexible and responsive service to better meet the needs of people living in remote Australia."

The key features of the new program are:

- A single Remote Jobs and Communities provider with a permanent presence in communities to help jobseekers, rather than the fly-in-fly-out support that currently operates in many places;

- Around \$750 million to support initiatives and activities that help people get ready for work and also



NIGEL SCULLION

benefit their community, such as local social enterprises;

- A 'No Show No Pay' rule under which people who fail to participate will have their payments suspended.

- Funding and encouragement of Indigenous and other organisations with a connection to communities to become Remote Jobs and Communities providers.

- A new program under which 3000 people aged 25 years and under will complete nine to 12 months of work experience, supported by mentors and other training, in order to smooth their transition from school into real employment.

- Eligible people who, under grandfathered arrangements, are currently

still receiving CDEP wages continue to receive wages for the first five years of participation in the new model. These people have been participating in CDEP for long periods, since before 2009, and many face significant barriers to employment, the ministers said.

However, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Northern Territory Senator Nigel Scullion said the new program failed to deal with the real issue – 'that there is no real economy in many remote communities'.

"We have to change the way we engage with these communities so they can build their economies," Senator Scullion said.

"Otherwise, we will continue to see our First Australians who live in remote communities go through a jobs churn via seasonal or short-term work, if they have a job at all given there are few industries in these areas."

Senator Scullion said he visited Ramingining in East Arnhem last week where they are already involved in the crocodile industry.

"The eggs are collected at Ramingining which provides work and income for a few

people for a few weeks," he said. "All value-adding such as hatching, growing the crocodile and the resulting meat, skins and tourism opportunities occurs outside the community.

"This has to be changed. We need to work with the community to create more value-adding opportunities and grow the industry in Ramingining. This will create more jobs for a longer period instead of creating jobs in Darwin."

Senator Scullion said the creation of a single jobs provider for remote communities was 'a false note'.

"Job providers have been part of the problems in remote communities and having a single jobs provider won't solve issues of compliance that see many job seekers not properly engaged," he said.

"There has to be auditing for job providers to ensure jobseekers are getting real training and real assistance, not just a tick and flick approach.

"The Coalition supports plans to build more jobs in remote communities but we need to find ways to create sustainable industries and a real economy in these communities."



The Aboriginal flag and signs bearing the names of places where massacres occurred during the Frontier Wars.



The Aboriginal marchers and supporters brought up the rear of the parade in Canberra.

Frontier Wars not forgotten

By DARREN COYNE



THEIR numbers were small but their message was huge and generally well received – Don't Forget The Frontier Wars.

A small band of activists led by Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Michael Anderson tagged along behind the official Anzac Day march in Canberra bearing placards with the names of various massacres and frontier wars.

They provided a poignant reminder to the crowds lining ANZAC Parade that countless Aboriginal people died for their country during colonisation, as well as those that went on to serve Australia overseas.

Although tagged as a protest by sections of the mainstream media, Mr Anderson was adamant that the march was a commemoration and that its intentions were peaceful.

Among the contingent, Wiradjuri man Peter Swain said he wanted to take part in the march in honour of his great great grandfather who survived a massacre at Dunn Swamp near Bathurst in 1824.

"He survived as a child by hiding in the long reeds and breathing through a straw while the adults were shot," Mr Swain said.

"The mainstream seems to think that there is a point where you are no longer Aboriginal, that you've been assimilated,

yet Europeans put great emphasis on being a fifth generation Australian.

"In the Bathurst wars they declared martial law, which itself is an act of war, yet they maintain we were colonised and that there was no war."

Ngemba man Kumba said he was taking part to honour the men who had fought for the Australian way of life, as well as the 400-plus Aboriginal people who were butchered near Brewarrina.

"My grandfather was Irish and grandmother was a full-blood from Ngemba country, and there were Ngemba among those killed. This is why I'm here," he said.

Proudly carried flag

David Dixon, from Yuin Country, proudly carried a flag representing the sovereign Djirinjanz people.

Despite the peaceful intentions, Federal Police were on hand to prevent any of the marchers from entering into the official area, although Mr Anderson told the *Koori Mail* that it was never their intention to disrupt proceedings.

He said Aboriginal people who died in defence of their lands during colonial invasion should be remembered by all Aboriginal people, particularly in areas where bodies were left on open ground all those years ago, and were now commemorated by sun-bleached bones and unmarked graves.

Mr Anderson also said 7000 Aboriginal diggers had fought offshore, alongside non-Indigenous comrades, in every war that Australia had been involved in.

But unlike their fellow soldiers who received land grants, Aboriginal people came home and were sent back to the missions, often to find their children had been removed while they were away.

"It is now time for the RSL and the Government to review Aboriginal participation in the offshore wars in defence of their country and do as the United States of America has done for the African American airmen and justly compensate them after 70 years," he said.

"We are calling on the RSL and the Government to locate all the families of Aboriginal service men and women and put headstones on the grave sites of these brave people, just as they do with non-Aboriginal people.

"We further call on the state and federal governments to work with Aboriginal people to establish historical memorial sites, with the advice of Aboriginal people, to identify the massacre sites during the colonial invasion. We need these areas to be excised as places of remembrance and protected by law.

"If Germany can deal with their horror history and establish memorial sites, so too can Australia. Australia has to deal with its true history, as it is only through this effort that this nation can begin to heal."



Peter Swain, a Wiradjuri man living in the Blue Mountains, joined the commemoration service.



Kumba, a Ngemba man from Brewarrina, was there to honour his grandfather who was a prison guard at Cowra during the war.



Kumba helps carry the Aboriginal flag, flanked by two Federal Police officers.



Michael Anderson with Dianne, and David Dixon hold the sovereign flag that represents the Djirinjanz people of the Yuin nation.

Warrior's spirit is brought home



Australia's Defence Minister Stephen Smith talks to Uncle Richard Archibald after the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby. Uncle Richard was in PNG to perform the Aboriginal cultural ceremonies to bring his relative Private Frank Archibald's soul to rest. AAP image

HE was a black man in an army dominated by white soldiers.

But the only colours that mattered to Private Frank Richard Archibald's closest mates were the khaki uniform on his back and the blood he shed for his country.

It's been nearly 70 years since Private Archibald, an Aboriginal digger from NSW's north coast, was shot dead by a Japanese sniper during the Battle of Kokoda. He was 27.

Nicknamed Dickie, he landed at Port Moresby on September 19, 1942 and trekked with his comrades across the rugged Owen Stanley Ranges.

He was shot in the head on 24 November.

"Dickie's friend walked out from under the bushes where they was," his sister Grace Gordon told ABC radio.

"Dick looked up and he seen this sniper with a gun on him. So he run out to help his mate but he forgot his hat and he got shot in the head."

Aboriginal diggers were – and still are – a minority in the Australian Army.

But the courage and sacrifice of Indigenous warriors was given particular recognition on Anzac Day, with the Returned and Service League (RSL) conducting special ceremonies across the state.

Sub-branches in Corrimal, Wollongong, Walcha, Tamworth, Nambucca and Kempsey-Macleay all included Aboriginal elements in their Anzac Day commemorations.

Elders laid wreaths and spoke about the particular sense of loss that Indigenous families feel when relatives are killed and buried overseas.

"Those sub-branches adapting their Anzac Day services to honour our Aboriginal servicemen are displaying the true spirit of comradeship and support that is the core principle of the RSL," NSW RSL president Don Rowe said in a statement.

Private Archibald's family travelled to the Bomana War Cemetery, on the outskirts of Port Moresby, near the start of the Kokoda Track, to honour

their fallen relative and five other Aboriginal servicemen.

They conducted a special ceremony using the Gumbaynggirr language to bring Private Archibald's spirit home.

"This will help our family to heal and support us to bring the spirit of Private Frank back to Gumbaynggirr country, where he belongs," his brother Richard said.

Meanwhile, Indigenous community leader Warren Mundine called on the modern Australian Defence Force to assist Aboriginal people.

He wants Defence medics to set up clinics in remote areas to help treat Indigenous communities.

"The health-care professionals who attend to Aboriginal people living in remote areas do an incredible job under very tough conditions," Mr Mundine said in a statement.

"Military clinics would never replace these services, but I believe they could provide much-needed support, leading to better outcomes for everyone involved." – AAP

Soldiers honoured



ABORIGINAL soldiers and veterans received special honours at ANZAC Day services across Australia and overseas.

In stark contrast to the time when returning Aboriginal soldiers were banned from RSL Clubs and sent back to missions, many RSL sub-branches throughout Australia this year embraced Aboriginal elements into their services.

In the nation's capital, about 200 people attended a dawn service at the Aboriginal Memorial on Mount Ainslie, behind the Australian War Memorial, while special mention of Aboriginal servicemen was made overseas.

Speaking at the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France, Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon singled out Private Daniel Hodgekiss of the 59th Battalion for mention.

"Dan was an Aboriginal man, originally from Port Woolunga in South Australia," Mr Snowdon said.

"Charles Bean (the official war correspondent) wrote of his courage in battle: Describing how he stormed and silenced a German machine gun post single-handedly.

"Beyond the telling in the official history, his gallantry went unrecognised.



NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association president David Williams lays a wreath during the Anzac Day Indigenous commemoration ceremony in Canberra. About 200 people gathered for the ceremony to recognise the service of Indigenous Australians who have served in the Australian Defence Force since 1901. AAP image

"A month later, Dan was severely wounded, and returned home in 1919, permanently disabled.

"Sadly, like many returned men, he lived

an isolated life suffering from the scars of war. He died of his war wounds in 1924, aged 38, and was buried in an unmarked grave in Mildura.

"His grave was found by a local researcher a couple of years ago, who set in train a long overdue official commemoration.

"Dan's story reminds us of the selfless deeds of bravery of so many."

From the Coloured Diggers march in Sydney, to the small band in Canberra who marched to commemorate the Frontier Wars, the contribution of Indigenous warriors was also remembered.

Meanwhile, Reconciliation Australia has urged people to remember the Aboriginal Anzacs in the lead up to centenary celebrations in 2014.

In a statement, Air Chief Marshal (retd) Angus Houston urged Australians to 'recognise, and be thankful, for the fine and dedicated service of our Indigenous servicemen and women, past and present'.

"For many years their stories have been untold and unheralded," he said.

Mr Houston said Reconciliation Australia hoped to highlight the facts, events and individual stories during National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May to 3 June.

Anyone with stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have served in the Defence Force may contact Australian War Memorial Indigenous liaison officer Gary Oakley through gary.oakley@awm.gov.au

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Retired Royal Australian Air Force officer Rob (Joe) Bryant addresses the crowd.



Vicki Wade and Kerry Welch at the march.



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Allan Collis and his niece Catherine Jackson.



Medals worn with pride during Anzac Day in Redfern this year.



A section of the crowd during the Aboriginal Diggers Anzac Day march in Redfern.



Veterans Stirling Minniecon, Ron Wenitong and Phillip Minniecon.



The MINGALETTA Didg Boys during their performance.



Victoria Woods, John and Lola Simmons and Hazel Hind.



Deputy Leader of the NSW Opposition Linda Burney, Aunty Ali Golding and Ken Zulumovski.
Photo by JOHN OGDEN



Frances Edwards performs an original song written to 'My Vietnam Brother' to honour the Aboriginal soldiers he fought with.

unsung Indigenous heroes

It's all about respect

By MARGARET SMITH
Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



A LARGE crowd of war veterans, their families and friends, community leaders, and politicians gathered in Sydney for the 2012 Redfern Anzac Day March last Wednesday.

The message behind the moving, commemorative event was simple.

"We wanted to make sure our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander diggers get due respect they deserve," one of the organisers, Pastor Ray Minniecon, told the *Koori Mail*.

"They fought in every war and they are our black warriors but a lot of them didn't get the benefits of other diggers.

"We want to make sure history does not repeat itself. We wanted to make sure all our warriors are recognised in this country."

Others who helped organise the parade and commemoration service included Mark Spinks from Babana Men's Group and Jeremy Heathcote from Nura Gili NSW.

A cool breeze didn't deter the 20 or so Mingaletta dancers and didgeridoo players from Coffs Harbour who performed before a blessing by Uncle Max Eulo.

"We need to remember how our Elders fought for this land from the very beginning," said Shane Phillips during the welcome to country.

"It's so important that we remember the footprint of our Elders. There were hard times and great times that came together. To our fallen we are here to commemorate and show respect ... Lest we forget."

Hilton Donavon sang the national anthem and wreaths were laid on the Redfern Park cenotaph by NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Millie Ingram, Phillip Minniecon, Linda Burney, NSW Opposition Leader John Robinson, Ken Zulumovski, Jeremy Heathcote and others.



Ray Minniecon addresses the Redfern crowd.

Among the diggers present was Ron Wenitong who served in Malaysia, Borneo and Vietnam. He told the *Koori Mail* that recovering from war service was ongoing.

"You remember all the veterans and their families and what they went through," Mr Wenitong said. "We are trying to get more recognition at the War Memorial in Canberra with the help of people like Ray Minniecon."

Corey Grech said he was there to remember his grandfather Keith Hinton who passed away a year ago.

"Also my grandfather's twin brother was a prisoner of war in Vietnam, who died soon after he came home," Mr Grech said. "I came here to feel their spirit today."

Aunty Ali Golding's father fought in World War I. "He had a bayonet attack in his left elbow but he survived... the

Elders welcomed him back by baptising him in the mud of the earth," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Vicki Wade who had family in Perth and Sydney, said she attended in memory of her father whom she had nursed during the last six months of his life 20 years ago.

After the ceremony, those gathered marched to Redfern's Block where Pastor Minniecon said a prayer of remembrance and called for one minute's silence.

Vic Simms sang *And the band played Waltzing Matilda*.

Governor Bashir said it had been a day of great pride.

"Anzac Day has brought us all together as one family," she said.

State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello also paid his respects to Elders past and present.

Linda Burney, the NSW Deputy Opposition Leader, spoke of the need 'to tell the truth about war and the Aboriginal men and women, who were not given the respect and honour they should have received'.

"I come every year because it's a ceremony that affects me deeply, where we witness the truth of history," she told the *Koori Mail*.



Harold Allie, Governor Marie Bashir and Ray Minniecon during the march.



NSW Deputy Opposition Leader Linda Burney pins a rose on Ray Robinson.



Lorraine McGee-Sippel, Patricia Corowa and Vietnam veteran Terry Loftus during the remembrance service in Redfern.



Torres Strait Islander veteran Enemarki Zaro, aged 94.



Robyn Illin lays a wreath at the cenotaph during the Townsville service.

Thousands turn out

**STORY and photos by
ALF WILSON**



ABORIGINAL
and Torres
Strait Islander
people
featured
prominently
during Anzac

Day commemorations in
Townsville, watched and
cheered by thousands of
people.

At 94 years of age,
Torres Strait Islander
Enemarki Zaro is
understood to have been
the oldest former
serviceman to take part. He
was driven along the

Townsville Strand
esplanade during the
parade with his son-in-law
and carer Tebei Marou.

Mr Zaro is one of the
oldest surviving members
of the Torres Strait Light
Infantry Brigade, which
served with distinction
during World War II at
Australia's frontline in the
far north.

He vividly recalled the
day the war ended in 1945.

"I was in a tunnel on
Horn Island with other
members of the brigade
and our sergeant, who was
my cousin, came in and
told us in language that the
war was over and we could



**Former national
serviceman Arthur Ahwang.**

go home," Mr Zaro said.

When he arrived at
Anzac Park for the
memorial service, Mr Zaro



**Cpl Leon Abdul Rahman
from Regimental Police.**

was given a VIP seat under
a tent and was later joined
by family and friends.

Former national

serviceman Arthur Ahwang
also marched.

Robyn Illin was amongst
the crowd along the parade
route, accompanied by her
husband Michael Illin, their
children Jameliah, 8, and
Nakeisha, 7, her father
George Haynes, brother
Thomas Sutton-Haynes,
11, and mother Jennifer
Sutton-Haynes.

Mrs Illin's father-in-law
Alec Illin is a respected
local Elder who served
during the Vietnam War
and she placed a wreath at
the cenotaph during the
ceremony at Anzac Park on
behalf of Indigenous
people.

Children from 34 local
schools marched and many
were Indigenous.

Garbutt State Primary
School has a large
percentage of Indigenous
pupils and teacher Donald
Whaleboat, of Murray
Island descent, marched
with his granddaughters
Tei-Ri Whaleboat, 10, and
Diai Whaleboat, 7.

"About 90 per cent of
our students are
Indigenous and we have
explained to them the
importance of Anzac Day.
We had our own
celebrations at school
yesterday," Mr Whaleboat
said.

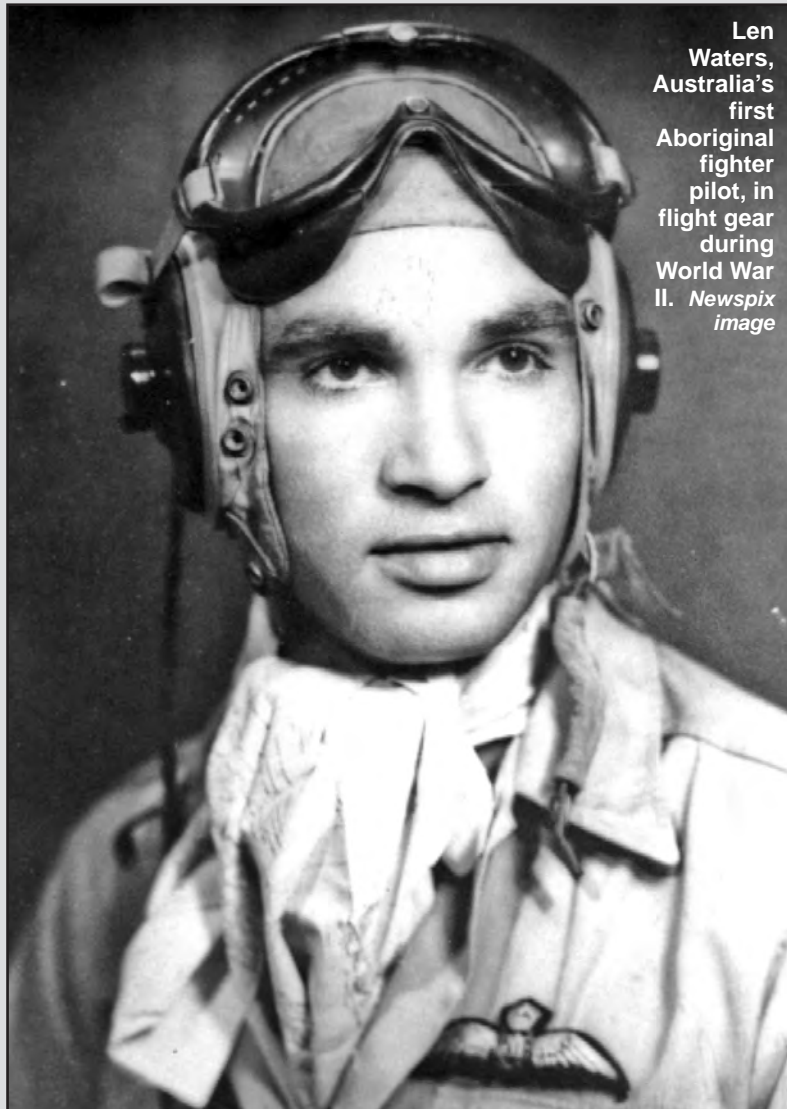


Indigenous students from St Patrick's College were among the large contingent in the
Townsville street march.



Garbutt State School teacher Donald Whaleboat, of Murray Island descent,
marched in the street parade.

First Indigenous military pilot is remembered



Len Waters, Australia's first Aboriginal fighter pilot, in flight gear during World War II. *Newspix image*

ANZAC Day is as sacred as Good Friday to 83-year-old Gladys Waters. The wife of Australia's first Aboriginal military pilot Len Waters has attended Anzac Day services religiously each year since her husband died in 1993.

Ill health meant she had to settle for watching the parade on television from her Brisbane home last Wednesday.

"As I was growing up, Anzac Day's always been very, very special for me," Mrs Waters said.

"I feel it's to be treasured. I treat it like Good Friday ... they are very sacred days to me. Nothing can interfere with them."

Her husband is known for being the first Aboriginal military aviator and the only Aboriginal fighter pilot to serve during World War II.

Mr Waters grew up on a NSW mission with just a primary school education but was so keen to join the air force that he attended night school as a teenager.

He was accepted into the RAAF in 1942, aged 19.

Rose in rank

His squadron was based on the island of Noemfoor, in Indonesia, and later Borneo, and he rose to the rank of warrant officer.

Mr Waters' closest call came when an unexploded Japanese shell lodged in his plane mid-air, forcing the shaken pilot to make a nervous landing with the shell still embedded in the craft, Mrs Waters said.

"As Len said, he felt as though he could land on a dozen eggs that

day, he had to be that careful," she laughed.

She says race was never an issue for her husband during the war and he was treated equally by all, but that changed after he left the air force in 1946.

"He was rejected by the whites once the uniform came off, and then he was rejected by the blacks because of how he rose in the white man's eyes," Mrs Waters said.

Upon returning to Queensland Mr Waters tried to start a regional airline but couldn't secure financial backing.

He then became a mechanic and later a shearer to support his family of seven children.

'Good-time man'

Mrs Waters said her husband was a popular 'good-time man' and a good father who frustrated her at times because 'he seemed to forget he was married'.

He died aged 69.

Mr Waters has since been commemorated on a postage stamp and his air force memorabilia is on display in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

A street in the Australian Capital Territory and one in Sydney bear Len Waters' name, as do a park in Brisbane and another in his home town of Boggabilla, New South Wales.

Mrs Waters said her husband would have been proud.

As a boy he had dreamed of being somebody special, she said.

"He definitely reached his goal there," she said. — AAP



Belinda Gibson from Honouring Indigenous War Graves with retired lieutenant-colonel Peter Fitzpatrick, a veteran of the elite Special Air Service Regiment.

War graves campaign supported

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



A CAMPAIGN to honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women who've passed away is gathering momentum.

Since Indigenous Vietnam veteran John Schnaars established Honouring Indigenous War Graves (HIWG) Inc in Perth in 2005, it has enabled the acknowledgement of about 150 Indigenous veterans throughout Western Australia.

HIWG member Belinda Gibson said support from the extended family of diggers increased every year, and it was 'gorgeous' to see kids honouring their ancestors and history.

Close to 60 HIWG members marched in recognition of their military service in Perth on Anzac Day, as well as civilians honouring family members who served Australia in wars overseas.

Ms Gibson said members travelled from the north-west of the state to participate in the big parade in Perth, and many came from down south.



JOHN SCHNAARS

Led by its president Mr Schnaars, HIWG has expanded its headstone and memorial operations over the past year and has now completed as many as 140-150 ceremonies to set things right for Indigenous diggers.

Ms Gibson said that 'over the last year or so we've actually erected a number of memorials across the state'. The most recent memorial was in the Aboriginal keeping place in Kings Park.

"It's a memorial wall, so we have a lot of plaques up there for a lot of the Indigenous people who served, the opening for that

was in January and was very successful," Ms Gibson said.

"We have a number of memorials up at Bruce Rock and that's to recognise some of the women who served as well across the board – not specifically Indigenous veterans.

"So we do look out for other veterans too," she said, adding that the group supported the women's forces, voluntary forces and civilians who looked after the family while their loved ones were overseas.

Anzac Day was a big event for HIWG, Ms Gibson said, and was getting bigger and better.

A lot of diggers joined the group as they marched at the rear of the parade, once their observance to their individual units was completed.

She said the broader community was becoming more aware of the suffering Indigenous diggers experienced after the wars.

"Perth has welcomed us with open arms every year and we seem to get a lot more recognition from the crowd, they're quite happy to see us and they're always loud, applauding and so forth and that is great," Ms Gibson said.

NT drinking policy queried



A REPORT by the research division of the Larrakia Nation into the drinking patterns of homeless people in Darwin – sometimes referred to as ‘long grassers’ – has raised questions about the Northern Territory Government’s hard-line approach to problem drinkers.

On 1 July last year, the NT Government introduced a new alcohol policy that regulates the purchase of take away alcohol by ‘problem drinkers’.

The Message in the Bottle report surveyed long grassers about their drinking patterns – what they drank, how much, when and with whom.

People who did not drink at all or were moderate drinkers were invited to participate in an in-depth interview to ‘explore their experiences of urban homelessness and why they have the resilience to avoid the use of substances’.

People living in the long grass participated in group discussions about the new alcohol policies, the likely impact on them of those policies, and what they felt would be an effective policy approach by Government to ‘problem drinking’ in the NT. A group made up of former long grassers was also consulted.

The report concluded that while ‘many people living in the long grass do consume alcohol excessively, significant numbers consume alcohol in negligible amounts or



A file photo of people in a Darwin park.

not at all’. “Many positive social qualities such as loyalty, honesty and co-operation are strong within the long grass population,” it reads.

“The new alcohol policy measures are

resented as being racist in their orientation, blind to alcohol abuse that is in line with non-Indigenous cultural drinking norms, and viewed as unlikely to be effective.

“People living in the long grass are able

and willing to articulate the kinds of policy measures they would welcome to manage alcohol abuse by homeless individuals in the Darwin community,” the report concluded.

Some of the issues identified included a lack of affordable housing, violence directed at people living in the long grass from outside, including from nightclub drinkers, difficulties with the police, the need for a sheltered and protected area, voluntary alcohol respite facilities and education about drinking for young people.

The report says the response to the new alcohol policy was ‘overwhelmingly negative’, ‘labelled as racist’ and ‘dismissed by many as pointless’.

“The measures were perceived as unfairly targeting the drinking habits of long grassers and as a symptom of the mainstream population’s dislike of the long grass population,” it says.

“The primary response to nearly all aspects of the policy was that alcoholics cannot be forced to stop drinking, they need to choose it for themselves.

“Concern was expressed that, not only would the new measures be futile, they may cause other harm, such as increased crime, prostitution and violence, whilst creating a flourishing black market for alcohol.”

The NT Government is yet to release an official response.

WA inquiry calls for cops to be charged

By LIZ MURRAY



A WEST Australian inquiry into prisoner abuse has recommended the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) consider criminally charging two police officers.

The Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) last week delivered State Parliament its findings in the case of Kevin Spratt, who was tasered up to 41 times over a week in police and prison custody and received unexplained, life-threatening injuries.

The 18-month investigation solely recommended charges against senior constables Troy Tomlin and Grant Strahan, already internally disciplined in preference to criminal charges, in 2009.

Their taser use at Perth Watch House presented an undue and excessive use of force which was unreasonable and unjustified, Acting CCC Commissioner Mark Herron said.

The WA Police Service fined Sen Const Tomlin \$1200 for tasered Mr Spratt four times. Sen Const Strahan was fined \$750 for tasered him up to ten times, and he was later promoted to sergeant.

Any reasonable person who saw the CCTV footage of police tasered Mr Spratt nine times in a minute would feel considerable disquiet, if not outrage,



A file photo of a taser on a police officer’s hip and, right, taser victim Kevin Spratt

Mr Herron said.

Casuarina Prison Infirmary referred Mr Spratt to hospital for a fractured rib, collapsed lung, dislocated shoulder, and a comminuted (multiple breaks) fracture in his upper arm – injuries that would require ‘quite excessive... extensive amount of force’, ‘Dr K’ told the inquiry.

The injuries were consistent with the force and control tactics used by the Emergency Support Group (ESG) in the cell extraction on 6 September 2008, between the time the cell door opened and

before going into the prison van, the report said.

“However, precisely when, during the course of the cell extraction, by whom and precisely how that might have occurred it is not possible to determine,” the report reads.

Criticism

The Internal Affairs Unit (IAU) copped criticism for failing to prevent an officer’s incorrect Statement of Material Fact being presented in court, which resulted in a wrongful

obstruction conviction.

“While the Commission found no misconduct, the internal investigation did not resolve inconsistencies between a police summary... and other documentation and the video,” said Mr Herron.

The CCC said the police service had enough time to correct the errors, identified by IAU in September 2008, because no plea was made until December, and no conviction recorded until late January.

The conviction was overturned

last year in the WA Supreme Court after the false obstruction claims were disproved by CCTV footage, publicly released by the CCC.

Police also released a flawed ‘timeline’ to clarify their allegations against Mr Spratt, which should have been corrected before being presented to the public, he complained.

However, the CCC accepted the verbal evidence from the Police Commissioner that the service did not deliberately misinform the media and so the incorrect ‘timeline’, similarly, did not constitute misconduct.

The report said no footage was available from the watch house padded cell, which was monitored on CCTV in real time, in sensitivity to prisoners stripped of their clothes.

The ESG also tasered Mr Spratt 11 times during the cell extraction on 6 September 2008 at the watch house.

Seven of those uses were found to be reasonable and, while no finding was made in regards to the other four due to insufficient evidence, the report expressed concern about them, and about whether the ESG gave enough consideration to using negotiation and conflict-resolution techniques.

The CCC made eight other recommendations for procedural reforms and review for DCS, ESG and the police service, most of which were in the process of implementation.

Byron fest proposal hits snag

By RUDI MAXWELL



BUNDJALUNG woman and Dreaming Festival founder Rhoda Roberts believes the time is

right to stage a new Indigenous festival in the Byron Shire in north-east NSW.

Byron Shire Mayor and Greens MLC Jan Barham believes the idea is exciting and says she would 'dearly love' to see an Indigenous festival in the region.

But before the planned Boomerang Festival can become a reality, the producer and the body that approves the event will need to find some common ground.

Ms Roberts, one of Australia's top arts administrators, founded and produced Queensland's Dreaming Festival for a number of years as a stand-alone event at Woodfordia, the purpose-built festival village for the Woodford Folk Festival.

Last year, the Dreaming came under the Woodford umbrella, something that Ms Roberts – who is no longer involved with the festival – sees as creating an opportunity in the market for a new stand-alone Indigenous festival.

"There's a huge gap in the market for an annual cultural event, there isn't anything at that level and there are lots of benefits for the local community," she said.

Ms Roberts has had discussions with BluesFest (the East Coast Blues and Roots music festival) director and founder Peter Noble about staging Boomerang at Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, the venue for BluesFest, which has five stages, undercover eating areas and space for camping.

However, Byron Shire Council events policy allows for only two major events (defined as any outdoor music event that attracts more than 6000 people a day) a year and, with BluesFest and contemporary music festival Splendour in the Grass already locked into the calendar, that presents Ms Roberts with a problem.

"I really want to do this event, but why would you invest into an event that can't grow?" Ms Roberts said.

"You need to have security to raise numbers at the box office, you never make money off festivals but you need to break even.

"For a three-day event to attract 15,000 people, I know there is an audience, I have a history in major events, but I pulled back and did not launch, because of the draft policy

Byron Shire wants to continue.

"Boomerang would have to be a major event, not a community event, about Indigenous culture, and my model has an extreme focus on music – whether that's traditional ceremony, or Gurrumul or Dan Sultan in the line-up.

"We know they would easily attract an audience of 4000-plus on their own so I want to put the question to the shire: Is there any possibility of changes?"

Ms Roberts had begun conversations with the Jimmy Little Foundation and financial backers but said they became nervous when they realised they would not be able to grow the festival.

Mayor Barham said she and Ms Roberts discussed the festival idea last year but not on the scale – as a major event, with international acts – now being proposed.

"I would dearly love to see an Indigenous festival in this region, I think it would be fantastic," Ms Barham said. "(But) how can we even consider something when we haven't seen a proposal?"

"What we talked about last year was something along the lines of the Dreaming, but now I'm seeing Michael Franti, Jack Johnson and Ben Harper being named as possible acts.

"I really respect Rhoda and appreciate what she does in the arts and for culture, she's a shining light, but what we want to do as a council is support locals. The last thing we want is to become the amplified music festival shire of the world for big events."

Ms Roberts said that, if it gets up, the Boomerang Festival would be run from an Aboriginal perspective and be different to other festivals in the region. "I appreciate that council has a process, but I would just like to have a dialogue to challenge restrictions," she said.

"I'm keen on community events and cultural events, but I want to produce an event that can showcase our artists and our community. The arts is a difficult field at the best of times, and you need to make sure people get a return on what they are investing in.

"It's simple business, why restrict it to two events? Both organisations (Splendour and BluesFest) are inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, but they only showcase a handful when we're talking hundreds.

"I feel we should be entitled to a stand-alone event as a major event."



Rhoda Roberts ... "I feel we should be entitled to a stand-alone event as a major event."



Happy birthday to us ... National Congress CEO Lindon Coombes (far left), new member Luke Hickey (centre) and Congress membership team Kristina Taylor, Craig Greene and Sorrell Ashby.

Unity key as Congress celebrates



AS Canberra's financial boffins grapple with the impending Federal Budget, the National Congress of Australia's First People is celebrating what it believes are some great numbers.

In the past few weeks, the national Indigenous representative body chalked up two years since its incorporation and signed up its 4000th individual member.

And it says a philosophy invoked at its formation remains key to its success – that unity is key.

"We've come a long way from borrowing a room from the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence while we secured permanent headquarters in Redfern," said Congress CEO Lindon Coombes at the weekend.

"We are now fully staffed and operational and absolutely focused on making the most of working with our members and communities."

Mr Coombes said he was proud that the 'Congress Mob' – its membership – continued to go from strength to strength.

The organisation's 4000th individual member, 18-year-old Luke Hickey from Menai in southern Sydney, will be one of 100 young people participating in the first Congress Youth program next month.

"Those 4000 blackfellas, along with our 140 organisations and their estimated 50,000

members, mean we are a significant force when we work together," Mr Coombes said.

"I encourage all of our mobs to be a part of this movement for unity and join up for free as a Congress member."

Luke Hickey, in his first year of primary education studies at the University of Wollongong, told the *Koori Mail* he applied for Congress membership because it was important for young Indigenous Australians to voice their opinions and interact with others.

"Closing the gap is a massive

"I'm not particularly involved in politics, but if a position arose where I needed to voice my opinion, I would happily stand up," he said.

Mr Coombes said working with the organisation's elected board to make 'real and lasting impacts' on public policy and promoting Congress and its priorities were at the top of the list for staff.

"One of the biggest challenges is getting the word out about Congress," he said.

"We have limited resources which means we have to work smarter and harder to achieve our goals. Even with 20 dedicated and experienced staff, success can only be achieved if we work in unity with members and supporters.

"We will continue to look for ways to make the most of members' networks and the expertise for our individual and organisational members.

"On the policy front, we are already preparing for our second National Congress meeting in Alice Springs in late September. We'll also continue to build a strong national body that can unify communities and hold governments accountable.

"Congress was set up by and for our people, independent of government and to be led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We can only ever be as good as the people that join up and get involved as Congress members."

'We are now fully staffed and operational and absolutely focused on making the most of working with our members and communities'

issue at the moment, in health and employment," he said. "I'd like to see Congress do what it can to make sure that Indigenous Australians get the education we're entitled to, especially people from rural backgrounds.

"We've had a national apology but the gaps are still wide open. I want to see us on an even playing field."

Luke is one of four children to an electrician dad and paramedic midwife mum and believes he's the first in his circle of family and friends to join the Congress.

He said he would encourage others to sign up and would also consider getting more involved in the Congress over time.

Racial, Ethnic, Cultural, and Religious Acceptance

Are you aged 16-20 years?

If so, please help investigate racism in Australia.

What am I trying to find out?

- What do young people believe about diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious groups?
- Do different groups of young people have different levels of racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious acceptance?

What do you need to do if you want to participate?

- Complete a brief self-report questionnaire about your attitudes towards and beliefs about diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious groups.

How long will it take?

- The questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

What do you get for participating?

- Each participant will go into the draw for a \$150 Coles Gift Card.

Who is running the research?

- Kaine Grigg (student researcher) and Lenore Manderson (research supervisor) from Monash University and Wimmer Child and Family Services.

To participate please contact Kaine Grigg
kaine.grigg@monash.edu



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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Apply Now – Community Grants for NRM projects

The Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, the Hon Paul Caica, invites community groups to apply for a Natural Resources Management (NRM) Community Grant for their local land care, coast care or water care project. Up to \$2 million is available under this grant's scheme, which is part of the South Australian government's 2012-13 State NRM Program.

Small grants of up to \$10,000 and medium grants from \$10,001 to \$30,000 are available. Grants will be given for a range of projects such as fencing watercourses, sustainable land management, soil protection, weed control, native plant revegetation and habitat protection for native animals.

Applications close 5pm Friday 18 May 2012.

To apply for a grant, visit www.nrm.sa.gov.au/Funding/CommunityGrants.aspx or contact Liz Matthews on (08) 8303 9712 or denrnmprogram@sa.gov.au

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Elder stunned by mine ruling

By RUDI MAXWELL



ARABUNNA Elder Kevin Buzzacott says he's feeling a 'little bit stunned' that the Federal Court had dismissed his case

challenging the validity of the Commonwealth Environment Minister's approval of BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine in South Australia.

"We're up against the big people, the giants so to speak, and it's pretty hard when our values don't really count as far as traditional lands, sacred lands, they just want to rip it up," Mr Buzzacott said.

BHP Billiton has proposed a new open-pit mine to increase uranium and copper ore production and an expanded tailings storage facility, which would operate simultaneously with the existing underground mine.

The Environmental Defenders Office of South Australia ran the case with Mr Buzzacott, challenging the Minister's approval on the grounds that it was uncertain because many of the environmental assessments had not yet been completed and the environmental impacts of radioactive tailings waste, exporting uranium and water in the Great Artesian Basin had not properly been considered.

"We put up a good argument but the judgment always seems to be the same because we're taking on the Government," Mr Buzzacott said.

Last Monday, he was in court again – this time challenging State Government approval for the Olympic Dam mine.

"We never did want that mine all along, there are a lot of greedy selfish people who want to rip the earth up and dig up the uranium, it's crazy actually," he said.

"There are sacred areas around but they are not worried about that, they are just going to leave a big hole in the earth, and then the radiation lives there for thousands of years.

"Uranium is one substance that should have been left in the ground, just look at the problems from Fukushima (the Japanese nuclear power plant that was damaged by a tsunami and has been leaking radiation) there are lots of concerns about it, but it's pretty hard to stop them.

"In 40,000 years we've never dug the earth up in that way, we love the earth



Arabunna Elder Kevin Buzzacott lost his case against the Federal Government's environmental approval of the Olympic Dam mine in South Australia, but hasn't given up the fight. Photo by Julian Polman

and couldn't do that because our culture has a bond with the whole country so for these people to come along is just crazy."

Mr Buzzacott said BHP Billiton had not consulted properly, only meeting with a handful of Aboriginal people.

"Which means our only option is to go to court. Hopefully more people will hear our message and stand with us and stop the bloody thing," he said.

Seeking costs

The Federal Government and BHP Billiton are seeking costs against Mr Buzzacott, which will be many thousands of dollars.

He has three weeks to decide whether to appeal the Federal Court decision.

"Sometimes they dismiss a case like mine because they want you to walk away and be quiet," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"They talk about bankrupting me as a way of limiting you and quietening you down, because once you've been bankrupted you can't take on any more courts.

"There is a lot of public interest in stopping this mine expansion, a lot of people know about uranium and are worried about trouble with accidents, spillage. Recently a train washed off a line during the floods, what if it had been carrying uranium? People are worried about all that.

"People should look for peaceful ways to make money – working the tourists, educating people about the country – there are lot of ways to do it but people see big dollars in their eyes and don't care.

"Our mob's got to move and take back what's ours otherwise these fellas will be taking up our lands and wrecking it."

More time needed for Naden case, court told



PROSECUTORS have told a Sydney court they need more time to prepare a

case against former fugitive Malcolm Naden. Last Tuesday, Magistrate Julie Huber adjourned the case against Naden, 38, until 7 June after DPP solicitor Kate Nightingale said the prosecution needed more time to compile evidence.

The former abattoir worker remains in custody at

Goulburn supermax prison and did not appear during the brief mention in Sydney's Central Local Court.

Naden was captured on 22 March in a remote area west of Gloucester in the Upper Hunter region of New South Wales. He had been on the run from police since 2005.

Naden has been charged with the 2005 murder of Kristy Scholes and two counts of aggravated indecent assault on a 15-year-old girl.

Police have also charged

him with intent to murder a police officer at Nowendoc on 7 December 2011.

Naden was also wanted over the disappearance of his cousin and mother-of-four, Lateesha Nolan, who went missing months before Naden disappeared in 2005.

An additional 14 charges were laid against Naden last Tuesday morning.

A State Crime Command spokeswoman said that Naden faced 13 charges of break and enter and steal,

and one charge of break and enter with intent, in addition to the charges already laid.

On 20 April, NSW police located two remote campsites in northern NSW they believe Naden may have used while he was a fugitive in the bush.

A few days earlier, they wrapped up an unsuccessful search at Butlers Falls just outside Dubbo for the remains of his cousin Lateesha.

"Nothing of significance was found," a police spokeswoman said. – AAP

Growth in good supply



THE Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) is growing faster than expected and

helping create a sustainable and prosperous Indigenous enterprise sector, according to an independent review.

The not-for-profit organisation was established in September 2009 to encourage the growth of Indigenous enterprises by linking corporate and government buyers with certified Indigenous businesses.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins says a review by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) shows the council is going from strength to strength and exceeding expectations.

"AIMSC has become an integral part of the Indigenous business sector, making it possible for more Indigenous businesses to tap into government and private sector contracts," Ms Collins said, speaking at the launch of the review report at Kirribilli House in Sydney early last week.

"It's good to see the Australian Government's investment in AIMSC is making a real difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians."

Latest figures show the council has generated \$22.9 million in



Guests at Kirribilli House, Sydney, last week for the release of the independent review of AIMSC. Seated are, from left, CEO Natalie Walker, Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins, Message Stick Communications CEO Michael McLeod and director Dugald Russell. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

contracts and \$13 million in transactions between its members and suppliers, certified 124 Indigenous suppliers and attracted more than 130 corporate and government members.

Council-certified Indigenous suppliers currently employ more than 450 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Supporting the Indigenous business sector is crucial as we

work towards halving the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," the Minister said.

AIMSC itself couldn't be happier with the review results.

"In recognition of our success and the Government's commitment to Indigenous economic development, the Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic

Development, Julie Collins, announced a renewed commitment of \$7.5 million," said council CEO Natalie Walker.

"AIMSC provides a platform for real economic opportunities for Indigenous Australians and this is a critical component of the Government's aim to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage."

The PwC review makes a number of recommendations to

help AIMSC maintain its growth and momentum, including strategies to expand nationally, build its member and supplier base and develop into an independent and sustainable organisation well into the future.

The review report is published at: www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous/Employment/Pages/AustIndMinoritySuppCouncil.aspx



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ALMA MUNRO Moree, NSW

Favourite bush tucker?
Porcupine, goanna and emu eggs.

Favourite other food?
Curry.

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite music?
Any Aboriginal artist.

Favourite artist?
Albert Namatjira.

Favourite movie?
The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith.

What are you reading?
Aboriginal Men of High Degree, Initiation and Sorcery in the World's Oldest Tradition, by A P Elkin.

Favourite holiday destination?
Sydney.

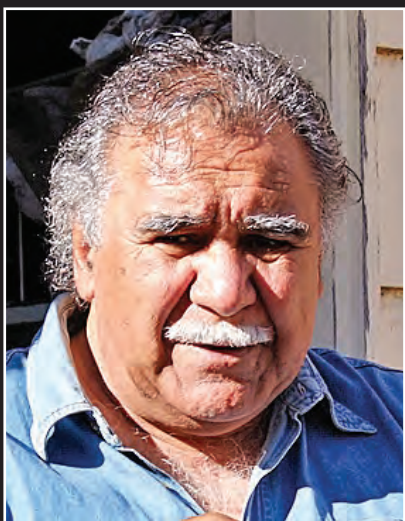
If you could have three people for a yarn around the campfire, who would you choose?
Pemulwuy (who resisted the Europeans when they came to Australia), my mum Carmine Munro and Albert Namatjira.

What do you like in life?
I love family.

What don't you like?
Anything racist – racism is a disease.

If there was one thing you could do to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, what would it be?
What I'm doing now. Being at the Moree Tent Embassy, working towards sovereignty and bringing back our culture.

Quote



'If Germany can deal with their horror history and establish memorial sites, so too can Australia'

– Michael Anderson at the Anzac Day commemoration in Canberra

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Unquote

Trust we must, or at least hope

TRUST. It's a very difficult concept for many in the Aboriginal community to grasp right now, especially in light of the recent incident that saw two Sydney Aboriginal teenagers travelling with others in a stolen car shot by police.

It was a shocking event in itself, let alone with the emergence of mobile phone footage that appears to show police brutality meted out to one of the youths.

And, if the response of government leaders so far is anything to go by, calls for a wholly independent investigation into the matter are likely to go unanswered.

But trust we must, or at least hope.

Mick Mundine is correct when he says the investigations that ARE under way must be permitted to run their course. He's correct, too, when he says the welfare of the youths still in hospital at the weekend must be our first priority.

But we must also continue to raise our voices against injustice. That's our right, and the right of anyone concerned about the apparent escalation of violent, critical incidents involving police Australia-wide and the traumatic impact they have on families and communities.

As pointed out by the Aboriginal Legal Service of NSW/ACT, calls for an independent body to investigate complaints against police are not new. While no charges were recommended in the 100 or so deaths it investigated, the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody called for such an independent body.

Trust we must, or at least hope.

We must also demand more of the Australian media, some of whom engaged in some fairly reprehensible portage of the Kings Cross incident.



OUR SAY

One media outlet quoted a police source as saying the driver of the car had been in trouble with the law since the age of eight. If that's true, it's unfortunate. But its disclosure to the media was inappropriate, inevitably serving to prejudice the public against this child.

It is not only possible but likely that an independent inquiry would also raise uncomfortable questions for the Aboriginal community, especially the families of the youths involved.

As Deputy Leader of the NSW Opposition Linda Burney has asked, how did six of our young people come to be in a stolen car in a seedy area like Kings Cross at four o'clock in the morning? And pedestrians do have a right to expect safety on our streets. Make no mistake, police must account for their actions. But we must also be prepared to not simply brush aside such tough questions.

This is where initiatives like the justice reinvestment campaign due to be launched in Sydney tonight will come into play.

The campaign is about diverting funds away from prison into programs to address the causes of crime in communities. If the Government is looking for a way to begin repairing the relationship between Aboriginal communities and police and other authorities, this is it.

Trust we must, or at least hope.

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How Dr Close became a winner

By RUDI MAXWELL

VICTORIA Close (pictured) was awarded her PhD from the University of Southern Queensland last Saturday, having started her tertiary education at age 58 and being told as a child that it was impossible to educate Aboriginal people.

She was also named the Education Faculty Alumnus of the Year, adding to earlier academic awards including being the overall winner of the international Golden Key Honour Society.

Dr Close is a member of the Stolen Generations and suffers from the eye condition macular degeneration.

"I was taken from kindergarten ... as a little girl in Bathurst, taken to Sydney and put in a home, which I now know was in Arncliffe," Dr Close said.

"During my stay there I suffered horrific sexual, physical and emotional abuse, shocking abuses.

"Every weekend we would walk to Rockdale, where we were quite often abused by officers, and we had lunch at the ambulance station and a couple of us were abused by the fellows there."

Every Saturday the children were given a dose of Epsom salts, recorded in exercise books, which had times tables and measurement conversion charts printed on the back.

"I pinched one of the exercise books and taught myself the times tables, and the conversions from furlongs," Dr Close said.

"I was really hungry for education and I tried to learn everything I possibly could, but when I went to the school I didn't know anything, all I did at the home was scrub floors until my fingers bled.

"Eventually I was fostered out for six to seven weeks, and they put me in a school, into sixth class.

"The principal called me up and asked if I was Aboriginal. I said 'Yes' and he said 'Don't you

understand you can't educate Aborigines?' and of course they sent me back to the home."

When she was 13, Dr Close was sent to Bexley High School.

"I couldn't do anything, I didn't really know what was happening, so that was the end of my schooling," she said.

"I'd had a very bad, traumatic life and I got myself in trouble, pinching cheques and things.

"When I left the home I had no money, just a little calico bag with a second-hand hair brush in it, I hopped on a train and got into Central, and a hostel took me in.

"From there I made my own way and eventually got jobs. I must have had a couple of thousand jobs. I conned myself into a job, learned a little bit, then a little bit more and finally ended up as a nurse."

As a young woman, Dr Close became engaged to be married.

"I was really rapt in this guy, then the police came to the door and told me he was already married and had four children," she said.

"Of course I'd given in and was intimate with him, and I became pregnant with an illegitimate child.

"When I gave birth, they took my son off me and said 'Just sign this paper here, to say you know you've given birth' but it was an adoption paper.

"I have the information on my son and the papers, but I don't know where he is. He's never applied to find me, so I haven't pursued it – I'm torn, I don't know what to do, it's heart-breaking."

The heart-break didn't end there, with Dr Close entering into a marriage that turned abusive and she and her children becoming victims of domestic violence.

"We had two daughters but I lost my boy to domestic violence," she said.

Dr Close finally found love and a nurturing relationship with Rolie, and has been married for nearly 47 years.

When things finally seemed settled tragedy struck again, with her husband crushed by a crane in a work accident, suffering severe injuries. In 1997 he entered hospital for further surgery but he contracted a golden staph infection from the treatment.

In 1998 Dr Close was diagnosed with macular degeneration, an eye condition that frequently leads to blindness.

"I'd come home out of hospital but my prognosis was poor, I could hardly see," she said.

"I'd been working at a charitable organisation as a press officer and

the way through it and everyone cried with me and that was the beginning of my healing journey," she said.

"Gradually, bit by bit, my pain has eased."

At USQ, Dr Close completed her masters degree in relation to Aboriginal children in school, for which she also received high marks.

After initially being reluctant to enrol in a PhD program, Dr Close was persuaded by her husband and academic staff.

She wrote about cross-cultural communication between health professionals and Aboriginal people.

"We just have to find ways to acknowledge culture. I don't have a

map of Australia in my place without the countries (Aboriginal nations); language is important," she said.

"My thesis talks about all those things, and others about communication, like taking into consideration the old ways, lowering your head as a mark of respect, different languages, some Aboriginal people might

speak traditional language at home, and then at school have to speak English.

"There's so much – like yarning, Aboriginal people like to sit down and yarn, and may not get around to what they need to say straight away, and many health professionals don't understand women's business and men's business."

Dr Close works at USQ's Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges.

"My love is our people. I see young people walking around and the leadership skills some of them have them, and it's vital that we nurture and encourage that because we're not going to be here forever," she said.

"We've got to make sure while our young people are educated that they don't become blackfellas in white skin. They need to be educated blackfellas so we don't lose our culture.

"People knock our people, knock our youth, but if they took a look at the kids here, they'd change their minds and I'm sure other unis and tertiary education institutions are the same.

"When I was younger, I did try to suicide. I woke up and pictured my life as a ladder with the bottom rung jagged glass; it's a long ladder and every time I felt like going down I'd put a foot on a higher rung.

"I look at life like my terribly messy handbag: Every week I tip it out, and I comb out what I don't need and put back in place what I do need.

"And that's what I did to my feelings, I chat a lot. I always think no matter how bad something is, if you really, really thoroughly look hard something good will always come out of it.

"I would never have gone to uni, if I hadn't lost my sight; all things in my life have been a blessing.

"The things that happened to me as a child, and in later life, were all a blessing.

"When I was at the home they would lock me in the cupboard with the chamber pots, locked in there sometimes for six hours with the chamber pots right around, you couldn't bend down and sit, and your legs would be screaming out in pain, or they'd flog you til you had welts, or make you scrub the floor with brushes with short bristles, and then they'd make you do it again till your fingers bled.

"They didn't win, I won. I'm the one who realised my dreams of education.

"When I was in that cupboard I would think 'You will not beat me, you will not beat me', and it's given me strength and carried me right through."

'I told them my story. I cried all the way through it and everyone cried with me and that was the beginning of my healing journey. Gradually, bit by bit, my pain has eased'.

they sacked me."

Dr Close started Friends of the Blind, a not-for-profit organisation helping the blind, and tried with no success to get a job until she eventually applied to study a social science degree at university.

"I topped the uni, and received an award in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence, and the Golden Key International Honours Society scholar award at the same time for outstanding academic merit," she said.

Despite achieving at a distinction level, Dr Close was still suffering severe emotional pain until a Moving Forward Day at the university.

"I told them my story. I cried all

Finding your right tribe

IN the memoirs of Ms Koori Love, I think the first line would say 'I have had a mixed life'. I have lived on communes with hippies, I've lived in tents on beaches and river banks, I've made Japanese gardens and I learnt to read from hitchhikers while traveling around Australia.

But what I have learnt from all my adventures, is that you've gotta keep on searching until you find your tribe. I'm not talking about your tribe as in your mob, where you come from or who you are related to. I am talking about your tribe as in your Logical Family;

the tribe you choose.

The ideal tribe you create for yourself should be full of people that add to your soul. Your tribe is a group of people who want to share the same particular lifestyle as you.

But how do you find your tribe?

First of all you need to find out what kind of lifestyle you want to lead.

I want to be surrounded by strong Aboriginal women who meet for cups of lemon myrtle tea and make baskets. We would yarn about life, the universe, Linda Burney's latest outfit, crying about our failures

and laughing about our wins.

Not everyone wants to be so open with their 'feelings' and make baskets, so that's why I need to find my own tribe!

Plus it's a fact that if you look after yourself and get your own life on track, that you will be a more eligible catch.

Why not try it out if you are single! Go get your own tribe while waiting for your black prince or queen!

But how do you find your tribe?

You have to determine what kind of tribe you are looking for.

Are you looking for someone to connect you back to your

non-Aboriginal roots?

Do you need to find your arty/songwriting/Skyrim family?

Do you need to find your other gay brothers or maybe you need to find your lesbian sisters?

Once you have done this, go online. Be brave! All the cool blackfullas are online these days.

Have you seen all the new websites that are out there? Do a search and you never know what you will find.

But most of all, be brave and continue looking. Reach out!

They are just waiting to be found by you.



Ms KOORI LOVE

mskoorilove@koorimail.com

Answers to our Edition 524 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

4. Bolt
5. Rarrk
7. Discus
8. Mabo
9. Opal
12. Whale
13. Love
14. Olga
15. Rioli
17. Johnny
18. Telephone

20. Dawn

21. Digging

22. Matagarup

DOWN

1. Bamblett
2. Pitjantjatjara
3. Troopie
6. Queensland
10. Abalone
11. Deadly
16. Island
19. Gold

Our brain-teasers

Edition 525

Koori Mail Word Search

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**Resources
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ASSESSMENT LEASE APPLICATION NO. 49 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an assessment lease

An area of 112 hectares, in 9 parts, situated approximately 30 kilometres west of Singleton, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Doyle's Creek Mining Pty Limited (ACN 122 652 037) is the applicant of Assessment Lease Application No. 49 (Act 1992), for an assessment lease which would authorise the prospecting for coal and be granted for a term of five (5) years.

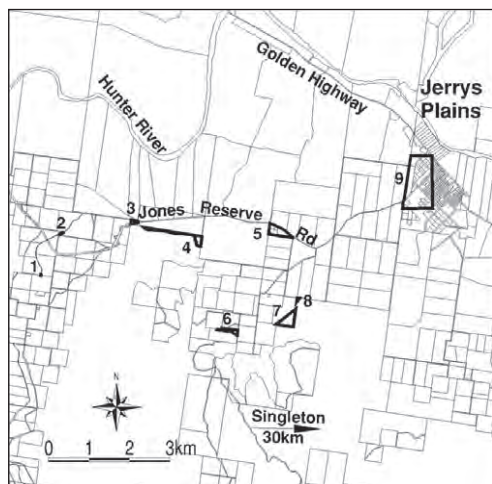
Chris Hartcher, Minister for Resources and Energy,
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Peta Johannessen, Titles Program, Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services, (02) 4931 6613.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **16 May 2012**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Koori Mail Crossword

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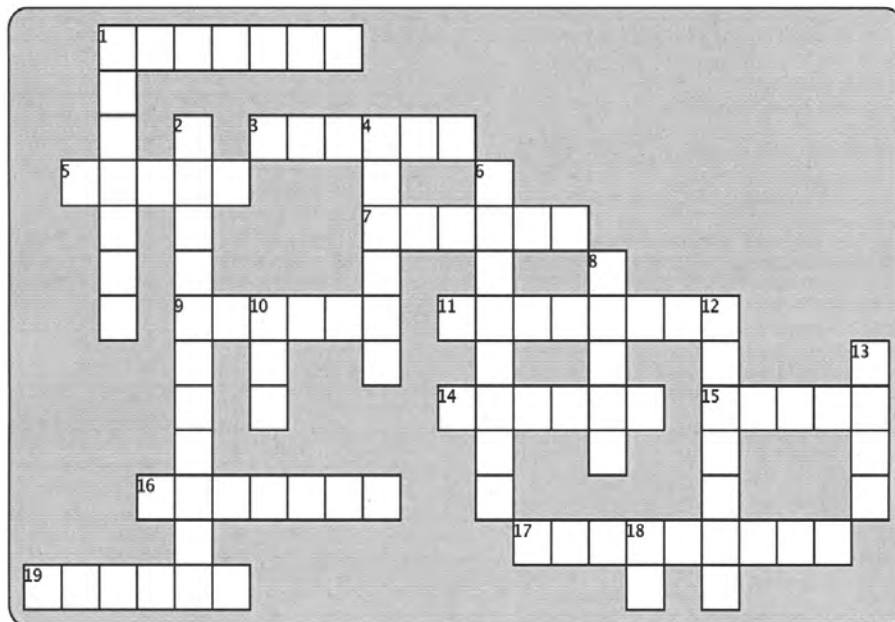
1. A native berry-like fruit (7)
3. Umbrella body for land councils in New South Wales (6)
5. Buddy Knox sings this genre (5)
7. Colloquial term for far northern Australia, especially the NT (3 & 3, no space)
9. Aboriginal slang to describe someone who isn't genuine, a pretender (6)
11. Play by Roger Bennett, Funerals and ... (8)
14. Surname of Australia's first Aboriginal military pilot, Len ... (6)
15. Richard Frankland film, ... Brothers (5)
16. Precious gem

mined near Kununurra in the Kimberley region (7)

17. Aboriginal name for a traditional game like football (9)
19. Language group from Adelaide Plains

Down

1. Aboriginal media association at Broome, WA (7)
2. Theme for National Reconciliation Week 2012, Let's talk... (11)
4. West Australian Meyne Watt is making a name for himself in this career (6)
6. Key Victorian Aboriginal organisation, Koorie... Trust (8)
8. Relaxed approach to time management in



Qld, ... Time (5)
10. Traditional name for Murray Island, home of the late Eddie

Koiki Mabo (3)
12. Dreaming story, the Seven... (7)
13. First name of Aboriginal

discus thrower bound for the London Olympics... Harradine (4)

18. Where you would be if you could see the Devil's Marbles? (2)

In our 4 April edition, we ran a story on a land and sea ranger program in far north Queensland. The story spelled course participant Giles Mundraby's country along the Yarrabah Road, south of Cairns, as

Corrections

Bjumbumji. It should have been spelled Djunbunji.

In a separate story on the Brisbane Sovereign Embassy, we incorrectly referred to Selwyn Johnson as Selwyn Johns.

We sincerely apologise for these errors.



Using lore to better communities

I HAVE often wondered why our Elders do not use Aboriginal lore to better our communities.

I am talking about when Aboriginal Elders in the past used to kick out an Aboriginal person from a tribe for going against Aboriginal lore and the Elders.

We all know Aboriginal people in our tribes who are drug dealers selling drugs to our kids and so on.

So why don't our Elders kick these people out of our tribes using our lore?

Therefore, no other Aboriginal person from that tribe would have anything to do

with them. No more talking to them, living with them, associating with them in any way.

This is a way for teaching all our kids about our culture, and how great it is.

So, come on all our Elders out there, please start protecting our tribes from

these low-life drugs dealers who live in our tribes. It is our lore, and nothing to do with white man laws.

It is now time to stand up and let our culture come out in our people.

DOT BLAKE
Via email

POETRY

Heart Body and Soul

MY heart belongs to Jehovah
My Body belongs to this earth
My soul belongs to Christ Jesus
As He's the one that'll be heard.

You take my love for granted
You think my looks are old
You take my heart one last time
Before my heart turns too cold.

We always thought life would be easy
We always thought life wasn't hard
But when we become all adults
Our worst nightmares unfolded, and came apart.

For this world is forever changing
Whether it's for good or worse
For each individual living being
Who is placed on this earth.

So come on you mob
I'm calling outcha name
Come celebrate what we have
Come and embrace what we have gained.

For we belong to this land
As our land is bounded by sea
This land does not belong to you
And it does not belong to me.

Now I live day by day
In a world of inaccuracy
For there is no justice in the justice system
They'll have no control over me.

As I don't plan for the future
For it's changing every day.
I try my hardest to process it
Each and every way.

So Jehovah please hear my voice and take me away
Away from this life, this earth, this place
And place me with the angels where I will
Have no stress, hate or anger
And only happiness that fills my heart body and soul.

By TIA DALTON



The message was clear when these Bankstown Elders attended a protest in Canberra in late February against compulsory income management by the Federal Government. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Mandatory fears

JUST yesterday, I came across an article which told of Federal Government plans on 1 July this year to extend the income management that has been imposed on Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory for nearly six years into five news sites – Bankstown in NSW, Logan and Rockhampton in Queensland, Playford in South Australia and Shepparton in Victoria. These plans disturbed me a great deal.

It seems as though this mandatory legislation has been or is going to be passed through government. Nowhere under income management on Centrelink's website did I find the word 'mandatory'.

My question is this: If this is being done to our community, then why is mandatory income management not being done for our politicians. We hear reports all the time the amount of waste of taxpayers' money.

In no way will this give the community the opportunity to grow. I see another bandaid solution.

What happened to education our community with managing money?

It seems there is a rule for one lot of people and another for others.

Name withheld
Via email

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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

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

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Gentleman Jimmy Little. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

Tributes to one of our greats

THE recent death of Aboriginal Elder Jimmy Little is a loss for all Australia. I extend my most sincere and deeply felt sympathy.

Jimmy, one of the great First Australians of our country, left a legacy that can only be genuinely respected by removing all that contradicts true health, true justice, true safety, true growth, true renewal for our Australia, for all Australians.

The very least we all can do is to do our own part in the entirety of our country; no less than what truly heals and also protects all of us.

With respect to the First Australians, Australia's traditional owners.

A M BLANCHE
Marsden, Qld

Ode to James Oswald Little – 'Jimmy Little'

Born at Cummergunja Mission
A proud Yorta Yorta Man
You sang your songs and told your stories
Across your great ancient land
Your first was *Heartbreak Waltz*
Stolen Moments and *Sweet Mama*
And then came *El Paso*, *Danny Boy*
And *The Last Rose of Summer*

A few more songs did follow
Until your *Royal Telephone*
when to everyone in Australia

Jimmy Little became household known

In 1957 you met Marjorie
The love of your life
And you was so honoured
When she became your wife

You tried your hand at acting
With... *Boomerang to Black River*
And you was so complete
When a daughter your wife did deliver

In 1964
We all did shed a tear
When Australia voted you
Pop Star of the Year

The songs started charting
And we all loved *Baby Blue*
Then you really stole the show
With *Can't Stop Loving You*

In 1979
You again was at the top
When James Henry was born
And you became a pop

You was voted NAIDOC of the Year
In 1989
While still travelling around the world
Teaching our Dreamtime

Your *Yorta Yorta Man* album
Came in 1994
The same year the Country Music Hall
of Fame
Came knocking at your door

In 1999
It was the ARIA Hall of Fame
And then the Deadly Awards was
Calling out your name

You won the Deadly for
Best Male Artist of the Year
And then for Best Single
Which became music to our ear

You won the Gold Gospel Award
In 2002
You even became The Black Wiggle
Which you was very proud to do

When your kidneys started to get sick
You wouldn't let it be
You next became a host
On NITV

You lent your name to a cause
Called The Jimmy Little Foundation
To teach people about their kidneys
Became a lifetime dedication

You lost your one true love
In 2011
but you know that she'll be waiting for you
Atop the stairways of Heaven

For you are an angel
With a Balladeer Tone
And if we need to reach
We'll use the Royal Telephone

Gentleman Jim you are a legend
You was the best that you could be
Now you have completed your journey
Heaven waits, you've earned your key

By BETH WRIGHT
(Beth Wright is Jimmy Little's great niece. She wrote this verse and read it at Jimmy's funeral in Walgett on 11 April.)

A call to all our nations

THANK you for the story 'Goomeroi embassy push for sovereignty' (*Koori Mail*, 18 April) at Moree, in Kamilaroi country NSW.

Still in Kamilaroi country and not so far away was the site of the Myall Creek Massacre which inadvertently brought finally into play some justice – the trial, conviction and hanging of the perpetrators which abruptly halted the violent push to annihilate Aboriginal resistance to Government-backed settlement in NSW.

The headline 'We'll stand strong' is now calling to all Aboriginal tribes and nations from the region which pitifully yet valiantly birthed reconciliation in Australia.

In her Anzac Day commemoration address in Gallipoli, Prime Minister Julia Gillard, upon that foreign shore, did not address the pressing need to shore-up relations between her Labor minority Government and all our Indigenous tribes and nations so that the world may know we are at peace! Finally... in the land they call Down Under.

Her Government's initiative has brought recommendations for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broad brush-strokes of a treatise with those 'stolen nations'.

Yet, still it's a referendum dud and surely requires now the artful Rudd (former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd) who gave the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Without constitutional recognition for the traditional custodians of the nation and willingly and uniformly the Aboriginal nations accepting the rights and responsibilities of Australia's First Peoples, then who are we but the descendents of convict thieves and their gaolers.

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

Can you help SA Link-Up

The SA Link-Up Program began at Nunkuwarrin Yunti in the year 2000 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of Australia's governments. SA Link-Up seeks information, files and records relevant to the clients' requests to assist with family tracing and reunions. Following are three of those calls for assistance.

Stephen John Whittaker
David John Siugzdis

I am seeking to contact Stephen John Whittaker, born around 17 March in the late 1960s, in regards to a family matter. His mother's name is Veronica Manago nee Hayes and father's name is John Manago.

I am also looking for information on David John Siugzdis, born 5 October 1961 as Darryl Woodford. His birth mother's name is Joyce Helen Woodford (nee Wingfield), adoptive mother's name is Ingeborg Siugzdis and adoptive father's name Stasys Siugzdis

If you can help, please contact me, Bec Edser, caseworker, SA Link-Up Program, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, PO Box 7202 HUTT STREET SA 5000. Phone: (08) 8406 1600, Fax: (08) 8223 6086, Email: rebecca@nunk.org.au

Darren Bates

I am seeking to contact Darren Bates, aka Darren Smith, Thornhill, O'Connor, born 28 March 1983. His mother's name is Marie Smith and father's name is James Bates, aka Jimmy Bates. The last known address I have on Darren is Port Augusta.

If you can help, please contact me, Toni Liddle, caseworker, SA Link-Up Program, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, PO Box 7202 HUTT STREET SA 5000. Phone: (08) 8406 1600, Fax: (08) 8223 6086, Email: toni@nunku.org.au

A full and long life

MAY BECKMANN (nee Hoad)

Born Brisbane 22 October
1906

Died Toowoomba on 4 March
2012, aged 105 years

MAY BECKMANN was probably Australia's oldest Aboriginal woman when she died in her 106th year.

She devoted her life to her family and was adored by her siblings, nieces and nephews and their families. She was a talented artist, seamstress, cook, gardener and self-taught musician.

May was born May Hoad at Nurse Green's Maternity Home in Brisbane on 22 October 1906 to delighted and proud parents Norman Hoad and Alice Richards. They had been refused permission to marry (documented in the 1905 Report to the Government by the Protector of Aboriginals – almost two years before May's birth) which was required by law for Aboriginal people at that time.

They lived together and her father sent Alice to Brisbane for May's birth and the births of subsequent children so that their births could be registered in such a way that the Protector of Aboriginals had minimal power over them.

May's parents eventually married. Her father's foresight and her innate ability to survive ensured that she had a better life than many people in similar situations.

Her white father took responsibility for his family at the time when fair children appeared in the 'blacks' camps when the women there could not leave.

Norman was born into a wealthy family in Melbourne and Alice was born to an Aboriginal mother on the banks of the Warrego at Congoola.

May's early childhood was spent at Claverton Station at Wyandra where she loved to help the station cook, a Chinese man who lived with them.

Their house garden fed the station workers and most of the cooking was done at their house which was the start of May's love of gardening and cooking.

She had contact with her Aboriginal grandmother and other



A recent photo of the late May Beckmann and a photo of the then May Hoad at her baptism in Brisbane, aged 20 months.

members of her Aboriginal family, who had very little English. She learnt a little of their language and experienced some of their cultural practices.

When her father moved his family to Brisbane, her older very dark half brother was left behind. May remembered her mother crying the whole way from Wyandra to Brisbane in the train and she again experienced sadness. This may have been an order of the Protector who had control over travel of Aboriginals, but May often thought her father was to blame.

City living

The family settled into city living and May attended the Holy Cross School at Woolloowin, but when she was aged 12 her mother died. The authorities considered that May was old enough to stay at home but the younger children were put into an orphanage in Brisbane.

Two little ones died in the orphanage and the family was devastated. May had lost her mother and two little sisters within three months.

May was considered old enough to care for the other children when

she turned 15.

On her 15th birthday she went and claimed her surviving sisters. May was a wonderful carer. She became the housekeeper, cooked, grew vegetables and learned to sew. Her family remembers that everything May did, she did well.

May was able to make even the most basic house into a home with her special creative touches and attention to detail.

After the siblings had grown up and left home, May and her father moved to Pomona where she lived for most of her life. However, the role of carer was to stay with her always.

Many nieces and nephews will recall holidays and extended holidays in the care of their dear Aunt May. They particularly recall her home-baked biscuits which always featured in life at Pomona.

May was extremely loyal to her father, but after he died she found companionship with Nick Beckmann whom she had known for many years. They married when she turned 60. Nick passed away in 1981.

May missed Nick but she was never lonely because her door

was always open to her family.

She also loved her pets. Her family built her a home in Pomona and she was known as the 'bird lady' and was known to feed 600 pigeons. She would never kill insects and we sometimes remember visiting when huntsmen spiders as big as dinner plates appeared!

May took great joy in her drawing and painting which won her many prizes at various shows.

She taught herself to play piano accordion, banjo mandolin and in later years she bought an electric piano which gave her great joy. Although she had little formal education, she read extensively and wrote very well.

'Trooper'

As a young girl May was stricken with typhoid fever and some other very serious illnesses. Although in constant poor health, she carried on like a trooper and outlived her very healthy siblings.

When she was 98, May's family began to worry about her living alone in the Pomona house. I said they practically had to drag her

away, but once she settled in Lourdes Home where she received excellent care, she couldn't have been happier.

May's faith was important to her, and the spiritual environment at Lourdes was a great comfort. She not only experienced sadness during her life but also great happiness.

Aunt May passed away quietly at the age of 105.

She enjoyed her food and during her life time had porridge for breakfast each morning. She passed away a half an hour after her porridge!

While she is greatly missed by many, she is also greatly appreciated for the enormous selfless contribution she made to ensure every member of her family enjoyed a good life.

Although she passed just before Mr Cheedy and Jimmy Little, I bet she had the kettle on the boil and damper in the oven ready to welcome them.

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Some of the 100 Indigenous Working on Country rangers who met at Calperum Station near Renmark in South Australia.

Riverland mob hosts ranger conference



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For further information contact:

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A HUNDRED Indigenous Working on Country rangers from across southern Australia met for their first conference last week at Calperum Station, near Renmark in South Australia, hosted by the Riverland team.

Riverland Rangers plant nursery manager Amanda Morgan has been a ranger for nearly four years.

"It was great meeting new people and finding out what they do differently to the way we do it," Ms Morgan, who is of Ngarrindjeri and

Bundjalung descent, said.

"I met people from all over Australia and learned about different plants, how they grow them in different ways and about different irrigation systems for the nursery."

Ranger teams

There are almost 700 rangers supported under Working on Country around Australia and more than 20 Working on Country ranger teams working in southern Australia.

Ms Morgan said she enjoyed working outdoors and had had opportunities to get qualifications.

"It's given me a grader licence and a front-end loader ticket," she said.

"Normally I wouldn't do those sorts of things, but working here has given me confidence."

Workshops at the conference included Aboriginal site recording, media training, fire management, quad bike safety, water quality monitoring and using new technology in landscape management.

"It was great meeting people, getting things ready for them to come and I think everybody enjoyed it," Ms Morgan said.



Riverland Rangers plant nursery manager Amanda Morgan, left, and Jennifer Lyons-Reid from Change Media at the Working on Country Southern Ranger conference in South Australia's Riverland. Photos by Change Media



Lincoln Knight gives the thumbs up. Also pictured are Nicola Prosser, Brett Paradise, Mitch King, Sarah Bennett, Lauren Magri and Kiya Lee.

Focus on homeless

BY DARREN COYNE



SIGNIFICANT numbers of young Aboriginal people are among the estimated 105,000 people who are homeless on any given night.

Their plight was highlighted in Lismore, northern New South Wales, recently at a Youth Homelessness Matters Day event, attended by the city's mayor Jenny Dowell, young people and community members.

Organiser Brett Paradise, the youth programs manager for the Northern Rivers Social Development Council, said everyone in the community could play a part in alleviating youth homelessness.

Mr Paradise told the *Koori Mail* that Aboriginal youth homelessness in particular was a significant issue.

"In the Northern Rivers

region, we have the highest number of homeless people out of the total in NSW," he said.

"Counting the number of young people who are homeless can often be hard because many young people don't see themselves as homeless.

"These young people are hidden homeless and are not your typical vision of street sleepers. They might be staying with friends, itinerant, or staying in inappropriate, unstable accommodation."

Mr Paradise said the gathering was part of a national campaign to highlight the issue.

As well as a free barbecue and dance workshops with Mitch King from Youth Connections, the event featured speakers and activities.

"It all went really well. It's a significant issue and one that gets missed a lot because they don't see themselves as homeless because often they

do have a roof over their head," Mr Paradise said.

"But there is instability in not having your own place. It makes it difficult for young people to complete their education, gain employment and even get a driver's licence.

"They are at the mercy of whoever's place it is and young people often put themselves in compromising positions just to stay there."

Mr Paradise said individuals and businesses could help solve youth homelessness in a number of ways.

"Becoming homeless is not a life goal and many people are there often due to traumatic circumstances, so having respect for their situation is important," he said.

"People can also be advocates and write to their local Member of Parliament, highlighting their concerns, or they can ask what local youth homelessness services need and make donations."



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Cricketer proves a hit at NCIE



Mitchell Johnson with NCIE School Holiday Program participant Zac Clemm.



CHAMPION
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Mitchell
Johnson has

given some lucky Indigenous kids the benefit of his knowledge.

The former World Cricketer of the Year was at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern last week to teach a master class to the young people participating in the NCIE's school holiday program.

Johnson, a Blackwoods (part of Wesfarmers' Industrial & Safety Division) brand ambassador, worked with 20 youngsters, teaching them the essentials of cricket.

The clinic involved some hands-on experience for the participants, where Johnson taught them the basics of batting and bowling.

NCIE chief executive officer Jason Glanville praised Johnson for his visit.



Mitchell Johnson with the young people who participated in the clinic, NCIE team members and staff from Blackwoods.

"Mitchell is a role model for all young people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, and it's important for our young people to have access to

people like him to demonstrate the varied opportunities available to young people with a dream and the determination to achieve it," he said.
"We look forward to

providing more opportunities like this for the young people who come to the NCIE for our programs in the future and we hope to see Mitchell at the NCIE again soon."

Public health association on the attack

Concern over SA income management



THE PUBLIC Health Association of Australia (PHAA) has condemned plans to introduce compulsory income management

in Bankstown, and other places in Australia, despite overwhelming concerns from stakeholders.

PHAA NSW branch president Gabriel Moore said there was no case for a universal compulsory regime, and instead PHAA supported voluntary income management with informed consent on an 'opt-in' basis.

She said such a program would need to be managed by Aboriginal community-controlled organisations.

"There needs to be clearly specified processes, with agreed entry and exit criteria and terms negotiated and agreed according to individual circumstances," Ms Moore said.

"The outcomes of any voluntary income management measures, including cost effectiveness, should be evaluated rigorously.

"PHAA supports compulsory income management only as a measure of last resort, which should also be governed by clear entry and exist criteria where applied."

Ms Moore pointed to a recent Senate committee report that acknowledged the need for appropriate internal and external review and appeal processes and transparent review and evaluation in its recommendations.

"However, a mechanism to underpin community consultation and engagement has yet to be

established," she said.

"In addition, the report on the evaluation of the Northern Territory intervention announced by the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs last year – on which the current roll out is meant to build – has not been yet released.

"Independent reports on the intervention point to long-term harms for health and cultural identity."

Ms Moore also said important questions remained unanswered regarding the effectiveness of income management in the NT.

Evidence clear

"The evidence is clear that without substantial investment in comprehensive interventions to reduce the prevalence of problems such as alcohol abuse and child neglect – or to improve education, housing and employment opportunities – there is no rationale for expecting long term improvement in health and wellbeing in communities where income management is applied," she said.

Ms Moore said PHAA believed there was no case for universal, compulsory income management, for moral, ethical and legal reasons.

"In addition to undermining autonomy and self-determination – which are pre-requisites for good health and wellbeing – universal compulsory income management violates Australia's human rights commitments and the principles of citizenship," she said.



THE ABORIGINAL Legal Rights Movement Inc is worried that the introduction of income

management in the city of Playford, South Australia, will make life tougher for vulnerable Aboriginal families.

ALRM chief executive Cheryl Axleby has called on SA Education and Child Development Minister Grace Portolesi to engage with the public about the proposed role and responsibility of her department in relation to income management.

Ms Axleby said Families SA withdrew its financial counselling services in 2011, making it difficult for families already struggling with rising costs of living due to electricity and rent increases. "The impact on the loss of the program, previously provided by FSA, may well result in these families now becoming income managed," she said.

"ALRM understands income management will take three forms: voluntary income management, vulnerable welfare recipient income management, and income management at the behest of state welfare authorities.



CHERYL AXLEBY

"ALRM is particularly concerned about the third form and whether safeguards are being built into State Government processes to protect the vulnerable from inappropriate government intervention."

Ms Axleby wants further information on a range of issues including what support will be available from Families SA for affected families, rights of appeal, and what safeguards will be in place to ensure people are able to spend their money.

She said the ALRM was

concerned about the consequences of vulnerable welfare payment recipients being income managed.

"ALRM is also concerned about its own ability to cater for the legal needs of those affected without additional resources, as it expects that there would be an increase on its services," she said.

"ALRM notes that vulnerable welfare recipients who are subject to income management have access to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. What equivalent arrangements will occur for decisions made by the State bureaucracy?"

Ms Axleby said she was also concerned that the rollout of income management in Playford could have the effect of increasing the numbers of Aboriginal children notified for child protection and the potential increase of children being removed from their families.

"Much more needs to be done to help and to defend vulnerable Aboriginal families, particularly those, that do not meet the threshold for an immediate response from Families SA due to child protection concerns," she said.

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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 Jane Elliot's Australian Eye PG (Documentary)
11:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
11:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
1:30 Five Seasons 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 (Series)
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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Dreaming: The Art of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)
9:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
10:00 Sisters Pearls & Mission Girls PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 3RD 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 Aeroplane Dance PG (Documentary)
11:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 When Colin Met Joyce PG (Documentary)
1:30 Black Pearls PG (Lifestyle)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Rose against the Odds PG (Drama)
9:30 2011 NSW Koori Knockout PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 4TH MAY

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)
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9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
2:00 Not A Willing Participant 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 (Series)
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 Down 2 Earth 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 Coming To Light Curtis Project PG (Documentary)
9:30 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
10:00 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 5TH MAY

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 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Confessions of a Headhunter PG (Documentary)
1:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
2:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
3:00 Buffalo Legends 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 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 Welcome to Wapos Bay TV Movie G (Kids)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Documentary)
9:30 Visit to a Chiefs son G (Drama)
11:00 Radiance M (Drama)

SUNDAY 6TH MAY

12:30 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
10:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
11:00 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 2010 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Balanda and the Bark Canoe PG (Documentary)
10:30 Women Of The Sun PG (Documentary)
11:30 Jumba Jimba PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 7TH MAY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
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 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
10:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
11:00 In The Shed PG (Documentary)
11:30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary)
1:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
1:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 The Road to St Andrews G (Documentary)
8:30 The Last Explorer PG (Documentary)
9:30 Mi Chacra (My Land) PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 8TH 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)
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8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Road to St Andrews G (Documentary)
10:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)
11:30 Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (Documentary)
12:30 Sisters Pearls & Mission Girls PG (Documentary)
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 LIVING Black NC (Documentary Series)
8:00 RHEF Live NC (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black 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)

WEDNESDAY 9TH 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)
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8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
11:00 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Doc)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 From Dreamtime To Now PG (Documentary)
1:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Strong Men of Nguiu PG (Documentary)
8:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
9:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
10:30 Confessions of a Headhunter PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 10TH 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)
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8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Milli Milli PG (Kids)
11:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Black Pearls PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
9:30 Twelve Canoes PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 11TH MAY

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)
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8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Jila PG (Documentary)
10:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
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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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Mi Chacra (My Land) PG (Documentary)
10:00 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 12TH MAY

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 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Ailain Kores G (Documentary)
1:30 RHEF Live NC (Documentary Series)
2:30 When Colin Met Joyce PG (Documentary)
3:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (DP)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
7:00 The Aviator PG (Drama)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Blekbal PG (Documentary)
10:30 Blackfellas M (Drama)

SUNDAY 13TH MAY

12:30 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
10:00 Lousy Little Sixpence PG (Documentary)
11:00 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 2010 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
10:00 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
10:30 Women Of The Sun PG (Documentary)
11:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)

MONDAY 14TH MAY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Yaarnz 4 G (Series)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
11:00 Navajo Springtime PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
8:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Last Volk in Saami Forest PG (Documentary)
10:30 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 15TH MAY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Yaarnz 4 PG (Documentary)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
11:00 Big Girls Dont Cry PG (Documentary)
11:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
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 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 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)



BAREFOOT SPORTS

Join Brad Cooke, Luke Carroll and David Peachey on
the couch as they give you all your Indigenous sports
news and updates from around the country.
Weekly on Thursday from 7.30pm AEST.

Caring for our Country on track – review



A REVIEW of the Federal Caring for our Country natural resource management initiative has found it is on track to meet its goals, and is increasing the adoption of

sustainable land management practices.

Caring for our Country started on 1 July 2008 and has a budget of more than \$2 billion over its first five years with the aim of achieving an environment that is healthier, better protected and

supports sustainable production in a changing climate.

The Federal Government initiated the review in late 2010 to consult on what was working well under Caring for our Country and what could be improved, with the final

report released last month.

The Government said more than 4000 people and groups provided feedback that would shape the next phase of investment in natural resource management, which will start in July 2013.

Details of the next phase of natural resource management delivery will be announced later this year.

The report on the Review of the Caring for our Country Initiative is available at www.nrm.gov.au

Orange plan to build a better future



Construction students Tracey Murray, Craig Johnson and Jacob Sutherland work on a community carport/ gathering space, which incorporates a barbecue area.

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN the Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council in central New South Wales decided it wanted to build a 120-room hotel on some of its land, it wanted to employ Aboriginal workers. "We realised the only way we would have a big enough talent pool was if we designed the project ourselves," Orange LALC enterprise development manager Wayne Beale said.

So the land council partnered with the Master Builders Association of NSW (MBA) to run a Certificate II in Construction course and 20 Aboriginal people have now graduated from the Wamara (to build) course.

"There's an 18-20 per cent unemployment rate for young Aboriginal men in the Orange area so we need to give people skills, and there is also a skills shortage in the area because of the mines, so there are opportunities in the area for builders, carpenters, handymen," Mr Beale said.

"It was nine months in planning and a lot of hard work."

Mr Beale said the MBA and trainer Joey Ristuccia had been extremely supportive.

"They can see the success of this program is not only about hammering nails," he said.

"The whole aim of the project was not only to build in a literal sense with wood and nails, but also to build strong, capable people within the community.

"The course taught not only hard skills, but soft as well, in literacy and numeracy, sexual health, mental health, anger management.



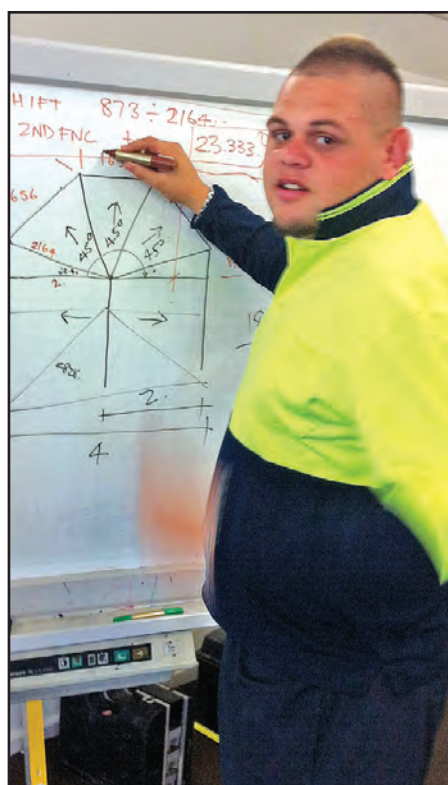
Denis Morgan has a full-time job after completing his Certificate II in Construction through a course run by Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council in partnership with the Master Builders Association of NSW.

"Every single barrier we could identify to people being successful, we put a strategy in place to help.

"If you take away a lot of barriers, you really provide a springboard to success."

The course was designed by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people.

"We understand the issues that challenge us so, as a community organisation we can help make those



Student Luke Morgan has a new job after completing the construction course in Orange.

things easier, really help, and we plan to transfer the success of the project across other opportunities as a land council," Mr Beale said.

The course began with 24 people and finished with 20, 12 of whom are already confirmed in employment, including four who have started their own handyman business.

"It's just sensational, everyone is so

proud of their achievements," Mr Beale said.

"Aboriginal people are the most over-qualified unemployed people, so at the start these guys really tested us out, wanting to know that there really would be employment opportunities at the end.

"The certificate takes two years off an apprenticeship, and they also know they will be walking into a job.

"Everyone was so proud when they received their certificates – we all had tears in our eyes.

"It hasn't been without challenges, with a court appearance and domestic violence counselling, but that support was provided and it was all worth it because of the success they know that they've achieved."

Mr Beale said an enormous amount of planning had been done to ensure the project met its aims, and the LALC board had remained committed.

"There were some days when we thought we might as well pack up, but we knew we would get the result needed for the community," he said.

"It also has flow-on effects. We had people aged between 16 and 48, at least one grandfather, and lots of people with kids, so the messages they take back to their families about going to work, being successful and finishing things off, they are gold.

"There isn't an issue we haven't had to address, but we were committed, wanting really good outcomes for our community."

Planning for the hotel is under way and the land council is hopeful that construction will begin in February 2013.

It is hoping to run at least one construction course every year.

New campaign backs authentic art, crafts



A NEW consumer awareness campaign has been developed to

encourage people to buy authentic Indigenous art, crafts and souvenirs.

The Sydney-based Arts Law Centre of Australia launched the campaign last month, using an image created by Queensland Aboriginal artist Leonard Andy in which the slogan 'Not Made in Australia' is emblazoned across a boomerang which adorns a shipping container.

When the Arts Law Centre sought feedback from Indigenous art centres about the key messages they needed to convey to consumers of Indigenous art and crafts, Leonard Andy – a Djuru traditional owner from Mission Beach in far North Queensland, who works through the Giringun Aboriginal Art Centre in Cardwell – responded artistically.

"Everybody knows that a



The image created by Aboriginal artist Leonard Andy for the consumer awareness campaign. Courtesy of the Arts Law Centre of Australia

boomerang represents Aboriginal culture, and most imported goods coming into Australia comes in shipping containers, so I combined the two together with some text," Mr Andy said.

The Arts Law Centre approached Avant Cards which distributes postcards to key arts and tourism location nationally. Avant Cards liked the project and added some sponsorship to project funding Arts Law had from the Cultural

Ministers Council.

Arts Law executive director Robyn Ayres said the exercise was a 'wonderful example of how a talented artist like Leonard Andy can create a strong visual image which makes people think differently about an issue'.

"In this case it's about buying authentic Indigenous arts and crafts rather than buying cheap fake products imported from overseas," she said.

Violence targeted



A NEW panel comprising representatives from the Australian, state and territory governments, as well as non-government organisations, will deliver

advice to government on ways to address and reduce violence against women and their children.

The National Plan Implementation Panel will advise governments on the implementation of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

Announced by Minister for the Status of Women Julie Collins, the panel comprises government representatives and 14 individuals from agencies working with women who have faced violence.

Panel members include Shirley Slann from Queensland and Dorinda Coz from Western Australia.

Ms Slann is a domestic violence rural and remote resource worker at the North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service, a national Indigenous representative for the Women's Support Network and a member of the former

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Gathering.

Ms Cox chairs the National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence and is a former member of the National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children.

Minister Collins said violence against women happened every day.

"One in three women in Australia has experienced physical violence since the age of 15, with one in five subjected to sexual violence," she said.

Unacceptable

"All forms of violence are unacceptable. We need to do more to stop violence against women and their children from happening in the first place and make sure those who experience violence get the support they need.

"To make a real and sustained difference, all levels of government and the community must work together."

For more information on the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

Are you an ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?

If so, we would like to speak to you as part of a project documenting the experiences of Indigenous service personnel both in the armed forces and in civilian life.

If you would be interested in participating in this project or would like more information, please contact:

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Australian Government
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

ABC and SBS Board Vacancies

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, is calling for expressions of interest from individuals who have the necessary skills, qualifications and experience to contribute to the governance of either the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) or the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) as non-executive directors.

An independent nomination panel will assess applications under a merit-based selection process and will provide the Minister with a short list. Appointments to the ABC and SBS boards are made by the Governor-General, acting on advice of the Federal Executive Council.

Successful candidates will have demonstrated high-level leadership and vision, and the ability to articulate a clear direction for a public organisation that provides broadcasting services. They will possess an understanding of, and commitment to, public sector governance and the highest ethical and professional standards. Candidates with a past record of effective participation on boards and a demonstrated interest in Australian cultural or public life are encouraged to apply.

The principles of equal opportunity and diversity will apply to the selection processes. The nomination panel will give consideration to achieve diversity in gender and geographical representation among board members.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Further information on these vacancies, including detailed selection criteria and application information can be found at www.dbcde.gov.au/abcsbsboards. Alternatively, email canberra@fordkelly.com.au or contact Moiya Ford or Jeff Kelly on (02) 6260 8788.

Applications close at COB on Friday 11 May 2012.

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www.dbcde.gov.au

Rockdale City Council

www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au

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

Public Notice

**NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANT APPLICATION UNDER
THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)
YIRRGANYDJI PEOPLE**

**NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 12 MAY 2012**

The Yirrganydji people intend to make an application to the Federal Court of Australia for a determination of native title, seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for land and waters in the coastal and McAllister Range foothills area between Port Douglas and Cairns in Far North Queensland.

An Authorisation Meeting for all Yirrganydji people asserting rights and interests in the area will be held:

Date: 10.00am to 4.00pm
Saturday 12 May 2012

Venue: Serbian Community Centre
Greenslopes Street, Cairns

Purpose:

- Authorise Applicants for the Yirrganydji people's claim.
- Authorise applicants to make a Yirrganydji people's claim on behalf of Yirrganydji people.
- Discuss and authorise the description of the land and water to be included in a Yirrganydji people's claim.
- Discuss the membership of the claim group and authorise the description of the claim group to be used on the application.
- Discuss a description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to Yirrganydji people land and waters; and
- Discuss the role of the Applicants and the extent of their powers.
- Authorise a name for the claim.

The meeting is open to all those Aboriginal people who identify as Yirrganydji (also known as Irukandji) people and are accepted by other Yirrganydji people as Yirrganydji people according to the continuing law, custom and practice of the Yirrganydji people, including (but not limited to) the descendants by birth and by customary adoption of the following people, believed to be Yirrganydji ancestors: (King) Billy Jagar and sister Ginny (Jinny/Njunjingai), Jerry Bardon, Janie Brown/ (nee Clark), Billy Boyle, Ernest Bounghi, Biddy Tangir Coleman, Joshua Barron, Henry of Barron River, Niji Wu of Double Island, Old man Manga/Mange and Robert Clarke.

This notice invites all persons who are members of the Yirrganydji people to the authorisation meeting. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Jeanette Singleton on (07) 4032 4854 by **7 May 2012** to register their intention to attend the Authorisation meeting.

Yirrganydji people regret they are unable to assist with transport to or from the meeting or accommodation costs, however a light lunch will be provided.

BOTTOMS ENGLISH LAWYERS, CAIRNS & ATHERTON



Australian Government

**Department of Sustainability, Environment,
Water, Population and Communities**

■ INVITATION TO COMMENT:

National Heritage List assessment of Canberra

The Australian Heritage Council is assessing nominations to include Canberra on the National Heritage List.

As our national capital, Canberra has a unique place in the building of our nation. Many significant events that have occurred in the capital city have had a lasting impact on our nation. Canberra also has a special city plan.

The Council is now talking with people and organisations and wants to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about whether you support Canberra being included on the National Heritage List.

The Council also wants to know what places or events that have happened in Canberra are important to you. Examples might include:

- The Yirrkala Bark Petition, the 1967 referendum at Old Parliament House and the election of Neville Bonner as the first Indigenous politician;
- The Mabo and Wik decisions at the High Court of Australia;
- The 1972 the Aboriginal Tent Embassy protest site,
- The 1988 Aboriginal Memorial in the National Gallery of Australia;
- Reconciliation Place; and
- The 2008 National Apology to the Stolen Generations at new Parliament House.

This information you provide will help tell the story of Canberra and may help the Council in its assessment of Canberra for the National Heritage List.

The National Heritage List is made up of our nation's most outstanding natural, Indigenous and historic heritage places. The heritage values of a place or an area included on the List are protected under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The Council will provide advice on Canberra's heritage values, together with all written submissions, to the Commonwealth minister responsible for heritage matters.

The minister will decide whether Canberra should be included on the National Heritage List.

To make a submission or to share your story about Canberra, please send a letter or email by **30 June 2012** to:

Australian Heritage Council
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: canberralistening@environment.gov.au

For more information visit www.environment.gov.au/heritage/ahc/national-assessments/canberra, email canberralistening@environment.gov.au or phone 1800 803 772.

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Ambassadors ready to talk reconciliation



THEY'RE all easily recognisable themselves, so the newest champions of

the reconciliation process between Indigenous and other Australians will be well-placed to yarn about the theme of National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2012.

Amongst those championing NRW 2012, from 27 May to 3 June, and its theme of 'Let's talk recognition' will be chefs Mark Olive (aka 'The Black Olive') and Stephanie Alexander; cook, artist and TV presenter Poh Ling Yeow; author Dr Anita Heiss; actor Hugh Jackman; Triple J Breakfast presenter Alex Dyson; singer/ actress Casey Donovan; the first Aboriginal female archdeacon Karen Kime; and retired air chief marshal Angus Houston.

Fifth-generation Chinese-Malaysian cook Poh Ling Yeow thinks getting together over a meal is one way that Australians



**NRW 2012 ambassador
Anita Heiss.**

can talk about reconciliation.

"I've been really lucky to travel around Australia and experience first-hand Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and food seems to have that ability to bond people from lots of different cultures," she said last week.

"For me personally, it has played a huge part in me

reconciling with my Chinese-Malaysian heritage – so I'd like all Australians to get around the dining table and talk reconciliation because it is everyone's business."

Wiradjuri author and public speaker Dr Anita Heiss says it's the flow-on effect of reconciliation that helps people to focus on the positives that she appreciates.

"I personally feel that for much of the year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are mostly invisible in terms of our positive and generous contributions to Australian society," Dr Heiss said.

"NRW is at least a concentrated effort to say 'hang on, wait a minute, look at all these amazing Indigenous people, initiatives, and cultures that are available for the whole country to enjoy and engage with'."

For more information about National Reconciliation Week 2012, go to <http://reconciliation.org.au/nrw2012>

Bergmann call for fair resourcing



KIMBERLEY Indigenous leader Wayne Bergmann has called for more resources

to resolve native title disputes, but not just for the miners. Mr Bergmann's call followed an announcement from the West Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) Mineral Titles Division that a special project team was being established to resolve about 800 mining lease applications that had stalled.

DMP executive director Dr Ivor Roberts said on 16 March that the project team would use all resources available under the *Mining Act 1978* and *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993* to resolve long outstanding negotiations.

Dr Roberts said stalled applications went against one of the fundamental principles of the *Mining Act 1978* – the encouragement of ground turnover for exploration purposes.

"The department recognises the issue and has implemented a number of initiatives to stop the practice," Dr Roberts said

"Steps are being taken to actively progress these applications, with assistance



WAYNE BERGMANN

from a team of native title specialist.

"DMP receives on average 4500 mining tenement applications annually including around 800 applications for mining leases lodged before 1 September 2009."

Dr Roberts said a number of procedure and legislative amendments were implemented by the State Government to address the pending mining tenement applications.

He said the improvement of

mining approvals systems was a major strategic priority for the State.

But Mr Bergmann said the announcement of the project team should be matched with an increase in resources to native title holders so that they too could have a speedier resolution of their concerns.

"Native title is constantly used as a whipping boy – every time there's a hold up on a project they blame native title. Successive governments have dragged their feet on the issue and it's now time this Government acted," he said.

"Rather than tinkering around the edges and pandering to a few, the Barnett Government should ensure that all those involved in native title processes are adequately resourced to get the job done well and in a timely manner.

"There are little or no resources to support Aboriginal participation in native title processes nor any goodwill from the Government to simplify the native title system.

"The improvement of Aboriginal peoples' involvement in native title and a commitment to simplifying the native title system should both be major strategic priorities for the State."

Museum to show McRae artwork



AN Aboriginal artist's drawing of a white convict who lived with Indigenous people in Victoria will soon go on public display.

The National Museum of Australia bought Tommy McRae's pen and ink drawing, *Buckley's Escape*, for \$70,300 last Monday.

The drawing recreates the scene when William Buckley, known as 'the wild white man', escaped a Victorian prison colony in the early 1800s.

It shows a convict ship arriving in Hobson Bay and Buckley asking Aboriginal people to put down their spears when they first meet.

He lived with Aboriginal people for 32 years,

mostly on the coast of southern Victoria, before he eventually returned to European colonial life.

McRae lived in the Upper Murray region of the state from about 1835 to 1901.

He made and sold books of drawings and is one of the few Indigenous artists who depicted life in 19th century Australia.

Museum director Andrew Sayers said the drawing of Buckley's escape and meeting with Aboriginal people was significant because it told the story from an Indigenous perspective.

"The work contrasts with the way European artists tell Buckley's story," Mr Sayers said last week.

"For them the climactic point was the end of his three decades with Aboriginal people; for

McRae it was the moment of Buckley's entry into the Aboriginal world."

The museum also acquired another McRae drawing, showing how the Murray tribe fought wars, for \$24,400.

Both drawings came from the collection of a NSW family, which had bought them from McRae in the 1890s.

The museum already owns one of McRae's sketchbooks and other works by 19th-century Aboriginal artists including William Barak and Oscar of Cooktown.

A spokesman for the museum said the new McRae drawings would go on display at some point, but the museum was yet to decide when. — AAP

Davison named new CEO at Durri



NSW WIRADJURI man Greg Davison, pictured, has been appointed to head up the Durri Aboriginal Corporation in Kempsey, northern NSW.

Mr Davison has left his role as Indigenous engagement officer at the CSIRO to take on the position as Durri chief executive officer.

He holds a Masters of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Commerce, and has extensive senior management experience in federal and state governments and the not-for-profit community sector.

He was also former chairperson of the NSW Reconciliation Council.

The Durri Aboriginal Corporation has been operating under the guidance of a special administrator, with that set to end on 31 May.

Special administrator Peter McQuoid said he looked forward to working with Mr Davison to continue with reforms to the corporation.

"The directors will be well supported by Mr Davison in the important process of rebuilding the corporation and its services," Mr McQuoid said.

He said he would work with Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, to ensure that the proper systems were in place to support the process of handing the corporation back to its members.

"Training will also be delivered to the incoming board of directors on proper corporate governance," Mr McQuoid said.

Mr Davison said he would work hard to ensure that Durri maintained high service level standards and that the community as a whole would benefit from better health outcomes.

Mr Davison was due to take up his appointment last week.



Winner of the Above and Beyond Award in the LGMA Queensland Awards for Excellence Carlene Logan, right, with Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Jannene Graham, who nominated her for the award.

Going above and beyond makes Carlene a winner



DOOMADGEE Aboriginal Shire Council office manager Carlene Logan has been named the winner of The Above and Beyond Award category as part of the 2012 Local Government Managers Australia (Queensland) Awards for Excellence.

The Awards for Excellence, presented this year at a gala dinner in Brisbane on 19 April, seek to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding work being undertaken by local governments across Queensland.

LGMA Queensland president Nick Clarke commended the standard of submissions across the six categories.

The Above and Beyond Award recognises the individual 'who has put in that extra time and effort to provide an increased level of service to their council or community'.

Ms Logan's role includes all of the administrative functions of the council (including human resources), the Skytrans Booking agency, Housing agency,

Centrelink office and the post office.

She was nominated by Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Jannene Graham, who said Ms Logan's ongoing commitment to the delivery of council services and her service to the community, with tasks that would not normally fall under the council umbrella was 'inspiring'.

60 speakers for conference



A RECORD 60 speakers are scheduled for this year's annual National Native Title Conference, addressing a wide range of native title-related topics under the overall theme 'Echoes of Mabo: Honour and Determination'.

The conference will be held on 4-6 June in Townsville, coinciding with major celebrations being organised by the Townsville community on 3 June, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Mabo v Queensland (No 2) decision, more commonly known as the Mabo decision.

Co-convened by the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the North Queensland Land Council (NQLC), the conference is expected to attract about 600-700 delegates from all parts of Australia.

AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor said the institute prided itself on ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were strongly represented in the conference program and that had been reflected with the diverse range of speakers confirmed to participate.



Conference organisers Jennifer Jones (left) and Shiane Lovell from AIATSIS finalising details for the 2012 National Native Title Conference, to be held next month in Townsville, north Queensland. Photo supplied

The conference program consists of one day of closed workshops for Indigenous people and their native title representative bodies and service providers followed by two days of a public

program which may include Indigenous talking circles, women's forums, workshops, panel discussions as well as the delivery of conference papers.

Mr Taylor said the major sub-themes

would be Recognition, Reform and Revolution, Leadership and Legacies, Families and Youth and Culture and Country.

Speakers will include representatives from native title representative bodies and service providers across the country including the Central Desert Native Title Services, the Central Land Council, the Torres Strait Regional Authority, the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, the Bardi and Jawi Niimidiman Aboriginal Corporation, RNTBC, Barengi Gadjin Land Council, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, NTSCorp, Waardi Limited and Nyimarr Limited.

Other keynote speakers include Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson, University of Melbourne Australian Indigenous Studies chair Professor Marcia Langton, Helen Bowskill (Bar Association of Qld), Jeremy Dore (Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency) and Graham Fletcher (National Native Title Tribunal).

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Carbon farming scheme targeted



WITH an enormous amount of information flying around about the Federal Government's Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI), Wiradjuri man David Towney is concerned that Aboriginal landholders may miss out on potential income.

The CFI is a voluntary scheme where resources that store carbon, like trees, can be audited and then assessed for credits, which can then be sold to polluters looking to offset carbon emissions.

"There's nothing new to Aboriginal people, it's the way we've looked after the land since time began, we're using a lot of the same techniques," Mr Towney told the *Koori Mail*.

"A lot of it is in our Caring for Country programs that already exist and are funded through government at the moment.

"Those programs that back-burn for maintenance, where trees are replanted to soil degradation – they're all beneficial to CFI. Anywhere growing vegetation that will absorb carbon dioxide or produce carbon storing in trees, or clearing grass lands and making sure there is new growth – those things that we've been doing for years, our farming techniques, they are actually going to have a financial market value, not just cultural and biodiversity value."

With the support of the Thubbo Aboriginal Medical Service, Mr Towney organised a recent forum of Aboriginal leaders, landholders and community members to discuss the CFI in Dubbo.

"The carbon tax scheme is going to be rolled out in July this year and I don't think people are really ready for it, I think things are really cloudy," he said.

"There are a lot of our people who are landholders who it will affect, and they are going to be at a disadvantage because there are going to be rich guys offering little bits of money for things they don't know anything about.

"I'm trying to get something together for the CFI because I think most Koori landholders could benefit.

"I know Aboriginal landholders in northern and western Australia are very much in favour of CFI because they do a lot of back-burning



Jeremy Dore from the Department of Climate Change, Red Dust Creations and Indigi-Carbon CEO David Towney, Warren Towney and James Thomas from Dubbo Cultural Land Management, Thubbo Aboriginal Medical Service CEO Cecil See and Aboriginal Carbon Fund CEO Rowan Foley at the forum.

and the models the government has at the moment actually suit back-burning.

"Part of the forum was to discuss what sort of models suit NSW and the southern states, maybe to see if we need research into what models might work."

Mr Towney said that, in NSW, a CFI model might involve planting trees.

Changes mindset

"The other exciting part is that it's a change in the thinking of society as well where you don't have to have huge industrial development, huge factories to make an income, it changes the mindset to where the environment has value and can make an income, you can get new business development from caring for country now," he said.

Mr Towney said he thought the CFI could broker a new relationship between Aboriginal companies and land councils and the corporate world. "As corporations need to reduce their carbon emissions they're going to be shopping for good projects reducing carbon dioxide," he said.

"For the first time, they're going to be knocking on our doors saying 'You know that land, brother, that you've had sitting there for a while – we don't want to pay tax, we want to give you guys money for planting trees'.

"People are going to be able to plant bush foods, medicinal plants so maybe start a commercial venture as well."

The next step for Mr Towney is to host another forum and generate more interest from Aboriginal landholders to try and develop a working CFI project.

"We're going to build a network in Eastern Australia about CFI for Indigenous people, develop some examples so it's not so cloudy any more," he said.

"People in the community need to beware of unscrupulous people because they are going to hear people knocking on the door offering stupid money, and we need to have a strong standard agreement between Aboriginal people as to how we go about it, what processes we're actually investing in.

"We need to stick together to offer carbon credits in volume, so it becomes a resource not just nationally, but internationally as well."

Bashing appeal dismissed



A TEENAGE boy who helped kill the uncle of rugby league star Johnathan Thurston has lost an appeal

against his manslaughter conviction.

The boy, who was 15 at the time of the killing, was part of a group of eight males who bashed Richard Saunders to death at a park in Woodridge, south of Brisbane, on 25 October 2008.

The court heard the group had set upon Mr Saunders and his friends as they were drinking in the park.

The group armed themselves with fence palings, a hammer, concrete blocks, stones and bottles before launching their attack.

The attack was retribution for an earlier run-in between some younger Samoans and others in Mr Saunders' group, the court was told.

The 15-year-old was one of four to face trial over the incident.

He was found guilty of manslaughter, two counts of assault occasioning bodily harm while armed in company, and common assault and was sentenced to four years' jail.

The teenager took his case to the Court of Appeal in March.

His lawyers argued that the judge did not properly direct the jury about the effect the boy's age and lack of life experience would have had on how he behaved during the incident.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the matter on 20 April. – AAP

21 Aboriginal nations join water battle

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHILE environmental groups and irrigators have been arguing about water entitlements for the Murray Darling, a group of 21 Aboriginal nations from the northern Murray Darling Basin is demanding all water licences be revoked and that the rivers' water be dealt with from a base of Aboriginal sovereignty, dominion and ultimate title.

The Northern Murray Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) has called on the Federal Government and all state governments involved in the rivers to allocate all environmental flows in the northern basin as 'cultural flows'.

NBAN chairperson and farmer Fred Hooper says that the 21 nations 'have never ceded or acquiesced sovereignty, dominion or ultimate title over the lands, subsurface, all waters, natural resources and airspace within the northern Murray-Darling Basin'.

"We think a lot of water licences issued since the 1950s are illegal because they had no rights to issue them in the first place," Mr Hooper told the *Koori Mail*.

"The rivers system is very sick. When you talk sick, carp virtually rule some of these rivers, they've outgrown native fish, mussels, shrimps, there are a lot of fresh water crustaceans on the verge of extinction because of the carp.

"The system also has a lot of chemicals – the cotton industry used DDT in the 1970s when I was a kid in Wee Waa and there are a lot of other chemicals that are used trying to control pests as well.

"They're all flowing into the system and not being flushed out because the flows aren't as strong as they used to be.

"Systems that used to be pristine can be toxic in places because of lack of flow in the rivers, which also leads to poisoning of waterholes.

"I'm not saying flows used to be 100 per cent, even before the white man, but in the last 40 years the rivers don't flow as often."

Mr Hooper said that during the last drought red gums along the Culgoa River became very distressed and died.

"These are sacred trees, our ancestors talked to their ancestors through the leaves of the red gums and they would talk back to them," he said. "These are spiritual trees. If the red gums are dying – and they are a very resilient tree – when they are dying you have a very unhealthy river system."

Solicitor Virginia Marshall is in the final year of her PhD on Aboriginal water rights in Australia, which includes a chapter on the Murray Darling.

"I think the issue of sovereignty's got to be looked at, there needs to be a whole review of Indigenous water and vesting of Indigenous water for Indigenous communities across Australia as well as the Murray Darling," she said.

"In all the over-allocation of water in the Murray Darling, Indigenous water interests and rights have been lost.

"There needs to be an independent



Northern Murray Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations chairperson Fred Hooper is calling for all water licences to be scrapped and water allocations to be dealt with from a basis of Aboriginal sovereignty.

inquiry into Indigenous water entitlements.

"You need to be looking at that issue on its own, with research into social, cultural, spiritual, legal, rights for Indigenous water."

Mr Hooper said there was a common misconception that the big irrigators in the region were food producers.

"They call the Murray Darling Basin the food bowl, but it's really the northern cotton bowl – they're the big users of water and we need more water for food production than fibre," he said.

"We're not fighting graziers or small citrus farmers but we've got a big fight on

NBAN member nations are the Barkindji (Paakantyi), Githabul, Mandandanji, Barunggam, Gunggari, Mardigan, Bidjara, Jarowair, Murrawarri, Bigambul, Gwamu (Kooma), Ngemba, Budjiti, Kunja, Ngiyampaa, Euahlayi, Kwiambul, Wailwan, Gamilaroi, Maljangapa and Wakka Wakka. There are also three founding corporate members, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, the Southwest Queensland Natural Resource Management and the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee.

The *Koori Mail* sent numerous interview requests to Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke and MDBA chair Craig Knowles, and received emailed statements in return.

"Some of the issues raised in the submission go to how the

Commonwealth water holder uses watering events and the extent of Aboriginal engagement with those decisions," Mr Burke's statement read.

"There are other issues raised within the submission that go well beyond the Water Act and constitute a significant extension of native title.

"Changes to that extent would not be able to be addressed within the reform that is before us this year."

The statement from a MDBA spokesperson said: "The Murray Darling Basin Authority has received a submission from the Northern Murray Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations. As with all other submissions received during the consultation period, it will be considered."

Mr Hooper said NBAN was yet to receive a response.

'There needs to be an independent inquiry into Indigenous water entitlements...'

our hands in terms of huge cotton farms taking water out of a system that to a certain extent is in the sick condition it is because of their actions.

"The cotton growers introduced DDT, introduced carp to keep the channels clean and they're taking more water out of the system.

"I think it's about time we stopped them if we can.

"The Federal Government has given \$300 million to irrigators to find ways to save water but they haven't allocated any money for cultural flows research.

"(Murray Darling Basin Authority chairperson) Craig Knowles can only work within the Act, which doesn't provide much for Aboriginal people, but at least the MDBA has allocated \$1 million towards cultural research flows."



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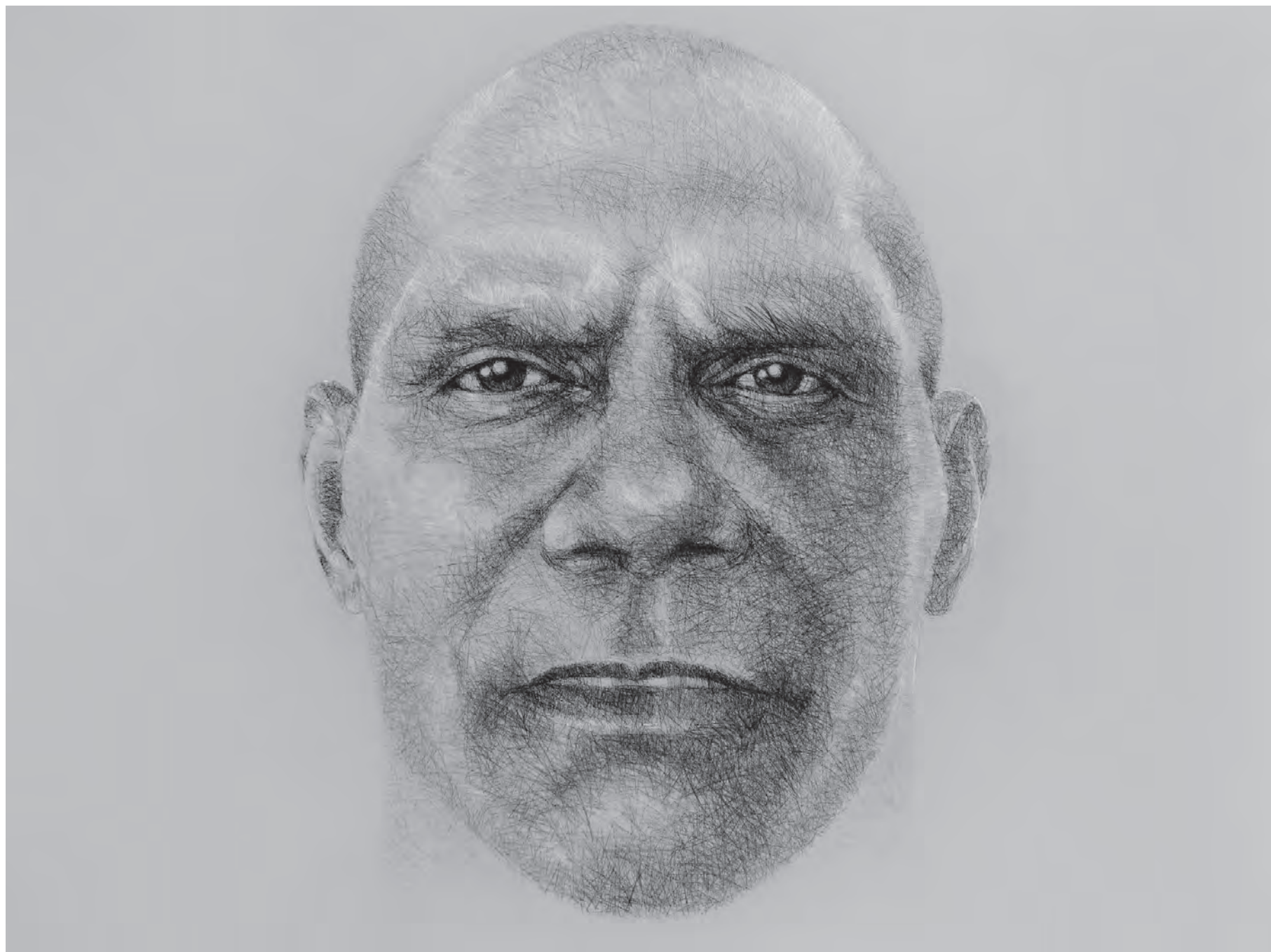
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Gathered in Narooma for the first meeting of the Katungul Advisory Committee were Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven, Julie Tongs of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, special administrator Alan Eldridge and community member Bunja Smith.

Katungul can't go it alone – administrator

Story and photo by LAURELLE PACEY



SOME big picture thinking is needed to determine the future delivery of health services by the troubled Katungul organisation in southern New South Wales, according to a special administrator appointed to the service. "Katungul just does not have the resources to meet all the community's expectations," Alan Eldridge said of the service, which operates from Batemans Bay to Eden on the state's south coast.

"It will have to be part of the larger health network, do business with other service providers, and rely on them for some services.

"This requires Katungul to have a more conciliatory approach than it has in the past when it largely operated in isolation from most other providers."

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven placed Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services in special administration last December after its financial difficulties became apparent.

Its problems resulted from poor corporate governance, weak financial management and alleged misappropriation of funds.

Mr Eldridge has been overhauling Katungul's financial and management structures, talking with communities, and negotiating with relevant organisations to get Katungul back on track.

The intention is that Katungul will be in community hands with a strong board by the end of June.

Meanwhile, community meetings were held earlier this month at Batemans Bay, Narooma, Bega and Eden. While numbers were less than hoped for, people were generally positive about progress to date.

'Understandable'

"Overwhelmingly they want Katungul to remain as a community controlled organisation and they want to see Katungul deliver more services, and that's understandable and I don't disagree with a lot of that," Mr Eldridge said.

"But the reality is Aboriginal health is a lot bigger than just one organisation, it's very complex.

"Those in the community who understand the system a bit better realise Katungul has got to be a part of the total health service delivery role instead of a single organisation trying to take on all this alone. It has to work with other providers."

Mr Eldridge is being assisted by a

community advisory committee, which met for the first time last month. Managing Katungul's \$300,000 debt was one agenda item.

Committee members were selected from 12 nominations based on their skills in Aboriginal health, management or with credible community involvement.

Mr Eldridge said their appointment did not mean any would be future Katungul board members.

They are Julie Tongs of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, Craig Adler of the South Coast Medical Service Corporation, John Hendry of the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, Katherine Stonestreet of the Southern General Practice Network, and community members Bunja Smith, Norman Parsons and Ossie Cruse.

Mr Eldridge also met recently in Canberra with the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

"The commitment seems to be there to continue supporting Katungul at this stage," he said.

Meanwhile, Federal Court interim orders that secured the assets of Katungul's former CEO Damien Matcham against a potential claim will expire on 1 June when ORIC will advise the court of the progress of its investigations and their outcomes.

Treasurer defends Qld cuts



QUEENSLAND Treasurer Tim Nicholls says the new Government is making unpopular budget cuts because the state's finances are in a state

where it must borrow to pay wages.

The state's new Liberal National Party Government has been criticised for axing the Premier's Literary Awards and, to a lesser extent, corporate box entertainment at sports events.

A reconciliation of Queensland's finances with Under Treasurer Helen Gluer found the state had been borrowing to pay public servants' wages for three years, Mr Nicholls says.

"They are borrowing to pay recurrent expenditure," he told ABC Radio on 16 April.

"That is borrowing to pay wages, to keep the lights on, to put the fuel in the tanks of the police cars and the ambulances and the fire engines.

"At the moment we're looking at deficits up until about 2013/14 ... we're hopeful of being able to bring it back into a balanced or surplus position by 2014/15."

The state had increased its public servants from 145,000 to 235,000 in the past decade, the Treasurer said. The wages bill could not continue to grow.

"Expenses for ... things like wages cannot continue to grow at the rate they have in the past otherwise we won't get out of this downward spiral of debt and deficit left by the former government," he said. — AAP

Elmes is acting minister



JACK Dempsey is Queensland's acting Police and Community Affairs Minister following David Gibson's resignation for allegedly driving without a licence.

Premier Campbell Newman announced on 17 April that Mr Dempsey would leave his position as Minister for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Affairs to take up the new role.

Glen Elmes has replaced Mr Dempsey as acting Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister.

Mark Robinson replaced Mr Elmes as acting deputy speaker and chairman of committees.

Mr Gibson, a former army officer and the member for Gympie, north of Brisbane, resigned on 16 April.

He was allegedly caught speeding on the Bruce Highway and driving on a suspended licence on 16 February.

Mr Newman said Mr Gibson told him but was unable to explain his actions. "I afforded him natural justice," Mr Newman said in Brisbane on 17 April.

"I couldn't see a plausible explanation. He needs to go and reflect on what has happened. He has clearly done the wrong thing."

Before Mr Elmes was elected as the Member for Noosa in 2006, he worked in commercial radio throughout the state for 34 years. He is married with two children and is involved in local sports and community groups. — with AAP

Fellowship focus to help young filmmakers



INDIGENOUS filmmakers aged 35 or under are invited to apply for a \$20,000 fellowship to support the development or production of a documentary project.

The deadline for applications to the NSW Mining Young Indigenous

Documentary Fellowship is 31 July, and the recipient will be selected by a panel of three leading Indigenous filmmakers – Darren Dale, Richard Frankland and Pauline Clague.

The successful applicant will be awarded the fellowship at the inaugural Cockatoo Island Film Festival in October,

and their film will be shown at the 2013 event.

NSW Mining CEO Stephen Galilee said that it was important to help build opportunities for young Indigenous people.

"We're excited about giving a young Indigenous filmmaker the opportunity to tell us about their life as they see it and we are

proud to help them turn their creative vision into a reality," he said.

The Cockatoo Island Film Festival will be set across 20 venues on Cockatoo Island, the largest island in Sydney Harbour. It will run from 24-28 October 2012. For more information, or to apply for the fellowship visit www.cockatooofilm.com.au



The ICAN/CBA graduates in Cairns with ICAN CEO Aaron Davis, at right.

By CHRISTINE HOWES
in Cairns



TAKING money matters seriously – and knowing how to do that – is within reach of at least four communities after

nine graduates in financial counselling received their diplomas late last month.

The nine were supported by the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN), which teamed up with the Commonwealth Bank to help build financial literacy in Cairns, Yarrabah, Palm Island and Thursday Island.

The graduates are all employed by ICAN as financial counsellors and money management workers in the communities where they live.

ICAN chair Vince Mundraby said the students should be proud of what they had achieved.

"Your achievement has addressed the under-representation of Indigenous people in the financial counselling sector and your newly-acquired knowledge and skills will significantly raise the bar in service delivery outcomes in some of Queensland's most disadvantaged communities," he said.

"It fills me with pride to be here."

ICAN CEO Aaron Davis said the new graduates would increase by four-fold the pool of accredited Indigenous financial counsellors across the whole country.

"The low levels of financial literacy coupled with high levels of poverty in Aboriginal communities leave these communities highly prone to financial exploitation and targeting by unethical and predatory sales representatives," he said.

"The best way of combatting this type of behaviour is to empower the communities themselves with the skills and confidence to deal with it at the community level.

"Our graduates, now armed

New graduates on the money



Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) financial counsellor graduates from Palm Island Ronald Fave and Ray Kent (in gowns) with ICAN CEO Aaron Davis.

with proper accreditation, are already assisting community members with financial planning and other services.

"The beauty of this result is that most graduates are community members themselves who live 24 hours a day in these communities, and who are employed by ICAN to lift the financial literacy of the whole community."

Thursday Island-based

graduate Josita Mayor said she did it to help her community.

"I've got appointments left, right and centre," she said.

"Empowering, as they say, Indigenous consumers and helping our communities."

Help people

Palm Island financial counsellor Ray Kent said being better trained meant they could help people 'a lot better'.

"The Government's new laws give customers much more rights, but you got to understand what those rights are otherwise you won't be able to use them," he said.

"One of the things we did was go through in detail what those rights are, so we're a lot more skilled at being able to say to people, for example, if you buy a fridge and it doesn't work the person who supplied the fridge

has to take it back from Palm and get it repaired so the person doesn't have to pay, as they did in the past.

"It's little things like that that make a huge difference to the client."

ICAN training co-ordinator Majella Anderson said that as a diploma-level course, it was technical.

"It's very technical because you're looking at the legal issues around consumer affairs and people's consumer rights, so it was quite difficult coming together," she said.

"But we made it; we structured the program where people could study during work time.

"They didn't take anything home with them; all of this was work-based tactical work.

"We had some people who were doing actual financial counselling, and some of the team were doing money management.

"Having that vision and having partners and people who believed in the program was the main support in place so the students succeeded, so that our team could succeed with this, and that's what we did."

Cairns-based Unaise Buli said the graduates were proud.

"We're qualified now," she said. "And we've got the diploma and certificate to prove it, we're financial counsellors.

"I'm just proud we've got the knowledge now to help our people."

Top strategist to lead You Me Unity



ONE of the country's top campaign strategists, Tim Gartrell, has been appointed to lead You Me Unity – the nationwide education campaign about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's Constitution.

Mr Gartrell recently led the successful GenerationOne campaign to reduce Indigenous disparity through education, training and employment.

Before GenerationOne, Mr

Gartrell was chief executive of social research company Auspoll, and from 2003-2008 he was national campaign director of the Australian Labor Party during which time he was credited as one of the driving forces behind Labor's ground-breaking 2007 campaign.

Thrilled

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said she was thrilled to have a campaign director of the calibre of Mr Gartrell.

"Tim Gartrell is widely regarded as one of Australia's premier

campaigners and strategists," she said.

"He built GenerationOne into a strong social movement where the supporter base has grown to 250,000 in just three years.

"Tim has a proven track record in the planning and implementation of national campaigns and his insight and experience means that You Me Unity, and the movement for constitutional recognition, is in the best hands to reach out to all Australians.

"Tim was the outstanding candidate to lead this campaign

and we are delighted to have him on the team."

Mr Gartrell holds a Master of Arts (Communications Studies) and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Reconciliation Australia is the peak body promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. It has been nominated by the Federal Government to lead the public education campaign on the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution.



TIM GARTRELL

The Ricci Marks Award nominees with State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell, Wurundjeri Elder Joy Wandin Murphy and other guests.



Winners awarded



A STUDENT of Indigenous studies and history and a young Indigenous leader have taken out this year's Ricci Marks Award.

The award, by the Victorian Government, is designed to recognise, support and celebrate young Aboriginal achievers. This year's 20 nominees came from around Victoria.

Verhonda Smith, from Preston, and Benson Saulo, from Prahran, were named this year's recipients during at the 16th annual Ricci Marks Award ceremony at the Korin Gamadji Institute, in Richmond.

Verhonda (Bonnie) Smith was captain of the National Indigenous Schoolgirls netball team for two years. Her fundraising efforts for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program led her to the Kokoda Track and Kimberley region. Bonnie says she is motivated to promote healthy living and unite the community through sport.



Benson Saulo, Eddie Bryant and Verhonda Smith with their awards.

Benson Saulo is the first Indigenous Australian to be appointed as the Australian Youth

Representative to the United Nations. He says he is passionate about Indigenous

youth leadership and holds the position of national director of the National Indigenous Youth

Leadership Academy.

A \$500 encouragement award was presented to Edward (Eddie) Bryant, a young Yorta Yorta man from Shepparton. He was the first Aboriginal student at his primary school to become a school captain, and excels in sport and the performing arts. Eddie, who has learned Auslan so he can communicate with friends and family, aspires to be a strong Indigenous leader and a role model for his community.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell said the Ricci Marks Award was one part of the Government's efforts to recognise, support and celebrate young Aboriginal achievers.

The award is named after the late Ricci Marks, who in 2000 received what was then the Aboriginal Young Achiever Award. The award title was changed to honour Ricci Marks following his death in 2004 at the age of 21. Each award recipient receives a \$5000 bursary to support their future learning and development.

Spotlight on energy

By MARGARET SMITH



A SEMINAR was held in Sydney last month to discuss the potential for renewable energy in Western

Australia's Kimberley region.

WA Greens senator Rachel Siewert and Beyond Zero Emissions' Geoff Cameron were amongst those to address the seminar, attended by about 50 people.

The Kimberley region was one of Australia's iconic places, Senator Siewert said, where there were natural gas, coal seam gas, coal, lead and zinc deposits, and other resources.

Indigenous community opinion is split over a huge liquefied natural gas (LNG) hub proposed for James Price Point, north of Broome, by developer Woodside.

However, Senator Siewert said similar developments in the Pilbara region, to the south, had not benefitted Aboriginal people.

The seminar discussions turned to the potential of renewable energies as an alternative.

Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) is a not-for-profit research and education organisation developing blueprints for the implementation of climate change solutions. Mr Cameron said solar thermal plants now operating in Spain could be established in the Kimberley,



A solar energy plant.

storing energy so it was available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The construction of such solar plants could employ many Aboriginal young people, trained

for the task, and operation and maintenance could provide long-term employment.

"The climate in the Kimberley makes solar ideal – lots of open flat land with the sun shining most

of the year," Mr Cameron said.

"Solar power generated there could also be exported to Asia and the Pacific."

Graham Hunt, from the Australian Solar Energy

Association, agreed on the Kimberley potential for alternative energy sources to gas.

"The Kimberley is out of the monsoonal belt. The right partnerships with solar companies would be important for renewable development," he said.

On the other side of the country, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is also considering energy resources on their land.

Recently, the land council peak body controversially submitted several applications to the NSW Government to explore for petroleum on Aboriginal land.

"Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people right across this state will have differing views on the merits of mining. NSW ALC is not blind to this fact," CEO Geoff Scott has said.

The Total Environment Centre has also championed solar energy. "If you want to be part of the clean energy future, solar plants are the way to go," TEC director Jeff Angel said.

"They won't harm the water on the ground and underneath or harm the landscape, and unlike coal seam gas they won't leave a legacy of environmental degradation."

In July 2013, a Federal Government Renewable Energy Fund will make \$10 million available to those who apply to a Clean Energy Finance Corporation.



Land matters ...and so do your ideas about sustainable land uses and employment!

The Indigenous Land Corporation's annual call for applications from Indigenous groups seeking Land Acquisition assistance is currently open. The ILC especially wants to hear about land acquisition proposals that will help deliver training and create Indigenous jobs.

Land Acquisition applications close on 2 July 2012.

The ILC is always interested in land acquisition proposals that seek to deliver cultural and environmental benefits. If you have a project proposal that will deliver benefits to Indigenous Australians, the ILC wants to hear about it now.

For more information phone **1800 818 490** or visit **www.ilc.gov.au**



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

Purnululu National Park works start



MAJOR upgrade works have started at Purnululu National Park in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia. WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion said work had started on a new car park at Mini Palms, an upgraded car park at Piccaninny Gorge and a road realignment at Kurrajong.

"The road realignment at Kurrajong is particularly important because it leads to a new safari camp being developed by Kimberley Wild Expeditions," he said.

"The new camp is the first low impact, ecotourism operation to be developed under the State Government's

Royalties for Regions-funded Naturebank program." Naturebank is a partnership between the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and Tourism WA, which aims to provide opportunities for Indigenous investment, employment and capacity

enable a broad range of community interests to contribute to management of the area.

"Representatives on the committee will include Djaru and Kidja traditional owners, tourism interests, the local community, the Shire of Halls Creek, and conservation and scientific interests," he said.

"It will be chaired by Chris Done who has built strong relationships with traditional owners and the local community over the past 25 years."

The committee will be supported by the DEC and the Federal department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

'Representatives on the committee will include Djaru and Kidja traditional owners, tourism interests, the local community, the Shire of Halls Creek, and conservation and scientific interests' – Minister Bill Marmion

building while offering sustainable accommodation and ecotourism experiences.

The Minister also announced the creation of the Purnululu World Heritage Area Advisory Committee, which he says will

Hayden set to take his 'seat' in Parliament



HAYDEN Gibbs-O'Neill can't wait to take his seat at this month's inaugural

National Indigenous Youth Parliament in Canberra.

The Year 12 student at Canobolas Rural Technology High School in Orange will be one of the six-member New South Wales team taking part in the Parliament, from 23-29 May at Old Parliament House.

The National Indigenous Youth Parliament is being held to mark the 50th anniversary of all Indigenous people winning the right to vote in Federal elections.

Hayden and young people representing each state and territory will take part in an experience developed by the Australian Electoral Commission and the YMCA.

Commitment

The program aims to promote youth-led advocacy and active community leadership as well as fostering a commitment to democratic processes.

There will be a mock parliament in the chambers of Old Parliament House and participants will be 'paired' with a 'real' senator or Member of the House of Representatives.

Canobolas Rural Technology High School principal Chris Condliffe believes Hayden was an excellent choice for the National Indigenous Youth



HAYDEN GIBBS-O'NEILL

Parliament and as a representative of young Aboriginal people.

"Hayden has been an exemplary student leader for many years here at Canobolas," Mr Condliffe said.

"He has been a great role model to other students and has made a strong

contribution to the school.

"The National Indigenous Youth Parliament will further strengthen his leadership skills and motivation to be a voice in his community."

"He will benefit from the program's objective to develop a group of future Indigenous leaders."

CALL OUT for TRUE GHOST STORIES

Seen a ghost? Know someone who has? Had a weird experience that you can't explain?

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Aunties, uncles, brothers and sisters – this is an opportunity to tell us your stories for research for a new TV program from the creators of the movie Samson & Delilah.

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Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation

MEETING NOTICE

ALL QUANDAMOOKA NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS are invited to attend a MEETING

VENUE: Dunwich Community Hall, Dunwich

TIME: 11am-1pm (morning tea and lunch provided)

DATE: Saturday 19 May 2012

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation ("QYAC") the registered native title body corporate of the Quandamooka People invites all **Quandamooka People** who are native title holders to attend the above meeting for the following purposes:

1. For the Quandamooka People to **AUTHORISE** the QYAC to enter a Recreation Area Agreement with the State of Queensland in respect of the Minjerribah Recreation Area;
2. For the Quandamooka People to provide **STANDING INSTRUCTIONS** to QYAC regarding how decisions are to be made according to the traditional laws and customs of the Quandamooka People.

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is **NOT** a QYAC General Meeting. It is a meeting for all Quandamooka People whether they are members of QYAC or not.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. No travel assistance or travel allowance will be paid. There will be no proxy votes.

An Information Package containing information about the matters to be discussed and decided upon at the meeting will be posted to Quandamooka People who register by 14 May 2012, and will also be available at the meeting.

Quandamooka People are asked to register for the meeting by contacting Sharon McAvoy at Queensland South Native Title Services on freecall 1800 663 693 or email at sharon.mcavoy@qsnts.com.au The meeting is being organised by QSNTS on behalf of QYAC.

ABN: 30 457 275 826



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)
Armida (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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Lachlan Aboriginal Advisory Group Six positions available

Six positions are available for Indigenous people across the catchment who are able to demonstrate knowledge, skills or experience in the following areas:

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
- Sustainable Natural Resource Management (NRM)
- Strategic Planning
- Written and Oral Communication
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- Socio-economic impacts of NRM decisions and actions
- Established local/regional Aboriginal community networks

For further information

Larry Towney - 0438 489 830 / larry.towney@cma.nsw.gov.au

For an information pack

Selena Boardman - 6816 3200 / selena.boardman@cma.nsw.gov.au



Catchment Management
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Lachlan

Closing date: 25th May 2012

Mural will target domestic violence



A MURAL will be created in the heart of the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) community of

Bamaga in far north Queensland as part of this month's Domestic Violence Prevention Month, serving as a permanent reminder that domestic violence is never okay.

Issues such as cyber bullying will be addressed by NPA Family and Community Services Healing Centre staff

during badge-making workshops and yarnning circles, and staff will be taking to the streets in all five NPA communities to promote the message of non-violence, as well as providing information about seeking legal assistance.

Other activities will include an interactive trivia wheel, which is being built by boys at the Men's Shed in New Mapoon.

The NPA FACS Healing Centre team said it was excited to be partnering with the Men's Shed and local

supermarket IBIS to create the Bamaga mural.

Domestic Violence Prevention Month will culminate in an outdoor cinema event and a sausage sizzle in Bamaga on 1 June.

Anyone experiencing domestic or family violence can contact the NPA FACS Healing Centre to speak to somebody in a safe and confidential environment on (07) 4069 3811 or (07) 4069 3611. For more information go to www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/act-as-1



A mock-up of the planned Bamaga domestic violence mural.



At the new centre opening, from left, NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton, CAAMA founders Freda Glynn and Phillip Batty and Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon. Photo courtesy CAAMA Radio

CAAMA training centre opened



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) has opened a new centre, which includes a multi-media training room, youth studio and a mobile

broadcasting unit.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon attended the opening of the new John Macumba Media and Training Centre in Alice Springs, along with Territory ministers Karl Hampton and Malarndirri McCarthy, MC Ted Egan and CAAMA founders Freda Glynn and Phillip Batty.

"Many young Indigenous people are

keenly interested in working in the media industry and a youth studio gives them a place to develop and broadcast programming that's relevant to them," Mr Hampton said, adding that the mobile broadcasting unit would allow CAAMA to tell more stories from remote locations.

Develop skills

"The truck and the training room will enable young Indigenous people to develop their skills in broadcasting and media and get accredited qualifications, which will boost their job prospects."

NT Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy said CAAMA

played an important role in ensuring Indigenous people had a strong voice.

"CAAMA, through radio, video productions and its range of media products, informs and educates the wider community of the richness and diversity of Indigenous culture," she said.

"It plays a strong role in the maintenance and promotion of language, culture, dance and music."

"CAAMA was the first Aboriginal group to be allocated a broadcasting licence in Australia, back in the 1980s, and it's been at the forefront of developments for Indigenous media ever since."

Job, training provider list set to expand



MORE than 200 organisations are to be added to the Federal Government's list of credentialled providers of Indigenous employment and training services.

Minister for Indigenous

Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins said membership of the two Indigenous Employment Program panels from which the Government contracts service providers would increase from 441 to 664.

"This expansion will result in a greater pool of talent tendering to deliver employment programs for Indigenous Australians and for businesses looking to employ Indigenous job seekers," she said.

"Adding new talent to the IEP panels will ensure employers and job-seekers can access the best support and services to meet their needs."

Ms Collins said organisations became members of the panels after being screened for due diligence and merit.

Panel members are expected to have the skills, knowledge and expertise necessary to deliver sustainable employment opportunities.

Services provided through the panel have the capacity to foster and support enterprises from conception and as they grow.

The employment panel will gain 174 new members, while the economic development and business support panel will have an extra 98.

The current 441 panel members have been offered an extension of their current IEP panel deeds until 30 June 2015.

Tas corporation in administration



TASMANIA'S Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation has been placed under special administration. The move follows a request to Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony

Beven by all five of the current directors.

The corporation, based in Latrobe near Devonport, has over the past few years undergone significant changes to its operations.

Danny Keep and Natasha Keep from the Hobart-based firm Business and Community have been appointed as the special administrators of the corporation. Business and Community specialises in change management and has experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities around Australia.

"The special administrators will work closely with the members of the corporation and its key stakeholders on reform options for the corporation. The ongoing role of the corporation will be much clearer by the end of the special administration in six months' time," Mr Beven said.

New work on Tas Aborigines

By JILLIAN MUNDY

PROFESSOR Lyndall Ryan's third authoritative and comprehensive account on the story of Tasmanian Aborigines was launched in Hobart last week. Ryan's interest was diverted to Tasmanian Aborigines while undertaking research in the Tasmanian archives for historian Manning Clarke in the 1960s and it was suggested she write a thesis on the Black War in Tasmania.

The following decade, the young Sydney-sider returned to Tasmania to begin researching her thesis on the Black War.

A chance meeting at a Hobart bar with Tasmanian Aboriginal man Tas Brown challenged everything she had learnt about the island's first people.

"This guy rolled up and said he was a Tasmanian Aborigine," Ryan said.

She went on to explain how she attempted to tell him that was not possible, that his parents must have migrated to Tasmania before he was born and that explained his strong Aboriginal features.

"Well I was certainly put in my place," she

reminisced. "He did meet up with me the next day and took me around to parts of Hobart, he very nicely pointed out that I was a bit of a troglodyte; he didn't call me that, he was charming."

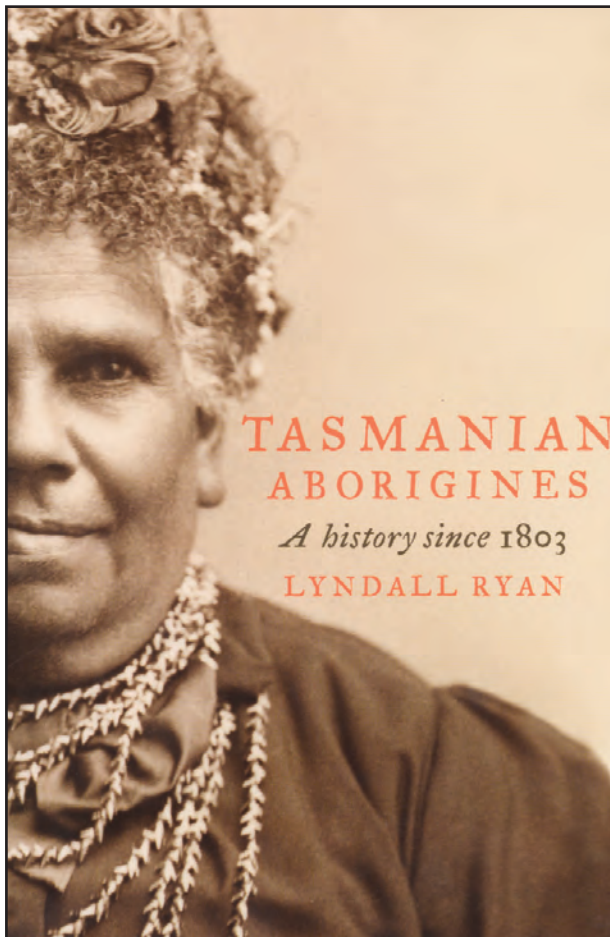
"I went back to Sydney and said to my supervisor we've got a story that is bigger than the Black War, it's going to be telling the story from nought to now, and that's how it took off."

Ryan's first book, *The Aboriginal Tasmanians*, was published in 1981, with a second edition in 1996.

At the recent launch at Fuller's bookshop café, where she discussed the new book with renowned historian Henry Reynolds before an engaged crowd, Ryan explained why her latest works with a new title and cover, is not a new edition, rather a new book, and is probably her last one on the topic.

Tasmanian Aborigines – a history since 1803, featuring Fanny Cochrane Smith on the cover, has new chapters on recent events such as court cases on Aboriginal identity and the return of ancestral remains from overseas institutions.

There's a lot of new



material based on the recent release of new settler diaries, recent debates and other historical papers and new

archaeological discoveries.

"Tasmania is a small place, archival material is extraordinarily accessible," Ryan said.

She said *Tasmanian Aborigines* has more of an international focus than her past works, due to her academic teachings of indigenous colonial experience across the globe, and the advent of email making international connections easier.

Ryan also discusses the 2002-3 'history wars' sparked by controversial historian and journalist Keith Windschuttle, who tossed accusations of a fabrication of Aboriginal history by Ryan and other leading historians such as Henry Reynolds during the Sydney Olympics.

"I was gobsmacked by it all," she explained at the launch. "Keith seemed to think I had focused on massacres and that I'd invented most of them, so of course I had to go back to the archives to check whether that was the case, and to my amazement I had missed most of the massacres that were in the Black War, I had only noted one or two."

"So that was another opportunity to go back and perhaps reconstruct a different story on lot of new information, I was ready to write. I believe Keith Windschuttle delivered

(white Australia) from a burden of feeling guilty about the past.

"Australia seems to be the only nation that does not want to confront its past, we're still in catch-up mode."

Ryan chose to feature Fanny Cochrane Smith on the cover, after her designer found the image online.

"I said, well actually Fanny is wonderful, she represents both the past and the present, and apart from the fact she has a fabulously strong face and so on, she's a kind of symbol of everything the Tasmanian Aborigines have been through in a way, I've written a great deal about her in the book," she said.

Prof Reynolds said the book would inform and move anyone with an interest in Australian history. "Lyndall Ryan's new account of the extraordinary and dramatic story of the Tasmanian Aborigines is told with passion and eloquence," he said.

Lyndall Ryan is Honorary Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Newcastle. *Tasmanian Aborigines – a history since 1803* is published by Allen & Unwin.

Memoir gets it right

RUDI MAXWELL reviews author Anita Heiss's new work *Am I Black enough for you?*

ANITA Heiss has always defied and railed against stereotype. While she may wear many different hats as a writer – academic, comic book creator, poet, novelist, children's author, blogger to name a few – and educator, she refuses to be labelled by anyone but herself.

Am I Black enough for you? is in part a response to being one of the people attacked by right-wing columnist Andrew Bolt in his notorious mistake-riddled opinion piece under the headline 'It's so hip to be black' where he claimed Aboriginal people chose to identify for personal or professional gain.

Heiss was one of the nine successful litigants who took Bolt to court for breaching the Racial Discrimination Act.

But to say that's all this book is would be to sell it way too short; it's a memoir by an immensely accomplished woman who has already lived an interesting life and that touches on many common issues affecting all Australians: racism in its overt and more subtle forms, family, history, education, relationships, language.

Heiss's book invites comparison with Bolt's column because it is everything his piece was not: well written and researched, meticulously

referenced, critical without resorting to insult, humorous without being snide, positive and honest.

She does not seek to speak for everyone's experience of Aboriginality; indeed she argues that no-one can because there are as many different definitions of Aboriginality as there are Aboriginal people.

Where she is frustrated about issues or attitudes she articulates it in a critical and forthright manner without being unpleasant or vitriolic.

Heiss is a powerful writer whose unique writing experience across many different genres allows her a style that is at once intelligent, accessible, unconventional and non-linear (kids, don't try this at home – if you're going to break all the rules you need to know how to follow them first).

Nails it

Memoir can be tricky, but Heiss nails it; she's such an honest writer that she's prepared to look back at her younger self and admit where she could have done better; she treads lightly at times and stomps her high-heeled shoes at others.

She's funny, confident, poignant and self-deprecating and writes about the self-doubt that occasionally assails her despite her many incredible accomplishments and successes.

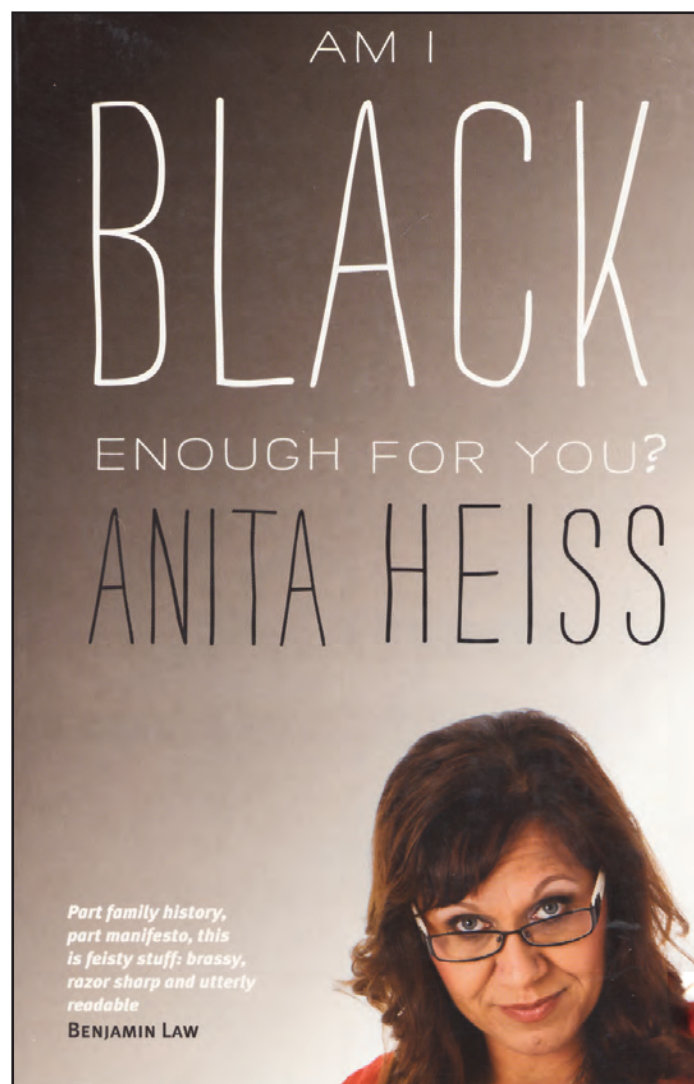
The parts I particularly enjoyed were the sections Heiss wrote about

her family and the love stories of her parents and maternal grandparents. Heiss is a self-confessed romantic and the tales of her grandmother Amy Talence, a member of the Stolen Generations, and her four-year courtship with Wiradjuri warrior James Williams are based on letters between the two and conversations with her mother.

Heiss writes that she draws strength from 'the incredibly hard life my grandmother lived' and that she 'needs to do more than just enjoy the rights that she and the rest of my family went without for so long – I also need to use my position and privilege to help others in the community make the most of the rights our people have fought for'.

Am I Black enough for you? is argued in such a reasonable and compelling manner that at least some members of the mainstream media might stop automatically resorting to stereotype when writing about Aboriginal people. And at least some non-Aboriginal readers will question their views and come away with a better understanding of the diversity and complexity of some of the issues confronting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

One day's newspaper may be next week's mulch, but Dr Heiss can be confident that well-written and reasoned books stay in the consciousness much longer.



Medal is just what the doctor ordered!



WHEN Health Science graduate from Flinders University in Adelaide Jessica Beinke heard she'd won the Ken

Wanganeen Medal, she had to Google it to find out what it was.

It's the medal awarded to the Indigenous graduate with the highest grade point average in their final two years, named after Flinders' second Indigenous graduate, and with her high marks Ms Beinke is now studying post-graduate medicine.

"I worked pretty hard, and had

tutoring with Yunggorendi First Nations Centre, but you've got to put in the hard yards to get results," Ms Beinke, a Ngadjuri woman, said.

"I'm one of those nerdy people who likes studying, I like having a lot to do, and I find the human body and how it all works really interesting."

Ms Beinke did a Health Science degree because she was interested in nutrition, but now thinks she would like to be a GP or a dermatologist.

"When I was at high school I never really thought I had the brains for medicine but I got really



Yunggorendi First Nations Centre at Flinders University director Simone Ulalka Tur with Ken Wanganeen Medal winner Jessica Beinke.

good grades in nutrition, human physiology and biology and really enjoyed them. Then I found the Indigenous entry pathway, and got accepted," she said.

"Medicine is a lot of work, a lot of time, so I don't have a lot of time for socialising, but it's really interesting.

"As I'm doing things like going

for a run, I'm thinking 'My heart is doing this' and I'm visualising in my head what's really happening.

"I really want to work helping people."



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Second-year student Bridgette Hey is a University of Newcastle ambassador for the degree and is keen to spread the word to high school students that the study of Aboriginal culture is available at a tertiary level.

"In my role as an ambassador for the course I'll be attending career expos and visiting schools to let students know what the course is about. I think selecting cultural or Aboriginal studies as a subject in high school will prepare students well for this course," Bridgette said.

"I really enjoy the course due to the variety of options available and the smaller class sizes. I've selected art and cultural studies subjects and I'm considering working in counseling or the health service after graduation," Bridgette said.

Course majors include: ancient history and classical languages, community welfare and human services, economic policy analysis, linguistics, sociology, anthropology and a range of other courses to choose from.

Graduates can find employment in a range of fields such as: Aboriginal affairs, legal services, land councils, community services, counseling, education, health services, administration and policy development.

Applications for enrolment for this course should be made through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) by Friday 8 June 2012.

When applying, make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to be eligible for the University of Newcastle's Alternative Entry Program.

If you are looking for advice on career and UAC choices, contact The Wollotuka Institute on 02 4921 6863 or Wollotuka@newcastle.edu.au

Jason leads the way at Lismore High



Bundjalung man Jason Bell is Lismore High School's first Aboriginal vice captain.

By RUDI MAXWELL



AT the Lismore High School special assembly to announce leadership

positions, Jason Bell's heart was pumping.

"My heart just froze, then I heard my name read out as vice captain and it was a really special moment, the most important moment in my life," the 18-year-old Bundjalung man said.

Jason is the first Aboriginal student to fill a top leadership position at Lismore High since the school's establishment in 1920.

"It's the same school my

mum, uncles and aunties all went to, so to be the first Indigenous vice captain ever feels pretty special," he said.

"My mum was a bit shocked when I told her I was going for vice captain, but she inspired me to do it, saying it would be good to have an Indigenous role model for young kids at the school.

"I asked my mum what was school like when she was there, she said it was all right but there was still some racism, so I thought it would be good to be the first Indigenous captain.

"I've been there since 2008, and everyone gets along, black and white, it doesn't matter what race you are, everyone's friendly."

Jason was also inspired by listening to a speech by former Lismore High student Rhoda Roberts, a Bundjalung woman and one of Australia's top arts administrators.

"I'd seen (Rhoda) on TV and then she came to speak to assembly and I couldn't believe how successful she is. She went to Lismore High and look at where she is now," he said.

Sportsman

Jason is a talented sportsman, competing in state-level cross country and playing rugby league for Lismore Marist Brothers since he was young.

He is taking his school responsibilities seriously, finding that young kids look

up to him and value his opinion.

"People who have trouble, you give them a bit of mentoring, that's the job when you're vice captain, as well as hosting the assemblies and attending special events," he said.

"Every time I walk to class some of the younger kids want to have a yarn – when I was that age everyone looked so big but now it's the other way round."

Jason wants to inspire other young Aboriginal students to go for their goals.

"You can do anything you put mind to, don't listen to the criticism out there, whatever goal you have in your mind, you can do it, that's what I did," he said.

"In primary school, I never

had the chance to go for it, but things change in high school. When I was nominating I started having second thoughts, but my teachers came up to me, my peers, my mates, and other people and they all told me I'd be good at it and explained that people look up to me."

Jason is looking forward to doing his Higher School Certificate and then hopes to study law or join the army or the Australian Federal Police.

"I'd like to change my environment for a while, then eventually come back and visit Lismore High – I want to go back in five or 10 years, be in some high job and show them what I achieved," he says.

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Applications for these positions are sought only from people who identify as Aboriginal and/ Torres Strait Islander.



Flinders honorary doctorate for NT Deputy Administrator



DEPUTY Administrator of the Northern Territory Patricia Miller has added another feather to her cap, being awarded an honorary doctorate from South Australia's Flinders University last month.

The senior Arrernte woman's latest accolade recognised her major contribution to legal, sporting, social and higher education development in Central Australia and the NT.

Flinders University chancellor Stephen Gerlach awarded Dr Miller her degree of Doctor of the University honoris causa at the university's main campus in Bedford Park, Adelaide.

It was, in fact, Dr Miller's second honorary doctorate, having received her first from Charles Darwin University in 2006.

She has received many other awards and honours in recognition of her work, including being made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2004.

She has served on the board of management of the Centre for Remote Health in Alice Springs since 2008. The centre is jointly-run by Flinders and Charles Darwin universities and is devoted to training, education and research that supports the provision of health care in remote areas.

Professor John Wakerman, director of the Centre for Remote Health, said that the honorary degree was well-deserved recognition of the role Dr Miller had played in supporting university activity in the



Dr Patricia Miller receives her honorary doctorate from Flinders University chancellor Stephen Gerlach.

NT since the inception of the Centre for Remote Health.

"As a board member, Pat has continued to provide strong strategic advice and active encouragement of our teaching and research activities," Prof Wakerman said.

Born in Alice Springs, Dr Miller joined the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS) in 1978 and since 1982 has overseen its growth and development as its CEO.

She also currently plays a prominent role, by virtue of being a native title

holder, within the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation which represents Arrernte native title holders, and chairs Lhere Artepe Enterprise.

A keen sports player, she represented Alice Springs in basketball and the Northern Territory in hockey, and served on committees for the Alice Springs associations of both sports.

Dr Miller was appointed as Deputy Administrator of the NT in 2002, a role in which she carries out a range of ceremonial duties on behalf of the Administrator in Central Australia.

Ministerial praise for Two Streams



A PROGRAM designed to help Aboriginal students stay at school has been praised by Federal School Education Minister Peter Garrett.

Mr Garrett was speaking after visiting the Two Streams program at Shoalhaven High School in Nowra, southern NSW.

Two Streams is a pilot program run by the Greenacres organisation aimed at helping Aboriginal school students remain in school as well as make the transition from school to work or further education.

"It's vital that students who are struggling or at risk of dropping out receive support and help to stay in school and get a good education," Mr Garrett said.

"The Two Streams project is a great example of how this can be achieved."

Under the program, Shoalhaven High School students in Year 10 and below receive encouragement and support with their class work. They are offered incentives such as participation in leisure activities they are interested in, provided they stay in school and show their commitment.

Students in Years 11 and 12 who want to remain in school but need extra support are also taking part in the scheme, through tutorials and learning assistance. The students also take part in cultural studies and activities to build their confidence and self-esteem.

"Both sets of students have shown a marked improvement in their school attendance and engagement and are really benefitting from the extra attention and individual help being given," Mr Garrett said. "Thanks to this project, 30 local students who were at real risk of dropping out of school now have every chance of completing Year 12 and going on to jobs or further study, and to fulfilling and productive lives."

Greenacres CEO Steve Beard said three local Aboriginal employees were working on the Two Streams project, providing positive role models for the students taking part.

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Law students win support



THREE promising law students have received a boost to their academic pursuits, after being named 2012 recipients of the John Koowarta

Reconciliation Law Scholarship.

The Law Council of Australia announced early last week that Peter Dawson, Melinda Mitchell and Danielle Davis would each receive a scholarship.

Council president Catherine Gale said all three embodied the values, principles and passion with which John Koowarta, for whom the scholarship was named, lived his life and fought for Indigenous legal rights.

The scholarship commemorates Mr Koowarta – a member of the Winychanam community at Aurukun and a traditional owner of the Archer River region on Cape York Peninsula in Queensland.

Since its establishment in 1994, the scholarship has helped 22 Indigenous law students in their pursuit of an education in the law.

Peter Dawson, in his fourth year of law at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle, said winning the scholarship was a great honour.

"It's great to be recognised for the work I've done during my university studies, but it's also a great honour because the scholarship is in memory of John Koowarta which provides inspiration to continue my studies and take up the fight for Indigenous justice issues," he said.

Legal officer goal

Melinda Mitchell is studying law at James Cook University in Townsville – having already completed an arts degree at Macquarie University – and is aiming to become a legal officer in the Australian Defence Force at the completion of her studies.

She said she was very proud to receive the scholarship.

"John Koowarta was an inspirational advocate for Indigenous people so to be linked to that is quite humbling," Ms Mitchell said.

Danielle Davis is studying a

Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Psychological Science at Griffith University and said the scholarship had added to her desire to pursue Indigenous legal issues through her education.

Ms Davis said she was honoured to win, particularly given the standard of applicants was so high.

"It's important to have scholarships like this available to Indigenous students so they can have the same level of access to higher education as everyone else," she said.

Ms Gale said it was a great honour to present Mr Dawson, Ms Mitchell and Ms Davis with their scholarships.

"They are great role models to all young Indigenous people through their hard work and commitment to their culture and community," she said.

"The Law Council is proud of what the John Koowarta Scholarship has helped its recipients achieve and we consider it an important part of promoting Indigenous involvement in the legal profession."

New top role at CQU



A PRO Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) has been appointed by CQUniversity.

Indigenous health expert Professor Bronwyn Fredericks has taken up the new role following a commitment between the university and Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA).

Under the \$1.8 million arrangement aimed at closing the gap, 15 new scholarships for students from all backgrounds will also be funded.

As well as being Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement), Prof Fredericks will also be the BMA Chair in

Indigenous Engagement.

The jointly-funded position is designed to support outreach activities between the university and the Central Queensland region's many Indigenous communities.

CQUniversity vice-chancellor and president Scott Bowman said the position had been a long time in the planning and would form a vital part of CQUniversity's senior leadership team.

"CQUniversity is at the forefront of Indigenous tertiary education in Australia, with an Indigenous student population that is already double the level of national targets," Prof Bowman said.

"Prof Fredericks has an exemplary track record in

academic leadership and, with her strong ties to Central Queensland, is the perfect person to take on this vital role. I am very much looking forward to embarking on this exciting journey of improved Indigenous engagement with her at the helm."

Partnership

BMA asset president Stephen Dumble said the company was proud to strengthen its partnership with CQUniversity to help deliver improved education pathways for Indigenous people living and working in the region.

"BMA is committed to increasing opportunities for Indigenous people in the Central Queensland region, and this partnership with CQU will

strengthen engagement with the Indigenous community and deliver better educational outcomes on the ground," he said.

"Our contribution to this important new role, along with 15 new scholarships for prospective CQUniversity students, will help build a positive, sustainable future for our communities."

Prof Fredericks said she was honoured to be taking up her 'challenging but exciting' new position. "I am looking forward to working with Indigenous communities to identify ways to build their capacity in education, employment and general equality of opportunity, and then helping bring this to fruition," she said.

"I will work to advance

CQUniversity's Indigenous engagement agenda and endeavour to improve educational outcomes for CQUniversity's Indigenous student cohort past, present and future. I also intend to build on the excellent platform already established by the university's Nulloo Yumbah Centre for Indigenous Learning, Spirituality and Research.

"As the BMA Chair in Indigenous Engagement I hope to expand the university's outreach efforts with the region's Indigenous communities, in line with BMA's Indigenous relations plan, and help to put in place pathways to education, training and employment opportunities that can lead to a brighter future."

Celebrations at latest JCU graduations

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



YOUNG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women were amongst the recent graduates

from Townsville's James Cook University. Almost 700 students graduated from courses across four faculties (Law Business and the Creative Arts; Science and Engineering; Medicine Health and Molecular Sciences and Arts; and Education and Social Services).

Ceremonies at the JCU Campus and the Townsville Entertainment Centre on 13 and 14 April were attended by family and friends of the graduates.

The *Koori Mail* was at the entertainment centre and spoke to Indigenous graduates Jasmin Onus (Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Business), Gresham Congoo (Bachelor of Business) and Richard Whitla (Bachelor of Law).

All three have already secured employment in their chosen fields.

Ms Onus, 22, is now working as a legal adviser with the Northern Land Council in Darwin and is enjoying the challenges of the job.

She was accompanied by

her parents James and Florence and her siblings and family who travelled from WA and NT to celebrate with her.

Mr Congoo, 23, whose family originates from Palm Island, is employed by Centrelink. Accompanying him at the graduation ceremony were his parents Chris and Shirley, grandmother Carol George and sister Zoey.

"I have a job at Centrelink and it has been good to have my family here," Mr Congoo said.

Mr Whitla, 24, is employed by Groves and Clark Solicitors in the Burdekin and was also accompanied by his parents and siblings.

Proud

Proud father Chris Congoo said his parents (Gresham's grandparents) were Bill and Rosemary Congoo from Palm Island, who were involved in the strike of 1957.

"My mother and father always instilled in me the importance of education and Gresham is the first of my family to complete a university degree and he had to make a lot of sacrifices to achieve his goal," Chris Congoo told the *Koori Mail*.

"I spent my early years growing up on Palm Island for a period of time, and we are very proud of Gresham

and his achievements."

Suzanne Bowyang, Sharly Murdoch, Angela Hastie, Micheal Beale, Joanne Lilly and Christine Gaden-Grohn all graduated with a Bachelor of Education.

Juliana Donovan, who graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering-Bachelor of Science, is from the Kalkadoon people of the Mount Isa region.

Carly Taylor graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Geology) and was born in Wollongong and travelled to Nowra, where she did her primary schooling.

Jacob Tapp completed all the required subjects for a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Marine Biology, although he has been accepted in the honours program for 2011, and upon completion will graduate in 2013.

Mr Tapp is from Kogarah Bay, NSW and his mob are the Worimi people from the Taree area.

Other achievements were: Koowartha Law Scholarship 2012 Melinda Mitchell; Lexis Nexis Prize – JCU (highest pass mark in any third or fourth year law elective) Melinda Mitchell; Centrelink Indigenous Cadetship Jasmin Phillips; National Indigenous Cadetship Micah Roe; Cape York Institute HEPT scholarships Jahmillah Johnson and Phillip Obah.



Jasmin Onus front (in academic robe) with, from left, her dad James, sisters Jesse and Jacinta, mum Florence, sister Likaia and niece Armani Mooka.



● Above: From left, Zoey Congoo, Chris Congoo, graduate Gresham Congoo, Shirley Congoo and Carol George.

● Left: Graduates Richard Whitla and Jasmin Onus after the ceremony in Townsville.

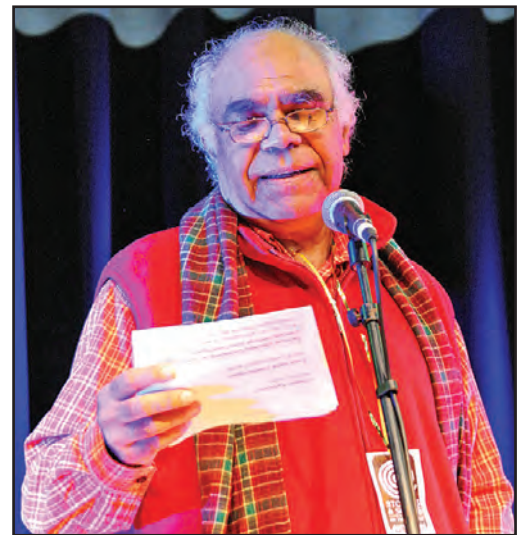
HEPP concert at Coffs Harbour



Aunty Emily Walker led the Stories and Songs performers in story telling. With her on stage are, from left, lecturer and international research liaison with SCU's Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples Johnnie Aseron (Haudenosee/Lakota), Melbourne-based Tasmanian musician Nick Larkins and traditional Tibetan musician Tenzin Choegyal, whose vocal talents have been described as 'heaven on earth'.



An exhibition of works by Wiradjuri artist Danielle Burford, from central NSW formed part of the Coffs Harbour event.



Gumbaynggirr Elder Uncle Harry Mumbulla gave the welcome to country.

Indigenous festival is the goal



A CONCERT was held last month at Southern Cross

University's Coffs Harbour campus as part of an ongoing Higher Education Participation and Partnerships (HEPP) project, which it is hoped will culminate with an Indigenous education festival at the end of September.

The HEPP program was established in 2010 by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, with the aim of increasing the participation of people from low socio-economic status backgrounds to 20 per cent of

undergraduate enrolments by 2020.

Lecturer and international research liaison with SCU's Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples Johnnie Aseron (Haudenosee/Lakota) was one of the performers at the *Stories and Songs of the People* concert.

Conversation

Mr Aseron said the project was centred around having a conversation with Indigenous people and asking the question: 'why we do, or why we do not, participate in higher education'.

"There have been some extraordinary conversations," he said.

Performers on the night included Tenzin Choegyal, a Tibetan who lived in exile in India as a child but now resides in Australia, and who is renowned for his soaring vocals and flute and dranyen (long necked lute) playing, Melbourne-based Tasmanian musician Nick Larkins, and storyteller Aunty Emily Walker.

Mr Aseron said there was also a community forum and discussion and a large number of Elders attended from as far away as Forster.

"It was an extraordinarily special night," he said. "It was a really good way to have interesting conversations in a cultural manner."

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Top nurse on job in far north



QUEENSLAND'S Northern Peninsula region is benefitting from health-care expert Nicole Ramsamy. Ms Ramsamy, Queensland's first Indigenous nurse practitioner, has spent the past nine years based at Queensland Health's Primary Health Care Clinic in Pormpuraaw.

She has now moved her family, including her partner and two children, to Weipa to take on the nurse practitioner role.

"I'm based at Weipa Hospital, but spend one day a fortnight at Mapoon and visit Napranum every week," Ms Ramsamy said.

"It's been great so far working with the Indigenous health workers, doctors, nurses, allied health staff and operational staff here – they're fantastic and very supportive."

Ms Ramsamy completed a Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies at the University of Queensland – the first Indigenous person to do so.

She was also the first Indigenous person to graduate with a Masters of Midwifery from the University of Southern Queensland, and has nursed at Yarrabah and the Torres Strait, as well as in Mackay and England.

"Being a nurse practitioner means I can do things for people they previously had to wait to see a doctor about," Ms Ramsamy said.

"I can arrange investigative tests to narrow things down and treat them."

Ms Ramsamy is the second nurse practitioner for Cape York, joining Kym Boyes, who specialises in women's health, at Cooktown.

As the most senior clinical nurses, nurse practitioners can write referrals for patients to see specialists, prescribe medications and request X-rays, blood tests and other diagnostic tests.

They can often treat people sooner and, by freeing up doctors for more specialist work, nurse practitioners are helping meet the growing demand for quality health care.

Home visits

Ms Ramsamy said she intended to link in with existing health services to hold clinics and home visits in Aboriginal communities.

"I can take the service directly to the people that need it and chat to them about their health where they're most comfortable," she said.

"I can talk to people about how to prevent diabetes and hopefully detect any abnormalities before they progress."

The nurse practitioner role was established in Queensland in 2005 and there are now more than 100 endorsed nurse practitioners in public and private health facilities across the State.



Queensland's first Indigenous nurse practitioner, Nicole Ramsamy, with young patient Requendon Gilouma at the Pormpuraaw clinic.

Hi-tech health boost



HEALTH in Queensland's far north has received a major hi-tech boost.

Doctors and other health professionals in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area now have access to The Viewer, a Qld Health computer system of accessing patient information from any location in their region.

Qld Health says The Viewer, which allows patient records from different locations to be

seen in one place, provides faster access to patient information and results.

This can assist with the early identification, treatment and management of disease in Indigenous communities.

Yorke Island Primary Health Care Centre doctor Andrew Hamilton said The Viewer gave him immediate access to monitor his patients, who could be in Thursday Island or Cairns base hospitals.

"I now have access to blood results and X-ray reports quicker than it takes for the

patients to travel back to the island," he said.

Qld Health says the availability of The Viewer helps clinicians to focus on improving early detection and treatment of chronic illnesses.

The Viewer is the latest eHealth solution to be introduced to Qld Health facilities, joining existing digital breast screening, anaesthetics, radiology, discharge summary and mental health solutions which are already accessible in many rural and remote locations across the state.

Flu vaccinations urged in SA



SOUTH Australians at risk of contracting the flu have been urged to get immunised this year. Health Minister John Hill says the flu is a serious illness and accounts for about 20,000 hospital admissions and up to 2000 deaths each year.

The Minister lined up with doctors and nurses at the Royal Adelaide Hospital recently to get his flu shot and has urged health workers and others at risk of the virus – which includes Aboriginal people – to do the same.

"Every day, doctors and nurses are in close contact with patients for whom catching the flu

could have very serious consequences," Mr Hill said. "That's why it's really important for health workers to get vaccinated and give themselves the best protection possible against the virus."

"People who are particularly at risk from complications associated with influenza should also make sure they get vaccinated."

"This includes pregnant women, people over 65 years of age, Aboriginal people and anyone with a chronic medical condition, such as heart disease, lung disease and diabetes."

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Better health is in Kyly's future



Kyly Mills ... "My key focus is in health from a humanitarian perspective. Photo courtesy QUT



KAMILAROI woman Kyly Mills is well on the way to a career in health. The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) third year Bachelor of Health Sciences student says she has long had a desire to improve the health of all Australians.

This has led her to pursue a career in the public health sector, with a particular emphasis on Indigenous women.

Ms Mills, whose family comes from the Moree area of northern NSW, has just completed a summer vacation placement as research assistant for Professor Bronwyn Fredericks from QUT's 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 and it's something that I have become even more aware of since starting back at uni this year," she said.

"The biggest outcome working with Prof Fredericks was helping to organise the North Brisbane Indigenous Women's Wellness Summit as well as co-authoring a number of papers and articles.

Employed

"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.

"To be an undergrad and have my name on so many papers already has been such an achievement."

Ms Mills said the work she has completed since being awarded the scholarship and the subsequent

Indigenous internship has been an 'amazing learning curve' which has helped her to focus on her career aspirations.

"It sounds like a cliché, but everything really has fallen into place since I got the scholarship," she said.

"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.

"Giving up my summer holidays to do this work, which has such a strong focus on Indigenous women, has really opened my mind to what needs to be done and made me such a better person.

"It's a big task, but something I'm really looking forward to working on."

For more information on the Vacation Research Experience Scholarship, visit www.qut.edu.au

2012 Victorian Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program

The 2012 Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in their 2nd or 3rd year of a bachelor degree in nursing or midwifery the chance to undertake their studies whilst working at a Victorian public health service.

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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.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander medical student bursary

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

NSW home program is a winner



A HOUSING program that upgraded more than 500 houses for Aboriginal

people in New South Wales has won an award for improving health.

The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office recently received a special recognition award for Excellence in Indigenous Health from the NSW Health Department.

The AHO's Build and Grow Aboriginal Community Housing Strategy was recognised in the Environmental Health Initiatives category.

AHO deputy chief executive officer Ivan Simon said Aboriginal housing programs were an essential element to closing the gap.

"It is wonderful to see that this has been acknowledged at these awards," he said.

"Build and Grow paves the way for improvements in the way housing services are delivered to Aboriginal communities.

"It will repair houses, provide subsidies to help Aboriginal community housing providers and deliver improved health outcomes through safe and appropriate housing.

"A new robust registration system, capacity building assistance and a new rent setting approach are some of the key elements that will work



'Build and Grow paves the way for improvements in the way housing services are delivered to Aboriginal communities'

– AHO deputy chief executive officer Ivan Simon

to improve housing for Aboriginal communities."

Mr Simon said more than 500 properties would have been upgraded under the Build and Grow repairs and maintenance or refurbishment programs by 30 June.

Benefits

"The AHO is working with NSW Health to integrate the Housing for Health methodology into the repairs and maintenance program to achieve optimal health benefits

from upgrades to homes," he said.

"The link between poor housing and health outcomes is well documented.

"This award is recognition that Build and Grow is an innovative program that will improve the long-term viability and sustainability of Aboriginal community housing providers.

"It means that Aboriginal providers can continue to deliver culturally appropriate housing solutions to communities most in need."

Nurse of the Year finalist is no quitter



Nurse of the Year finalist David Copley.



ANTI-SMOKING campaigner David Copley is a finalist in the Nurse of the Year category

of the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

Of Kaurna and Peramangk descent, Mr Copley is himself a cancer survivor and now plays a prominent role as Quitline liaison officer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) communities.

He is the Cancer Council and Quit SA's inaugural Indigenous liaison officer and works to make Quitline services more culturally sensitive, accessible and effective.

Mr Copley works with individual Aboriginal health workers, clients, Elders and colleagues with the goal of developing the best possible tools to support clients who want to reduce or quit smoking.

The Nurse of the Year will be named in Melbourne on 10 May. The winner will receive a \$5000 ME Bank EveryDay Transaction Account and a \$5000 education grant.

Quitline says Mr Copley's work has helped double the number of Aboriginal clients wanting to stop smoking.

"If this level of engagement continues, over the next five years more than 800 Aboriginal clients will have experienced better health outcomes and life expectancy because of the initiatives he has implemented," it says.

"Smoking is a major

high rates of tobacco use.

"Why do we smoke so much? What are the social determinants?" he said.

"When we talk to Aboriginal clients we don't tell them they have to quit now. We talk about why they are smoking and we talk about going on a journey to reduce smoking that might end with quitting."

Mr Copley said smoking-related cancer was three times more prevalent in Indigenous communities than the rest of the population, and the mortality rate was also significantly higher.

He works closely with Aboriginal health services and divisions of general practice in Adelaide and areas including Port Lincoln and Port Augusta providing training and support programs to encourage Aboriginal

health professionals to reduce their own smoking rates and make health services smoke-free environments.

His role also includes providing cultural training to Quitline staff in metropolitan and regional areas of South Australia to help them better understand Aboriginal communities.

'It is estimated that smoking causes 12 per cent of the sickness and bad health, and 20 per cent of all deaths in Aboriginal populations'

contributor to the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and other people. It is estimated that smoking causes 12 per cent of the sickness and bad health, and 20 per cent of all deaths in Aboriginal populations."

Mr Copley said it was important to understand why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities had

New DVD, clip is Smart and Deadly



A NEW DVD and YouTube clip called Smart and Deadly has been launched in Victoria to deliver sexual health promotions to rural Aboriginal young people.

Created by young people in north-east Victoria through the University of Melbourne's Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH), the DVD resource encourages respectful relationships, sexual health and pride.

The resource is a guide for professionals and organisations wanting to collaborate with Aboriginal communities to deliver sexual health promotion to rural Aboriginal young people.

CERSH senior health promotions co-ordinator Kylie Stephens said local Elders and workers contributed to providing guidance and support throughout the production of the DVD and YouTube clip

Ms Stephens said humour was used to cover serious topics such as ethical relationships, sexually transmissible infections,

negotiating consent and respectful relationships.

"It is part of our commitment to strive to develop health promotion programs sensitively with the community itself to build detailed knowledge of the community and to work collaboratively and respectfully," Ms Stephens said.

"We acknowledge that health promotion practice in the rural context encapsulates partnerships, service integration, holistic and multi-strategic approaches and strengths-based participation."

This project was co-ordinated and funded by the Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health at the Rural Health Academic Centre and funded by the Department of Health, Victoria. The Hume Region in Northern Victoria has the largest regional Aboriginal community in Victoria.

Ms Stephens said CERSH worked in partnership with 20 local and statewide Aboriginal organisations, health and community services and educational institutions using the principles of community development and Aboriginal health promotion practice.



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Health

New dance company treading lines



A NEW dance company has been launched as a platform to promote and sustain Aboriginal culture.

Ochre Contemporary Dance is comprised of Aboriginal and other dancers, choreographers, and arts professionals and will perform a new work, *Treading*

Lines, which explores song-lines that cross and travel from the north to the south of Western Australia's five regions.

Treading Lines will be performed by five dancers of mixed origin, accompanied by a live soundscape created by didgeridoo musician Heath Bergersen and students from the WA

Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) Aboriginal Theatre course.

'Treading Lines' is choreographed by Simon Stewart, a WA Indigenous artist who lectures at WAAPA and has worked with a number of performing arts companies nationally and internationally.

Founding director and board member

Louise Howden-Smith said the new dance company was deeply rooted in 'life and heritage' and embraced a connection to the West Australian story. She said the company's aim was to present deep and emotionally charged performances that went beyond simply 'dance and steps' to speak to the human spirit.

Body set to run Darwin art fair

A NEW foundation has been formed to take charge of the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.

Franchesca Cubillo, a Larrakia woman who is the senior curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art at the National Gallery of Australia, will chair the new Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair Foundation.

Representatives from the Indigenous visual arts sector, community arts centre representatives and high-profile Indigenous leaders will join Ms Cubillo on the board. They include Phillip Watkins, chief executive officer of Desart, and Christina Davidson, chief executive officer of the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA).

Art centre representatives include Cathy Cummins from Warringarri Arts in Kununurra, Claire Summers from Babbarra Design in Maningrida, and Cecelia Alfonso from Warlukurlangu Arts in Yuendumu.

Indigenous philanthropy expert Russell Smith will also join the board, along with senior Larrakia representative Bill Risk.

Ms Cubillo said the foundation representatives were excited and determined to generate additional support and increase the national profile of the art fair.

"We are equally mindful of maintaining the integrity and focus of Aboriginal art centres and artists across the country," Ms Cubillo said.

"The Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair coincides with the Darwin Festival and the NATSIAA Awards and contributes to a national focus on Darwin's celebration of Indigenous arts and culture."

The Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre from 10-12 August this year.

Ms Cubillo said art centre registrations were now open and art centres across the country were invited to participate.

To register go to www.darwinaboriginalartfair.com.au



Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award pre-selection panel members, from left, Gordon Pupangmirri, Glenn Iseger-Pilkington, Dr Christiane Keller, Professor Roger Benjamin and Bindi Cole.

280 entries for Telstra awards



ABORIGINAL artists from across Australia are in the running for the prestigious – and lucrative – Telstra art awards.

The award judges have been choosing their favourites from the more than 280 entries that were submitted to this year's 29th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA).

The Telstra art awards comprises the \$40,000 Telstra Award and \$4000 to other categories including the Telstra General Painting Award, the Telstra Bark Painting Award, the Telstra Work on Paper Award and the Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Award (also sponsored by Telstra) in addition to the Telstra New Media Award.

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) director Pierre Arpin said 20 per cent of the entries were from first-time entrants, which showed there continued to be strong interest in the awards.

"Most states and territories are well represented this year, with about one-third of entries coming from the Northern Territory and 199 works entered into the painting category," Mr Arpin said.

Finalists

Senior curator of Indigenous art and material culture Dr Christiane Keller said the finalists were likely to be announced early this month.

Joining Dr Keller on the pre-selection

panel were Professor Roger Benjamin, Glenn Iseger-Pilkington, Bindi Cole and Gordon Pupangmirri.

Telstra chief customer officer Gordon Ballantyne said it was fabulous to see so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists embrace the awards.

"It's great to see so many first-time entrants submit their work," he said.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the diversity of artworks and learning about the stories behind them; whether it is translated onto a bark, canvas, paper or digital projection."

The 29th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award exhibition opens, and award presentations will be made, on Friday 10 August.



Patrick Thaiday performing in *Fire – A Retrospective*. Photo by Jason Capobianco

Thaiday says he'll be back

By DARREN COYNE

AFTER ten years dancing on stages around the world, you might think that Patrick Thaiday would have overcome the butterflies associated with performing.

But for the long-time Bangarra dancer, his performance at the Sydney Opera House on 25 April was particularly special... it was to be his final outing as a dancer with the company.

"I'm feeling nervous. A bit scared, but at the same time happy because it's my time to leave," he told the *Koori Mail* before appearing on stage in Stephen Page's *Warumuk – in the dark night*.

"I really want to take a break and go home to Mackay in central Queensland and connect up with my family.

"I'm always on the road touring and I never have time for family and it's been nagging me for years."

But while the seasoned performer is looking for some quiet time away from the spotlights for a while, Thaiday is adamant that dancing, and Bangarra, will again feature in his future.

"Dancing is something I'm passionate about doing because it gives me the opportunity to represent my people and my culture," he said.

"I am interested in becoming a teacher

and choreographer and I have some projects coming up.

"One is an educational program that will introduce dancing in remote schools called Rekindling. I'd also love to choreograph and I've approached Stephen (Page) and



Patrick Thaiday performing in *Belong (ID)*.

Photo by Jeff Busby

he's happy with some of my ideas.

"I'll definitely come back because they've really looked after me.

"Dancing has taken me to places I

never thought I'd go. In my first year we went to China, France and Morocco ... it was my first time overseas.

"Then we were off to the States, Europe and Japan."

Along the way, Thaiday forged a career as one of Bangarra's most loved and recognised dancers.

Born in Biloela, Queensland, he grew up in Mackay, although his parents came from Iama and Erub in the Torres Strait Islands.

Thaiday believes that his in-built desire to dance was derived from his parents' ancestors who originated from Lifu, the South Sea Islands and Jamaica.

With a strong cultural background, he learnt traditional dances from an early age.

Bangarra artistic director Stephen Page paid tribute to Thaiday, describing him as an inspiration.

"Patrick has been a core member of the company for the past ten years and his work deserves to be celebrated," he said.

"His passion for and commitment to Indigenous dance has been a driving force within the company and he is a point of inspiration for the younger dancers. I hope that after a well-deserved break Patrick will return to Bangarra in a different role."

From what Thaiday told the *Koori Mail*, that return seems assured.



Yabu Band brothers Boyd and Delson Stokes.

Yabu Band ready for major tour



LEADING West Australian Indigenous act Yabu Band is hitting the road this month for a major tour.

The Deadly Award-winning group will promote their new single *Petrol, Paint & Glue*, a song about the desperation of Indigenous youth affected by substance abuse and its appalling impact on Aboriginal families and communities throughout Australia.

Yabu Band will be supported by special guest John Bennett, a singer-songwriter from the Kimberley who won the West Australian Music Industry Association Indigenous Song of the Year in 2011, an APRA songwriting award and was nominated for Male Artist of the Year at the 2011 Deadly Awards.

The tour is being sponsored and supported by the WA Department of Culture and the Arts, Edith Cowan University, GWN7, Thrifty WA, Goolarri Media Enterprises, CAAMA Music, Music NT, TOO SOLID Records and Yamaha Music Australia.

Tour Dates: May 17, Albany WA; May 18, Geraldton WA; May 19, Fremantle WA; May 20, Bunbury WA; May 23, Karratha WA; May 24, Port Hedland WA; May 25, Broome WA; May 26, Kununurra WA; May 31, Melbourne Vic; and June 2 Alice Springs NT.

For more information go to VoiceProductions.com.au



Kimberley singer-songwriter John Bennett.

Disability no bar to talented artist Bai



Townsville-based artist Bai Tapau with one of her works.

By ALF WILSON



TSI TORRES Strait Islander woman Bai Tapau may have been born with a severe disability, but that has not stopped

her from becoming a talented artist and now the author of a soon-to-be-published book.

The 38-year-old was born in Townsville with shortened arms and only one finger on each hand, believed to have been caused after her mother was prescribed Thalidomide for morning sickness while she was pregnant.

When she was very young, Bai and her family moved back to their home of Murray Island where she attended primary school.

"At school the other kids used to stare at me but the teachers treated me well and I learnt how to do what all the others did with all their fingers," she said.

Her parents Margaret and

Wilfred sent Bai to Townsville for high school but she left in Year 11 and went home to Murray Island.

About 13 years ago, the reefs and marine life around her island home inspired Bai to enrol at TAFE to learn about painting and drawing.

"When on Murray Island I always sat down on the beach and looked at the nearby reef which was exposed at low tide. I wanted to paint the life around there as I liked the colours," she said.

Blossomed

Her art blossomed and Bai has completed scores of paintings, many of them selling while being displayed at places such as the Townsville Cultural Centre.

Soon, she'll publish her first book, *A Little Boy and a Dolphin*, through Townsville company Black Ink Press.

Bai has a painting room in her old Queenslander home in the Townsville suburb of Mundingburra.

"They are acrylic paintings on canvas. It takes one day to create a small one and up to three weeks for a bigger one," she told the *Koori Mail*.

One of her favourite paintings is *Pearls of Torres Strait*. "I class all Torres Strait Islands as pearls with many hidden treasures – they are all beautiful treasures but obviously I think Murray is the best," she said.

Every year Bai goes back to Murray Island to see her mother Margaret and 'baby brother' Wilfred Jnr.

"I go back to Murray every Christmas. I count the months, weeks and days as that time comes nearer," she said.

"On the bedroom wall at mum's place, I still have the first painting I did as a child back on Murray," she said.

Those trips still give Bai new ideas for more paintings.

"When the tide goes down I walk on the reef and get my inspiration for patterns and colours for my next paintings," she said.

Journey through art



ARTIST Lisa Waup began trying to piece together the puzzle of her history in 1986, and in doing so, was shocked and confronted by what she found.

Using records obtained under Freedom of Information provisions, she has been able to tell the story of her family's separation and her own journey to reconnect with her Indigenous roots both in Victoria and the Torres Strait Islands.

Ms Waup's story is now the subject of an exhibition called *A Journey's Edge*, which is on display at the Koorie Heritage Trust in King Street, Melbourne.

The exhibition includes records related to her mother's removal and her own adoption as well, and incorporates Indigenous elements from Papua New Guinea.

"My search began many years ago, in 1986 to be precise," she said.

"With my Mum at my side we went to Vanish (a Victorian adoption information organisation) to obtain my adoption records. The records given took me years to process.

"From these records I created a photographic installation explaining what I have discovered, some years later.

"The information given to me included some very confronting information written by people from various departments, giving their opinions and thoughts, to my dismay, on very personal information.



Two of the pieces from Lisa Waup's exhibition *A Journey's Edge*, *Homeward Bound* (left) and *Tracing Tracks*.

"Some years later, in early 2000, my friend Frank said he had found and contacted my birth mother Carol and that she was interested in talking to me."

Once she spoke with Carol, Ms Waup found that her birth mother and three sisters were part of the Stolen Generations, and that Carol had been taken at the age of five.

First meeting

"Through an organisation called Link-Up, in June of 2004 they brought Carol down from Darwin, we were able to meet for the first time and also met my aunty Helen," Ms Waup said.



"A bundle of information was given to me several days before we met, which had been released through the Freedom of Information Act.

"It was all about Carol's life as a child, one in and out of institutions, homes and welfare."

To create her exhibition, Ms Waup used documents such as home records, personal letters, inspectors' reports, Victorian Police statements, court records, and welfare records dating from 1955 into the 1960s.

A Journey's Edge runs until 21 June in the Aunty Joyce Johns Gallery at Koorie Heritage Trust.



Artist Lisa Waup in front of her works.

Taught by masters

By JILLIAN MUNDY



HOBART residents have been treated to a master-class with

artists Kevin and Lenie Namatjira, the grandchildren of Australia's most famous Aboriginal watercolour artist Albert Namatjira.

The masterclass was the latest in the touring Namatjira project, which includes a theatrical production about the life of Albert Namatjira, movement workshops and art exhibitions.

To the background of music from the Hermannsburg Ladies' Choir, Lenie and Kevin demonstrated their watercolour technique to 16 participants who then tried their hands at the medium. The pair also create backdrop art on stage during the theatrical production.

Lenie said it was important to tell the story of her grandfather and the early days when he started painting with his friend World War I veteran come artist Rex Battersby.

Happy way

"I liked the people (in the workshop) and the happy way," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm happy to teach my people in Hermannsburg, they're waiting for me."

Lennie was 11 when she was taught to paint by her father Oscar, who was



Lenie Namatjira and Kaninna Langford deep in concentration at the Namatjira watercolour masterclass in Hobart. (Image Courtesy of Big hART)

taught the widely recognised 'Namatjira' style from his father, Albert.

As was the case when Albert Namatjira was alive, watercolour painting of the central Australian country, made famous by Albert and now passed on to a

fifth generation of his people, is still a significant source of income for the Western Arrernte community in Hermannsburg.

During his career, Albert supported his community of about 600 people with the

income from his much sought-after paintings.

Fourteen-year-old Kaninna Langford, from Bruny Island, attended the Hobart workshop with her grandmother, artist Rosalind Langford.

"It was really exciting and a one-time

opportunity, I met Mrs Namatjira and it was like 'wow'," Kaninna said.

"It was really inspiring to see how she does her technique."

"I've been doing water colour in my journal since the art class."

Kaninna also went to

the theatrical production, which was performed around Tasmania last month.

"The play almost made me cry, Mrs Namatjira and her cousin, to see what they and their grandfather had been through," she said.

The Hobart exhibition of recent watercolours by the Namatjira family and their community, at Art Mob, finishes this Friday.

Half way

Hobart marked the half-way point of the 2012 tour of the project, which began in 2009. The stage production premiered at Sydney's Belvoir Theatre in 2010.

The Namatjira project hits Adelaide this week with performances from 4-12 May at the Festival Centre, and an accompanying watercolour exhibition opens at 5.30 on Tuesday 8 May at the Festival Centre's Artspace Gallery, and runs until 27 May.

The project then returns to the Northern Territory before heading to northern Queensland.

"Going home to Alice Springs and Ntaria (Hermannsburg) is a home-coming event, so fitting to round up the 2012 national tour with returning this story to those who own it, its caretakers the Namatjira family and their western Aranda community in Ntaria," project associate producer Cecily Hardy said.

Writers get festive



INDIGENOUS sessions at the 2012 Sydney Writers' Festival include a mixture of emerging

and established authors talking about new work, politics and the state of writing today with events held in Sydney's Walsh Bay precinct, Blacktown, Hornsby and Wollongong.

On 17 May at 11.30am, author Anita Heiss will appear in conversation with Anne Summers in a session at the Walsh Bay precinct called 'Am I Black Enough For You', discussing the challenge to her identity.

Dr Heiss will also be a special guest at a session at Wollongong City Gallery that same evening at 6pm called 'Celebrating the Voice: National and International Indigenous Writers'.

The Wollongong event will feature readings from south coast poets Ernie Blackmore and Auntie Barbara Nicholson, and joining them will be Métis theatre artist, teacher and arts

administrator Bruce Sinclair who is originally from Saskatchewan in Western Canada.

Also on 17 May, Sam Watson, Ali Cobby Eckermann and Chris Graham will discuss activism, writing and prospects for change in a session called Beyond the Tent Embassy at 1pm in the Walsh Bay precinct.

Panel

That same evening, at 6.30pm, Cobby Eckermann will also feature on a panel at Sydney University's Great Hall in a session called 'Turning the Tide'. Joining her will be Professor Larissa Behrendt, Peter Minter and Lionel Fogarty talking about the state of Indigenous literature, the role of women in literature, and literacy and education.

Historian Bill Gammage will talk about his research into Aboriginal stewardship of the land before colonisation, and his book *The Biggest Estate on Earth* at two sessions – on 15 May at 6.30pm at Hornsby Central Library and

on 17 May at 10am at the Walsh Bay precinct.

Russell Skelton discusses his book *King Brown Country: The Betrayal of Papunya* in a session on 18 May at 2.30pm in the Walsh Bay precinct.

New and established writers including Nicole Watson and Dub Leffler will join Cathy Craigie to talk about writing from culture and across genres on 18 May at 7pm at the Blacktown Arts Centre in a session called 'Kindling is for the Fire: New and Established Aboriginal Voices'.

All the above sessions are free, although bookings are required for some. See www.swf.org.au for details.

Also, on 19 May at 2.30pm, historian Lyndall Ryan will discuss her new book *The Tasmanian Aborigines: A history since 1803*, which draws on research which shows an even greater number of Aboriginal Tasmanians were massacred than previously recognised. This ticketed event is at the Walsh Bay precinct (\$15/\$10).

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National

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

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

On-going: 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 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: 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. It includes bark paintings, watercolours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email media@nma.gov.au or visit http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/

Until 6 July: Calling for registrations for

the 2012 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 'Recognising our Time'. Providing 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

2 May: Learner-driver knowledge course. ACE Lismore is offering a learner-driver course for people who want to obtain their 'P' licence. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Held in Lismore. Details: Kirsten on (02) 6622 1903 or email kirsten.e@acecolleges.edu.au or visit www.acecolleges.edu.au

2 May: ACE Lismore is offering a life skills literacy course. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Held in Lismore. Details: Kirsten on (02) 6622 1903 or email kirsten.e@acecolleges.edu.au or visit www.acecolleges.edu.au

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

5-6 May until 9-10 June: Aboriginal street art workshops, for Aboriginal artists, school HSC students and art teachers. Held over a six-week period every Saturday and Sunday. Free and all welcome. Held at the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Booragul. Must RSVP. Details: Astrid or Debbie on (02) 4965 8260 or email artgallery@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

8 May, 15 May: Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for Gooori parents. The aim of the group is to teach parenting skills and to help parents become more confident in raising their children. Free and all

welcome. Held in Casino. Details: Karen or Lisa Walker on (02) 66662 2866.

14 May: ACE Lismore is offering a skills for success course. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Held in Lismore. Details: Kirsten on (02) 66221903 or email kirsten.e@acecolleges.edu.au or visit www.acecolleges.edu.au

14 May: *Toomelah* film screening. A feature film set in Toomelah, a remote Indigenous community on the NSW-Qld border. The story centres on Daniel, a small ten-year-old boy who dreams of being a gangster. Free, no booking required. Held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Sydney. Details: Lizzie Landers on (02) 9918 2594 or visit www.asgmwp.net

23 May: St John's Ambulance senior first aid accreditation course. Aboriginal community members are invited to register their interest, places are limited to 15 people. Free. Held at Jali Land Council, 48 Tamar St, Ballina. Details: Teena Reeves on (02) 66180 400 or email teena.reeves@communities.nsw.gov.au or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

8 May: Information session: Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Coffs Harbour will hold an information session about buying or building your own home. Held at Ngulingah Land Council, 53 Conway Street, Lismore. Details: Richard on (02) 5622 8865 or 0429 104 436.

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'. This two-day conference will

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Hundreds to honour Elders in Qld walk



HUNDREDS of people are expected to take part in a trek from Beaudesert to the Gold Coast over the May Labour

Day long weekend to honour Aboriginal Elders of past years.

The 70km Drumley Walk retraces the footsteps of Billy Drumley, who regularly made the journey from Beaudesert to visit his younger sister on the Gold Coast in the 1930s and 1940s.

But the organiser of the event, Rory O'Connor, says his great grand uncle also had another motive for the walk, which he often completed in a single day, but sometimes spread out over three days while he camped in the mountains.

"He did this to visit family, but what he was actually doing was giving a role model to young kids that they should try to get educated, try to get jobs, and in that way remain exempt from The Act and therefore not be removed from their land," Mr O'Connor told AAP.

Among many other things, the 1939 Aborigines Preservation and Protection Act and the



Students take part in the 2010 Drumley Walk. – File photo

Torres Strait Islanders Act excluded Indigenous people from voting, restricted their movement, and denied them any right to the lands of their birth or even the land where their reserves were located.

It gave authorities the power to resettle them by force, remove their children without proof of neglect, censor their mail and

even forbid them to marry.

The Drumley Walk honours Elders of the past for their resilience and courage to keep living on their traditional lands.

Mr Drumley, who was born around 1853 and died in 1951, was an outstanding athlete whose many proteges included Australia's first Aboriginal senator Neville Bonner, who he

welcomed to live in his home as a child to ensure he was schooled.

"He had a real serious side to what he did, but of course the little kids, who included my mum, just remember him as being this fantastic, popular uncle who'd turn up carrying presents," Mr O'Connor said.

"He might bring fruit or

pumpkins or mum's favourite delicacy, Buneen, which are echidnas."

Mr O'Connor said his mother's stories when he was little inspired the idea of recreating an amazing journey, stopping in places like Mount Tamborine and camping overnight.

"In Aboriginal culture, with the camping goes the stories of the Mogoi, the little people who flit around the edge of the firelight, so there's a lot of romance to that, and of course there's the end of the journey where you meet your family," he said.

The first recreation of the Drumley Walk in 2005 involved Mr O'Connor and a group of about eight friends and family.

This year interest has been so great that organisers have had to limit places to about 100 people every day.

Participation will also be broken up into four sections, with four 17km walks from Beaudesert to nearby properties, a 5km walk on Mount Tambourine and a 7km walk from an Aboriginal photographic collection at the Royal Pines Resort near Surfers Paradise, to Southport, from 4-7 May.

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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/hawi

9 June: Rugby League Knockout, men's open competition. Held at Geoff New Oval, Brewarrina. Details: Kim Hardy (0428) 402 141 or Ronald Gordon (0401) 526 014 or Heidi Hardy (0413) 316 002.

18-19 July: Third annual Aboriginal and 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@critterionconferences.com or visit www.register.critterionconferences.com

Victoria

Until 24 June: 'River Woman' Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing life, culture and deep connection to the Murray River of north-west Victoria and Lake Mungo through line work, lino prints, acrylic painting and sketching by Muthi Muthi Elder and artist Barb Egan. Free and all welcome. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne, Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

Until 11 October: Aboriginal Affairs Victoria – Managing in Two Worlds –

Governance Training. A three-day introductory workshop that aims to provide high-quality training, relevant course materials also providing accommodation, meals and other specifics. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held in Melbourne from 17-19 April. Echuca 9-11 October. Details: (03) 9208 3252 or email AAV.Governance@dpcd.vic.gov.au

6 May: Knox Community Gathering: This is a special event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in Knox, and those with a connection to the area. Cultural food demonstrations, yarning circles and information stalls. Held at Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre, 1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully. Free. Details: Amy Gough on (03) 9298 8524 or email amy.gough@knox.vix.gov.au

Queensland

Until 15 May: Calling for artwork submissions. Submissions are required for an exhibition at Just Us Gallery, Brisbane, and Maroochydore, to be held in NAIDOC Week. The exhibition will showcase the works of emerging Indigenous artists from south-east Queensland. Free and all welcome. Details: Leanne (0418) 780 476 or email mcintyreleanne@gmail.com

Until 26 May: From Little Things Big Things Grow: Fighting for Indigenous Rights 1920-1970. A travelling Aboriginal art exhibition that 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

Until 28 June: Ten Steps to Learning and Leading: One day per week for ten

weeks, the program is for Indigenous women aged 17-25 years. Aimed at assisting young women to reach their full potential and empower them to be in control of their own destiny. Held at Labrador Community Hub, Labrador. Details: (07) 5679 3471 or email info@kirrawee.com.au

6 May: The Drumley Walk. The Mibunn Walk (5km) is a series of easy walks to honour Aboriginal Elders of yesteryear, for their resilience and courage to keep living on the traditional lands. Held at Mt Tamborine. Cost: \$10 adults and \$5 child/conc. Online registration essential. Details: Rory on (07) 3807 6155 or visit www.thedrumleywalk.com

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, also address sub-themes of recognition, reform, revolution, leadership legacies, families, youth, culture and country. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held at Townsville Entertainment Convention Centre, Entertainment Rd, Townsville. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email ntconference@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

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

Until 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 15 July: Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu, 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

Sydney's Greek Festival has Indigenous flavour



THE Greek Festival of Sydney this year will showcase some

Indigenous cross-cultural events, including a free screening of the documentary *Our Generation*.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with veteran journalist Jeff McMullen and senior UTS law lecturer Dr Tahlia Anthony about the impact of the NT Intervention and the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

Our Generation was launched at the Darwin Film Festival in 2010 and has won critical acclaim both in Australia and abroad. It has been dubbed 'Australia's Inconvenient Truth' by one Australian filmmaker, while McMullen has described it as, 'a red hot poker driven into the conscience of a nation'.

Told from the perspective of the traditional Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land, festival organisers say it should resonate with the Greek community, who recognise the significance of language, culture and religion (or world view), to an individual and a community's well-being.

"This film will strike chords in the hearts of migrants and their families who came to Australia

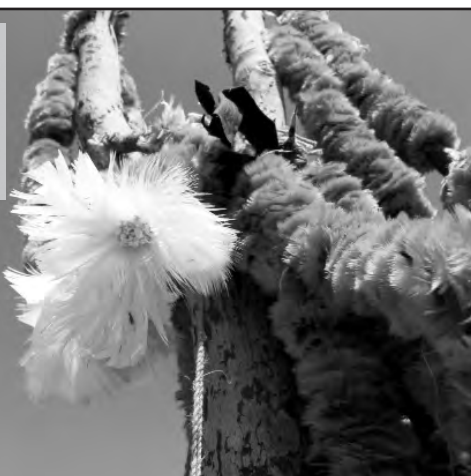
after World War II and were asked to, learn English, forget their culture and assimilate to become true 'Aussies'.

"The consequence of the assimilation policy on migrant families and communities was

loss of feelings of dignity and identity," say organisers.

Our Generation screens at the Customs House in Circular Quay, on 6 May at 4pm and entry is free. For more info call Inga Lie on 0431 321 444.

Indigenous culture will be a feature at this year's Greek Festival in Sydney. – Photos by Sinem Saban



Port Hedland to host Vibe Alive



THE Port Hedland community is gearing up to host its inaugural Vibe Alive Festival in June.

The two-day festival, for young Australians of all backgrounds, combines music, sport, art, education and information about healthy living in a high-energy, youth-friendly setting.

Vibe Alive in Port Hedland will be held at Hedland Senior High School on 20-21 June.

Port Hedland mayor Kelly Howlett said she was excited about Vibe returning to the community following the success of the Vibe 3on3 Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenge in 2011.

The town's remote location had created a very close-knit community, and the young people really looked forward to events coming in, Ms Howlett said.

"The Vibe 3on3, which is like a mini-event compared with the Vibe Alive Festival, was held here last year and it was really good," she said. "Consequently we are all looking forward to the Vibe Alive – it will be awesome for the kids."

Vibe Alive festivals allow students to sing, dance, play, create and learn in an environment where they can express themselves, share their talents and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres



Casey Donovan will be amongst performers at the inaugural Vibe Alive Festival in Port Hedland.

Strait Islander cultures.

Participants also have the opportunity to explore career options, as well as boost literacy and numeracy skills.

Vibe Alive organisers expect places at this year's event to fill quickly. Schools can register for Vibe Alive at www.vibealive.com.au. For more information email vibealive@outthereproductions.com.au or call the Vibe Australia info line – 1800 623 430.

Vibe Alive is also looking for volunteers to be part of the event. If you can help out please contact meredith@outthereproductions.com.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Celebrating Brida's success, back from left, Shane Cheedy, Matt Baartz, Brett Singh and Austin James and, front from left, Raymond Kelly, Sue Lear, Alistair Baron, Mark Mitchell and Ali Bin Sapor.

Safety a priority for the team at Brida

THEY'RE a safety-conscious mob at Aboriginal company Brida Pty Ltd. They must be, because the Pilbara-based (Western Australia) landscaping and grounds maintenance business has just celebrated 83,000 hours without a lost-time injury. That's the equivalent of 750 working days. Brida and major client

mining giant Rio Tinto celebrated the achievement in Karratha with a presentation recognising Brida employees' commitment to safe working practices.

Brida supervisor Brett Singh said it was 'great to celebrate this big milestone for a small company'.

"Our employees show a fantastic dedication to ensuring safety is a priority in

all we do and it was wonderful to reward their hard work at this event," he said.

"We have a great team that care about their work and care about each other. A big safety milestone like this is what comes from that attitude."

Rio Tinto general manager of accommodation and towns operations Alistair Baron mirrored Mr Singh's comments.

"Brida and Rio Tinto have been working together since 2008 and over this time some amazing projects and developments have been initiated and implemented," he said.

"These include the rehabilitation of some areas in Dampier, the re-establishment of Dampier Nursery and the distribution of plants to inland towns for town landscaping

projects to name a few.

"It is great to see all these amazing projects happening and a conscious effort toward doing it safely. The 83,000 hours they have completed is a significant safety milestone."

Brida's team members were presented with a commemorative iron ore sample from Rio Tinto and a gift to mark their achievement.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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**Winnunga
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Service Inc.**

Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax department regulations and organisational policy.

Social Health Worker
Social and Emotional Well Being Program

We are seeking a fulltime experienced Social Health Worker to work within our Social Health Team. The role of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Health Worker is to ensure that the programs objectives are met whilst under the supervision and direction of the Social Health Team Manager. The successful applicant would need to have the ability to problem solve effectively on a day to day basis and in crisis situations, liaise with medical staff and negotiate complex issues with clients and their families. The applicant would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, extensive counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

**Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Worker**

We are seeking a fulltime experienced female Child and Adolescent Mental Health Worker to work within our Social Health Team. The successful applicant will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of mental health and social and emotional wellbeing issues affecting Aboriginal adolescents and children, including stolen generation issues. Demonstrated skills in performing mental health and social and emotional wellbeing assessments on adults and adolescents, experience in individual case management planning and implementation of adolescents. Previous experience working in mental health is desirable. Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary team.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria.

For more information and or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call **Roseanne Longford**, HR Manager on 6284 6259 or email Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications should be addressed and mailed to **Julie Tongs**, CEO, Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Cres Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications close 18th May 2012.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for these positions and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)



**ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER
(Aboriginal Identified Position) Corporate Services**

Total Package \$49,146
(Base salary \$42,000 plus leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal Out of Home Care (OOHC) service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children and families who are in need of support?

KARI is looking to employ a dedicated and motivated person to join our Corporate Services team as Administration and Accounts Officer. The person we are looking to employ would have the following attributes:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Good time management and organisational skills
- Good computer skills with knowledge of Microsoft Office package of tools, MYOB and Outlook
- Ability to work within a team and independently

If you are interested in applying for the abovementioned position, please contact Elisa Calkin (Office Manager) on 8782 0300 or email: elisa.calkin@kari.org.au

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CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

About the organisation

The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Commonwealth statutory authority established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976* to represent Aboriginal people in the southern region of the Northern Territory in the acquisition and management of their traditional lands. Across this region the CLC also performs related functions as the Native Title Representative Body under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The CLC offers a supportive and inclusive working environment, and your hard work will be rewarded with an attractive salary package that includes:

- flexible salary packaging
- district allowance
- five weeks annual leave, plus airfare
- other employee entitlements as per the CLC Enterprising Bargaining Agreement

There are several positions available within the Land Management section which offer exciting opportunities working with Aboriginal people to assist them to realise their aspirations for the use and management of their country.

Descriptions of the positions available and their closing dates are given below. People interested in finding out more about these positions are encouraged to visit the CLC website www.clc.org.au and to contact the Recruitment Officer jobs@clc.org.au

Co-ordinator (Ranger Programs) – Two Positions

Alice Springs

PN RG014

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Base Salary (\$81,365 - \$87,859)

Estimated Effective Package (ex-Super): \$89,436 - \$95,930

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

These positions will be responsible for co-ordinating the effective operation and development of established indigenous community ranger programs and emerging community-based land management initiatives in the CLC region. They present challenging but very rewarding opportunities for two energetic and highly motivated people to consolidate the successful growth of these programs over recent years and their future sustainability. The preferred applicants will have strong leadership and motivational skills, broad practical NRM expertise, demonstrated success in community engagement and a commitment to making a significant contribution to building sustainable employment futures for Aboriginal people in cultural and natural resource management in Central Australia.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8th May 2012

Coordinator – Southern Tanami Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) (readvertised)

Yuendumu Community and Alice Springs

PN LM013

ASO 6

Base Salary: (\$63,468 - \$72,907)

Estimated Effective Package (ex-Super): (\$71,538 - \$80,977)

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

This is a new position, based at Yuendumu, responsible for overseeing the management of the largest protected area in mainland Australia in accordance with an existing plan of management. It presents a unique and exciting opportunity to a highly motivated and energetic person with excellent team skills and a commitment to supporting traditional owner aspirations to sustainably manage their land and protect their cultural interests. The preferred applicant will have demonstrated indigenous land management experience, preferably with qualifications relevant to cultural and natural resource management, well developed project management skills, a capacity to work closely with traditional owners and the CLC Warlpiri Ranger group to plan and implement a diverse program of on-country projects, and the ability to work co-operatively and effectively with project partners and key regional stakeholders.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8th May 2012

Previous applicants need not apply

Land Resource Information Officer - Readvertised

Alice Springs

PN LM011

ASO 6

Base Salary (\$63,468 - \$72,907)

Estimated Effective Package (ex-Super): \$71,538 - \$80,977

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

The preferred applicant will be a highly motivated person with demonstrated natural resource information management and GIS skills, and the capacity to oversee the development of programs to monitor and improve the outcomes of on-ground efforts to support traditional owners in the use and management of their land. The position will provide geospatial data, mapping and project management support to approx. 45 staff with a broad range of NRM functions and work closely with IT management staff to develop processes and protocols for specific components of a proposed Land Resource Information Management System.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8th May 2012

Previous applicants need not apply

Employment conditions:

The CLC offers district allowance, flexible salary sacrifice packaging, five weeks annual leave and airfare and other entitlements included in the enterprise agreement. Relocation assistance may be available.

For a Job Description and Selection Criteria please visit our web site at www.clc.org.au

Or contact Maxine Draycott

E-mail: jobs@clc.org.au

Phone: (08) 8951 6321

Fax: (08) 8958 2805

Ranger Coordinator – Various locations - Readvertised

PN RG000

ASO 5-6 (Broad-banded)

Base Salary (\$58,763 - \$72,907)

Estimated Effective Package (ex-SUPER): (\$66,833 - \$80,977)

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

Vacancies exist for Co-ordinators of established and emerging Aboriginal community ranger groups in the CLC region. They provide exciting and very rewarding opportunities for motivated and enthusiastic people who want to be part of an organisation committed to building sustainable employment futures for Aboriginal people in cultural and natural resource management in Central Australia.

The preferred applicants will have a good mix of practical hands-on NRM skills, strong communication skills and demonstrated experience in co-ordinating a small team (indigenous land management or landcare group) to achieve successful on-ground outcomes. The positions are based remotely in Aboriginal communities, working closely with traditional owners and supervising a mixed team of 6-9 Aboriginal rangers drawn from the host community. Key duties of the Ranger Coordinator include:

- overseeing the development and implementation of workplans incorporating identified cultural and natural resource management priorities of traditional owners
- managing the day to day operations and HR functions of the ranger group
- supporting the delivery of training and overseeing the professional development of rangers, and;
- providing supervision and mentoring support for rangers.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8th May 2012

Previous applicants need not apply

Aboriginal Tourism Development Officer

PN JM006

Alice Springs

ASO 6

Base Salary: (\$63,468 - \$72,907)

Estimated Effective Package (ex-Super): (\$71,538 - \$80,977)

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

This position will provide support to traditional owners of Aboriginal-owned land and jointly-managed national parks in the planning and development of culturally and ecologically sustainable tourism enterprises on Aboriginal land and jointly-managed national parks and reserves in Central Australia. The preferred applicant will possess demonstrated understanding of the NT tourism industry and professional hands-on competence in community-based enterprise planning and development. Particular focus will be given to building community capacity to sustain their participation in tourism and setting strategic direction for the CLC efforts in supporting indigenous tourism in the region.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8th May 2012

Administrative Assistant - Land Management - Readvertised

Alice Springs

PN LM003

(Broad-banded ASO 2-3) Base Salary (\$41,504 - \$51,019)

Estimated Effective Package (ex-SUPER): (\$48,433 - \$54,299)

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

The preferred applicant will provide general administrative and asset management support across the CLC Land Management section, a large multi-disciplinary team supporting traditional owners in the use and management of their land. The preferred applicant will be a highly motivated, well organised person with excellent people skills, an ability to prioritise tasks well, and at least one year's work experience in an administration role. The duties of this position are diverse and as well as standard administrative tasks and relief reception duties include managing vehicle and equipment bookings, overseeing maintenance of all section equipment, managing aspects of an image database and providing logistical support to Land Management staff.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8th May 2012

Previous applicants need not apply

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

The CLC reserves the right to not make an appointment or vary the type of appointment.

Central Land Council is a Commonwealth statutory authority under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976*, and the Native Title Representative Body for the southern Northern Territory region under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

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CLOSING DATE: 6 MAY 2012

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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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Successful applicants will be subject to a working with children check.

Position closes Friday May 11, 2012.



Health Service Executive Manager

Full Time Position

The Health Service Executive Manager is responsible for operational control of the Health Services.

The successful applicant will have:

- Current Victorian Drivers license.
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline and/or extensive experience.
- Successful management of a health services organisation and demonstrated experience in the supervision of staff and management reporting.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an understanding of the Social determinant factors that influence Aboriginal health.
- Ability to provide leadership, support and encouragement to the organisation and community.
- Excellent computer, verbal and written communication skills.
- Documented proof of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander.

Family Services Program Manager

NEW FULL TIME POSITION

The Program Manager will be responsible in overseeing the staff in day to day service delivery of Family Services programs.

The successful applicant will have:

- Current working with children's check and driver's license.
- Demonstrated ability and experience in providing direct supervision to a number of staff from varying programs.
- An understanding of Aboriginal culture, including an awareness of Kinship networks.
- A sound knowledge of Child First and the Child Protection system which include The Children's Youth and Families Act 2005
- Computer skills to keep accurate record keeping and report writing in regards to the requirements of the role in accordance to the policy and procedures
- Documented proof of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander.

"We advertise these positions as Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander positions only in line with 'special measures' under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 Section 12 example 1."

Salary Packaging is available.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a Victorian Police check.

For a Position Description please contact Scherie Moulton on (03) 5820 0000 or email: scherie@raclimited.com.au

Applicants that fail to address the key selection criteria in the position description will not be considered.

Applications close 4.00pm 9th May 2012 and are to be addressed to:
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Aboriginal Service Development and Delivery Directorate

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference: 00000X8K

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: Review, develop and implement comprehensive business unit projects, policies and reforms to manage and ensure quality, effective and continuity of service delivery to older Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with a disability, their carers and communities.

Selection Criteria:

1. Sound understanding of the issues experienced in providing support for older Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers within a disability service environment.
2. Solid project management skills including managing, evaluating, monitoring and reporting on projects within a complex and changing human services environment.
3. Sound experience in sector design work, dealing with projects, policies and reforms to build on the capability and capacity of government and non government sector to ensure quality service delivery.
4. Demonstrated ability to prepare and deliver presentations on complex issues for a range of audiences and settings.
5. Demonstrated experience in building relationships with colleagues and stakeholders including Aboriginal communities and organisations to broaden understanding and gain appreciation of trends and developments in sector design.
6. Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline, or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Further information about the position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

For enquiries: Lyall Gibbs on (02) 4978 6207 or lyall.gibbs@facs.nsw.gov.au

Information package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job reference Number: 00000X8K

Closing Date: Friday 11 May 2012

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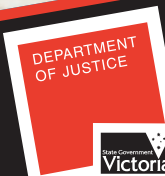
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Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

Program Manager (Aboriginal)

DPO Grade IV
Department of Attorney General & Justice
Juvenile Justice
Central Office, Haymarket, Sydney
Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00000XUY

Total remuneration package valued up to \$109,953 per annum (Salary: \$97,702 pa - \$99,640 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Review and develop a suite of programs and intervention strategies for Indigenous young offenders that seek to reduce the risk factors associated with their re-offending.

Selection Criteria:

1. Documented verification of Aboriginality; and knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultural issues.
2. Completed degree level qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or Behavioural Sciences or equivalent.
3. Technical knowledge and understanding of State and/or National Indigenous youth offender strategies and "best practice" interventions.
4. Strong applied research skills and strong analytical and conceptual thinking skills.
5. Effective oral and written communication, negotiation and decision making skills.
6. Demonstrated program management experience including program design, implementation, evaluation and review.
7. Experience in community consultation and managing relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders.
8. Minimum NSW Class C Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a re-advertised position. This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Relevant postgraduate qualifications together with eligibility for registration with the relevant professional body would be advantageous.

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Enquiries: Suellen Lembke, Director Programs (02) 9219 9517 or email suellen.lembke@dj.j.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000XUY

Closing Date: Friday, 11 May 2012

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Senior Manager - Remote Primary Health Care Services Broome, WA

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Total Remuneration package valued up to: \$64,069 pa

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The role will include a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management.

Applications must consist of a response to each **selection criteria** below along with a **current resume, cover letter and the names/contact details of two referees.**

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment.

Suitable applicants will be invited to attend a group assessment centre. The assessment centre will cover the following:

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Please contact for an information package:

Catherine Lomas (02) 8688 8106
catherine_lomas@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Please ensure you complete the attached criminal records permission form and submit it with your online application.
Please do not send applications to the contact officer directly.

Closing Date: 11 May 2012

75-4880



Health South Western Sydney Local Health District

Male Project Officer (HSM Level 1) Strong Fathers Strong Families (Aboriginal Project)

Ref: 74630 Temp F/T (up to June 2014) at Liverpool

Salary: \$1,175.60–\$1,581.40 pw

Enq: Trish Clark

Ph: 0407 103 327

Closing Date: 18 May 2012

Being male is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Male Aboriginal applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Registered Midwife Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy

Ref: 77687 P/T 20 hpw at Macarthur

Salary: \$26.68–\$37.47 ph

Enq: Erika Lehner

Ph: (02) 4640 3515

Closing Date: 18 May 2012

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Enquiries: Diann Tremain, (02) 6058 1725

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, New South Wales.

NARRANDERA

Aboriginal Community Midwife

Position No: 76495

Salary: \$26.68–\$37.47 ph

Enquiries: Diann Tremain, (02) 6058 1725

Being a person of female gender is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 31H of the *Anti-discrimination Act*.

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Closing Date: 16 May 2012.

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Chief Education Officer Aboriginal Education

Chief Education Officer Grade 1
Curriculum And Assessment Directorate

Position No: BOS/200
Salary: Remuneration package up to \$165,298 per annum includes salary (\$134,839 - \$149,794 per annum), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Location: Sydney
Job Status: Temporary full time

Responsibilities:

Manages the specific initiatives in Aboriginal education including the development of Aboriginal Studies and Aboriginal Language syllabuses and associated support materials and teaching kits and the development of cross-curriculum context though liaising with all Key Learning Areas.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Appropriate tertiary qualification(s).
- Comprehensive understanding of state and national practices and trends in education in the specific area for Kindergarten to Year 12.
- Demonstrated ability to provide leadership in the area of Aboriginal Education.
- Expertise in developing successful curriculum for schools that reflects contemporary teaching and assessment and that incorporates effective use of technology.
- Knowledge of recent developments in education in schools including supporting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, inclusion of students with special education needs and initiatives to enhance retention and achievement of students.
- Superior oral and written communication, highly developed presentation skills, interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Comprehensive understanding of Board of Studies policies and practices.
- Knowledge of vocational education developments in NSW.

Job Notes:

In this position, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Temporary employment / secondment under section 104 of the *Education Act 1990* and/ or 86 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002* for a period of up to 5 years.

Consistent with the entitlements of public sector applicants, the Office is prepared to negotiate bilateral agreements with current employers of successful non-government school applicants to facilitate right of return and recognition of service while employed by the Office.

Enquiries: Paul Hewitt (02) 9367 8232
or email paul.hewitt@bos.nsw.edu.au

Closing Date: 17 May 2012

Information Package: Huong Tran (02) 9367 8315
or email huong.tran@bos.nsw.edu.au

Applications To: Personnel/Payroll Officer, Office of the Board of Studies, GPO Box 5300, Sydney NSW 2001, or you can apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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Community Work Supervisor

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Remuneration Package Range \$77 078 - \$84 674

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Darwin and Alice Springs

Fixed vacancy to 30/06/2014

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The Community Work Supervisor will provide onsite supervision and management in communities of offenders on community work projects including providing direction, feedback on work performed and on-the-job training and development.

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Further information regarding this vacancy can be found at www.nt.gov.au/jobs or by contacting Alan Clarke (Darwin) on (08) 8922 6507 or Louise Blacker (Alice Springs) on (08) 8951 5365.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria; contain a current resume and referees.

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Quote vacancy number: 32752 Darwin

Closing date: 6 May 2012

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Research Fellow Australian Indigenous Studies (Part-time)

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School of Applied Media and Social Sciences
This position will involve researching the history
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Remuneration: Pro-rata of \$64,738 – \$87,861pa
Level A (includes 17% employer superannuation)

Duration: 2 year fixed-term appointment

Enquiries: Dr Andrew Gunstone, Senior Lecturer,
03 990 26348

Location: Clayton campus **Job number:** 501731

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A new and exciting opportunity has been created for a suitably
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the day to day operations of the service.

The successful applicant will need to possess and demonstrate
a number of specific skills and relevant experience in
management, with previous high level experience in a
management position either in the Aboriginal Community
Controlled Sector, Public Sector, or Not-For-Profit sector being
essential.

This position will be for a fixed term contract up until the
30 June 2014, with employment after this period subject to
WACHS being able to sustain the funding for this position.

Note: *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for
the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

Interested persons will need to contact Darren Ah See,
Chief Executive Officer at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation
Health Service (02) 6845 3545
or email: enquiries@wachs.net.au for an information package
which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria"
to be addressed in application.

Applications close at
5.00pm Wednesday 16 May 2012.



Education &
Communities

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)

Temporary full-time position - Position Number: 123207
Sydney Region – St Peters

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 pa (salary \$59,705 - \$65,376 pa)
including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the
Department at school, regional and State Office level.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge
of Aboriginal education programs, Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills
to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective
interpersonal, oral and written communication skills. Current driver's licence or willingness to
obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education
policies.

Conditions: This is a temporary appointment up to 31 December 2014. Administrative hours
and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply
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Inquiries Officer: Jane Stanley (02) 9582 5813

Email: jane.stanley@det.nsw.edu.au

It is a requirement that all applicants apply online.

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search **Keywords:** 123207

Closing Date: 16 May 2012

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to
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and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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CDEP Manager - CAPE YORK

Community Development Employment Projects, (CDEP)
is an Australian Government funded initiative for
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We are currently seeking a highly motivated individual
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This role requires you to:

- Demonstrate effective leadership and
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- Experienced working with Indigenous communities
- Have previous experience in CDEP or similar
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Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Regional Service Delivery Operations

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal
or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$61 641 - \$67 779 p.a.

Location: Cooktown

REF: QLD/DOC23303/12

Key Duties: In this role you will work within a
multidisciplinary team and provide high quality, culturally
appropriate, child protection services to children and
families serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre.

Enquiries: Miriam Maujean/Shantel Nasir (07) 4039 8953

Closing Date: Monday, 14 May 2012

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Regional Service Delivery Operations

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal
or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$61 641 - \$67 779 p.a.

Location: Fortitude Valley, Brisbane

REF: QLD/DOC23305/12

Key Duties: Provide high quality, culturally appropriate,
child protection services to children and families serviced
by the Child Safety Service Centre.

Enquiries: Melanie Safonoff (07) 3406 5222

Closing Date: Friday, 8 June 2012

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Applications close on Friday 11 May 2012.

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Senior Client Service Officer

Clerk Grade 5/6
Housing Division
Albury
Temporary Full-Time
Job Reference No: 00000SBU

Total remuneration package valued up to \$85,816 per annum (Salary: \$70,480 pa - \$77,767 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Senior Client Services Officer (Specialist) provide specialised advice and support service brokerage for clients with complex support and housing needs.

Selection Criteria:

- Sound knowledge of the principles underpinning the NSW Housing legislation, Departmental policies and practices in the provision of social housing.
- Sound understanding of and demonstrated capacity to provide support and relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including clients with disabilities, mental health problems or challenging behaviours.
- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client service to people with complex needs in a high volume work environment.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations and experience in working in a casework environment.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
- Appropriate post secondary qualifications and/or extensive human services industry experience.
- Coaching and mentoring skills and the capacity to develop and deliver on-the-job training to team members.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Temporary Full-Time** position for a period of up to 12 months. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies.

Enquiries: Allan Mason, Team Leader Albury (02) 6041 9680.

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000SBU

Closing Date: 18 May 2012

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Manager – Monitoring and Evaluation (Identified)

Clerk Grade 11/12
Newcastle - Hunter Region
Aboriginal Service Development and Delivery Directorate
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference: 00000XB9

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 staff and resources to provide a cost effective, quality service that meet ADHC key performance indicators, financial accountabilities and the needs of Aboriginal communities.

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. Sound experience in managing resources, budgets, assets, projects and staffing to maximise achievement of goals including the ability to coach staff.
3. Experience in leading a team responsible for analysing, developing, managing and reporting on agency wide strategies and deliverables within the business planning context.
4. Experience in developing and implementing strategies to improve the quality and consistency of data relating to business activities.
5. Ability to develop realistic plans, identify solutions to problems and deliver results of projects on time and meet organisational standards.
6. Demonstrated experience in building relationships with colleagues and stakeholders 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. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Further information about the position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

For enquiries: Lyall Gibbs on (02) 4978 6207 or lyall.gibbs@facss.nsw.gov.au

Information package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job reference Number: 00000XB9

Closing Date: Friday 11 May 2012

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Department of Trade and Investment,
Regional Infrastructure and Services, Department of Primary Industry,
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority.

Catchment Officer (Indigenous Community Projects)

Clerk 4/5
Penrith, Goulburn or Lithgow
Temporary position until June 30, 2013

Remuneration package range up to \$80,227 pa which includes salary range \$63,425 pa - \$72,702 pa employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading

This job is for you if you.....

- Are an Aboriginal person with the passion and skills to engage and involve members of the diverse Aboriginal community in the management of the natural and cultural resources of the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment.

Primary purpose of the position (Responsibilities)

In this role you will:

- Engage Aboriginal individuals and groups in NRM.
- Assist in the formal consultation with the Aboriginal community through the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
- Represent and respond to Aboriginal issues in the catchment.
- Manage projects with the Aboriginal community to build engagement and capacity in NRM.
- Liaise with CMA staff and staff from other NSW Agencies to maximise opportunities for Aboriginal involvement in NRM.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues and an ability to deal with cross-cultural issues.
- Ability to develop and maintain networks with stakeholders using negotiation, facilitation and conflict resolution skills.
- Ability to research, coordinate and initiate projects.
- Ability to prepare clear and concise reports, including use of spreadsheets and database computer programs within prescribed time limits.
- Ability to communicate information to a range of audiences on natural resource management.
- Ability to work cooperatively as part of a team.
- Current driver's licence.

Inquiries: John Lennis (02) 4725 3046

How to apply: Applications via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au quote reference number 00000YBX

Closing Date: 20 May 2012

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Senior Project Officer (Aboriginal) – Strategic Capacity

Clerk Grade 9/10
Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery
Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No. 00000X1M

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:

Implement policy and undertake activities and projects related to building the sustainable capacity and capability of Aboriginal staff within ADHC, the NGO sector and the community to deliver responsive programs and services to Aboriginal people.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and demonstrated understanding of service and program delivery issues relevant to Aboriginal people with a disability, their carers and families.
2. Experience in the implementation of policy or projects which build the capacity and capability of government or non-government sector to deliver responsive programs and services to Aboriginal people.
3. Solid project management skills including managing, evaluating, monitoring and reporting on projects within a complex and changing human services environment.
4. Experience in providing advice and support to project team members in undertaking tasks and implementing project plans.
5. Experience in actively coordinating research and analysing and interpreting quantitative and qualitative data to inform project activities.
6. Well developed written communication skills.
7. Experience in building and maintaining strategic relationships with key stakeholders.
8. Ensures projects, policies and practices promote an environment which adheres to a commitment to employment equity and diversity, work health and safety (WHS), 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 or email: lyall.gibbs@facss.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000X1M

Closing Date: Friday, 11 May 2012

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A 'Closing the Gap' initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



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ABORIGINAL DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM Temporary Part-Time

• Western Region (Griffith & Cootamundra) – Requisition No. 00000Y1J

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Information sessions will be held on;

Tuesday, 15th May 2012

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Cootamundra Library Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra NSW 2590

Wednesday, 16th May 2012

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Griffith Local Aboriginal Lands Council, 5 Wiradjuri Place, Griffith NSW 2680

For location and other enquiries please contact: Chelsea Stewart on (02) 6841 1529.

For a job information package and to apply visit <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers> website, view Ageing Disability and Home Care, Jobs at ADHC and select the region you wish to apply for or go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close: Friday, 25th May 2012

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Child and Family Centres**

Manager

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Eligibility/Other Requirements: Health Professional Level 5 - Relevant tertiary qualifications in social work, psychology, or other relevant Health specific Qualifications. Where applicable, full eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers, or registration with the Psychologist's Board (ACT) or state equivalent. Current driver's licence is essential.

Note: This position will be filled at either the HP5 or SOGB classification dependent on the qualifications of the successful applicant. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Danielle Stiff (02) 6207 1598 danielle.stiff@act.gov.au

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Aboriginal Identified

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All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson Natalie Beckett, on (02) 4423 3163 or 0432 114 123

Applications can be forwarded to the address below marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson
Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 528
Nowra NSW 2541**

Applications close Friday 18th May 2012



**Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network**

Care Navigator

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Temporary Full Time – up to June 2014

2 positions available

JH No: 12/54

Salary: Health Manager Level 2: \$80,640–\$95,646 per annum

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Sonya Nicholl on (02) 9811 0137.

Closing Date: 16 May 2012.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3048.

Applications to: recruit@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service – Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



**Aboriginal Family &
Community Worker**

**25 hrs / week
Parramatta
Job Ref: 930**

We are currently seeking an experienced Aboriginal Family & Community Worker to join our Kungah School Readiness Program. This program provides services in the Mount Druitt/Blacktown area and is based in our Parramatta Office.

Essential Criteria:

- Extensive experience in Aboriginal community work;
- Ability to engage and communicate with Aboriginal communities;
- Knowledge of how to effectively engage Aboriginal communities with community based services;
- Current drivers licence.

Enquiries: Please contact Terri Mears on 02 9890 0175

Applications please quote job 930 and address the Essential criteria mentioned above, to:

**Terri Mears
Northcott
PO BOX 4055 PARRAMATTA, NSW 2124
Or E-mail to: TerriMears@northcott.com.au
CLOSING DATE: 16th May 2012**

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer.



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- Education

The filling of these positions are in accordance with subsection 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. These positions are designated and only open to applicants who are Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. Confirmation of Aboriginality is an eligibility requirement.

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.



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. The AH&MRC are currently seeking applications for the following positions.

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. The position is located at the Aboriginal Health College, in Little Bay Sydney – **Closing date 8 May 2012.**

Program Coordinator (Cancer Care) Fixed term, full time for two years

The position is responsible for leading, coordinating and implementing a new program to improve cancer care for Aboriginal people in NSW. The position is located within the Public Health Unit, in Surry Hills, Sydney – **Closing date 21 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



NATSIWA Program Manager

- Great chance to contribute to the making of policy
- Location Negotiable

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) is a newly established, national group. This is a chance to join the team and help bring a voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

We look to you to ensure we meet our contractual requirements and act within funding guidelines. You will also develop a communications strategy, develop operational systems and processes and grow the Program.

Project management and implementation skills are essential. You also have excellent policy development skills, and a strong understanding of public policy as it pertains to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Financial management and program administration experience, the ability to develop great working relationships, verbal and written communication skills, a driver's licence and a car are also a must. Seal your success with the willingness to travel in small planes, if required, and to undergo a police check and Working With Children check.

Look forward to an above-award wage with annual CPI increase and full salary-sacrifice benefits. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people women are strongly encouraged to apply however we welcome applications from non-Indigenous woman.

If you are interested in this great opportunity, please contact Caroline Lambert at ed@ywca.org.au or phone (02) 6230 5150.

EOIs should be received by Monday 7 May 2012.



**Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative (GEGAC) is seeking
Registered Nurses Division 1/2/3
for full and part time**

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Health Nurse Positions

This role will provide professional and quality nursing skills and clinical expertise in assessment, triage, care planning treatment and referral options for clients.

Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal health issues is desirable. The successful applicants would be expected to complete health assessments and promote good health through education for alcohol and drug clients.

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained by contacting Chloe Rawlings on 0400 824 374

Applications must be addressed in writing to:
AOD Health Nurse Role
GEGAC
P.O. Box 634 BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875
Telephone 03 5150 0700

Applications close on: 25th May 2012

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
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EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ApplyNow.com.au/Job21725
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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services. We believe that children are best looked after in their family and extended kinship networks.

The Extended Care program provides home based care to Aboriginal children who cannot live with their parents and is looking for a dynamic person to assist with culturally informed, case practice.

Foster Care / Extended Care Case Worker

Salary range: Depending experience

Benefits:

- Flexible working arrangements
- Family friendly environment
- Commitment to Staff Well Being
- Generous Salary Packaging
- Professional training & development

Application: Applicant must address the key selection criteria in the position description and include a covering letter and resume. For a copy of the position description please contact Liz Munt.

Contact person: Liz Munt **Phone:** (03) 8388 1855
Email: lizm@vacca.org **Website:** www.vacca.org

Forward applications to: P.O Box 494 Northcote Plaza, Northcote VIC 3070

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

Applications close: Monday 14th May 2012



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position within our Corporate Services Unit. Reporting to the Director of Corporate Services you be an integral member of the Corporate Leadership team. You will be highly self-motivated with a strong focus on customer service and possess the skills to ensure that the organisation can meet its financial objectives whilst influencing strategic change as required.

Finance Manager

The Finance Manager position has responsibility and accountability for:

- Ensuring accountable and effective financial management in all aspects including payroll
- Financial reporting and budget management
- Lead role in the identification and management of business risks
- ensuring the development and continual improvement of business support processes and financial controls
- Fostering and supporting a high performing, customer-orientated team comprised of three staff.
- Working collaboratively with Senior Managers and other staff and provide high level strategic advice in relation to Finance
- Contributing to the leadership team of the Corporate Services program.

Essential Criteria

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications and membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants or CPA Australia.
- Experience with computerised financial packages for medium size organisations
- Experience in the preparation of Annual Financial Statements and organisational budgets
- Experience in Insurance management, financial reporting and acquittal of government grants.
- Experience with the development of administrative policies and procedures and managing change
- High level of written and oral communication and negotiation skills
- Ability to work as part of a team, supervise and lead a small team of staff
- Experience in preparation of submissions and budget bids for a variety of programs.
- Experience in the allocation and management of financial resources to ensure VACCA targets are achieved
- Highly developed project management, organisational and systems development and evaluation skills and the capacity to think analytically, and conceptualise financial policy and practice

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Louise Jonas (03) 8388 1855 or by email: louisej@vacca.org

Applications close: May 9, 2012



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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
16/342	GUJ, Alessandro Luigi	388514	343.74HA	27km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY CUE SHIRE
20/594	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	394608	23.44HA	26km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 117° 51' E	
36/604	VIEW GOLD PTY LTD	393441	100.70HA	64km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/604	VIEW GOLD PTY LTD	393620	20.00HA	64km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1103	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	393966	80.85HA	10km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/866	MAZZELLI HOLDINGS PTY LTD	393967	86.31HA	9km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
57/640-I	TROY RESOURCES NL	393923	14.20HA	1km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 119° 17' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 2 May 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 **2 August 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. 2 September 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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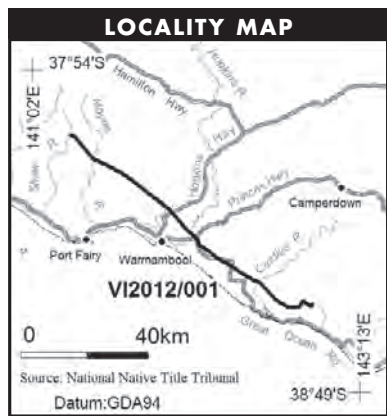
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Victoria

Notification day: 9 May 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



VI2012/001 Kirrae Whurrong and SEA Gas ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement is 25 m wide corridor covering about 2.5 square kilometres, extending south-east for about 100 km from a point on the Shaw River 32 km north of the town of Port Fairy, as shown on the locality diagram.

This agreement falls within the local government authority of the Corangamite and Moyne Shire Councils.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Kirrae Whurrong Native Title Group
c/- Native Title Services Victoria
642 Queensbury St
North Melbourne VIC 3051

South East Australian Gas P/L
c/- Johnson Winter Slattery, Lawyers
211 Victoria Square
Adelaide SA 5000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes or summaries in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

1 [Unless the contrary intention appears, the 'Future Acts' means everything necessary or expedient to give effect to the Project, and any act necessary to enable the Project to proceed]

[The Project' is defined in Recital A as: The Proponent proposes to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace and further develop a gas transmission pipeline from Port Campbell in Victoria to Torrens Island in South Australia]

2 [The parties' intention is that the Agreement will be registered, and that upon registration, to the extent that any native title rights and interests exist over the ILUA area and are affected in any way by the Future Acts, the Future Acts will become valid. Each party undertakes to take all steps in its power to ensure the Agreement achieves registration]

5.1 [The parties consent to the doing of, and the validating of, each of the Future Acts and agrees not to challenge their validity at any time in the future]

5.2 [The parties agree that to the extent that any of the Future Acts has already taken place or take place prior to the registration of this Agreement, they consent to such Future Act having been done, and its validation under the NTA]

Responses to an application to register an ILUA - where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 9 August 2012.**

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne, VIC, 3001 by 9 August 2012.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Temporary Vacancy

Regional Operations Centre (ROC) - Dubbo

Project Officer - APS Level 5 \$65,194 - \$67,690pa

FaHCSIA is looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person for the Project Officer role in the Regional Operations Centre (ROC) in Dubbo to support the implementation of the Council of Australian Government's Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreements (RSD NPA). The Agreement is one of a number of COAG agreements signed in November 2008 to Close the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

The position is part of a team responsible for working with other agencies for the delivery of priority projects identified in the Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) for Walgett and Wilcannia.

The Project Officer will support the ROC and cross agency initiatives, manage projects, build strong partnerships with key stakeholders, analyse data and prepare reports and correspondence.

The successful applicant must be proactive, enthusiastic and professional with an understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They will have strong project management and organisational skills, high-level written and oral communication and negotiation skills, and proven analytical and sound judgement skills.

This is a 12 month temporary vacancy, with a possibility of extension.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

For further information on the position, contact: **Jessica Rossell on (02) 5852 1011**

How to apply:

Apply on-line at www.fahcsia.gov.au/careers/vacancies

Applications close 13 May 2012

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Aboriginal Service Advisor

Acute Aged & Continuing Care
Loddon Mallee Region - Bendigo
\$66,235 - \$75,151 + Super

The position of Loddon Mallee Aboriginal Service Advisor will primarily be focused on providing information and guidance regarding Aboriginal program implementation to the Home and Community Care (HACC) program and will provide strategic support planning across all health programs and units within the Loddon Mallee Region.

The position will work in a team structure within the Department and will assist the HACC program and the wider Loddon Mallee Health Department Regional Office to engage with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and cross section Aboriginal programs within the regional office. The position will assist with enhancing the cultural sensitivity of mainstream agencies in provision of services for Aboriginal people.

The position requires the advisor to engage with many stakeholders including Aboriginal communities and services, mainstream HACC agencies and health services, and Departmental program areas, both regional and central.

Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply and an exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No.A067/A068/2010/0080).

If this opportunity appeals to you you may wish to discuss it with Patricia Deering on (03) 5434 5531

Closing date for applications is 20 May 2012

www.careers.vic.gov.au



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Narrabri High School - 02 6792 1633
- Narromine High School - 02 6889 1499

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 18 May 2012**.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



Family & Community Services Housing NSW

Housing Manager

Clerk Grade 7/8
Housing Division
Albury

Temporary Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00000VR4

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:

This role performs a pivotal role in overall management & development of housing operations in areas with high Public Housing concentrations & social disadvantage. The position will assist the Team Leader in the management of the Client Service Team.

Selection Criteria:

- Well developed interpersonal, oral and written communication skills and demonstrated skills in negotiation and conflict resolution.
- Ability to identify client needs and provide or refer clients to appropriate assistance. This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from a non-English speaking background and people with mental illness or developmental disability.
- Understanding of and ability to liaise with a variety of human service groups and organisations. This includes the ability to effectively consult with stakeholders and promote tenant and community participation.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Demonstrated ability to manage and co-ordinate a small team, including experience in leading teams to meet targets.
- Driver's licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Temporary Full-Time** position available for up to a period of 12 months.

Enquiries: Geoffrey Murray, Business Support Manager, Riverina Murray, Ph: (02) 6921 0088.

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000VR4

Closing Date: 18 May 2012

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Family & Community Services Housing NSW

Client Service Officer

Clerk Grade 2/4
Housing Services
Albury

Temporary Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00000VU6

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary: \$56,509 pa - \$65,376 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Client Service staff are the public face of our business, providing critical services and quality housing advice to applicants, tenants and stakeholders, including those with complex needs.

Selection Criteria:

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds including those with complex needs.
- Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to use sensitivity in interviewing, problem-solving and decision-making.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands, in a high volume client focussed environment.
- Written communication skills, computer literacy and capacity to interpret policy and guidelines.
- Ability to work autonomously and in teams and partnerships.
- Willingness to work with tenants in their homes.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Temporary Full-Time** position to cover a maternity leave position for a period up to 1st June 2013 with the possibility of an extension. An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies. Please note that the successful applicant must be willing to work with clients in their homes.

Enquiries: Allan Mason, Team Leader Murray Ph: (02) 6041 9680.

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000VU6

Closing Date: 18 May 2012

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales.

Notification day: 16 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, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, SYDNEY, NSW 2000, **on or before 15 August 2012**. After 15 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: Gomeroi People
Federal Court File No: NSD2308/2011

Date filed: 20 December 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The external boundary of this application covers the towns of Moree and Tamworth, and is located northwest of Newcastle, northeast of Dubbo and west of Grafton. Not all land within the external boundary is claimed, for example, freehold land is excluded.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Armidale Dumaresq Council, Mid-Western Regional Council, Tamworth Regional Council and Walcha Council, Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Glen Innes Severn Shire Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council, Upper Hunter Shire Council, Walgett Shire Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of the LPM Authority, Land and Property Information Division, NSW.

For assistance and further information contact Nicole Maher on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 S63M

TAKE NOTICE that **RENAISSANCE URANIUM LIMITED** (ACN 135 531 341) 36 North Terrace Kent Town SA 5067 is the registered holder of Exploration Licence numbers 4676 and 4822 and proposes to carry out exploration activities on the following land (**Land**):

Exploration Licence 4676: WITCHELINA AREA Approximately 15km south of Marree, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°43'S and longitude 138°01'E, thence east to longitude 138°07'E, south to latitude 29°46'S, east to longitude 138°10'E, south to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 138°16'E, south to latitude 29°59'S, west to longitude 137°57'E, north to latitude 29°52'S, east to longitude 137°59'E, north to latitude 29°49'S, east to longitude 138°01'E and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 593 km²

Exploration Licence 4822: WILOURAN RANGES AREA Approximately 20 km west of Marree bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°34'S and longitude 137°45'E, thence east to longitude 137°59'E, south to latitude 29°40'S, west to longitude 137°54'E, south to latitude 29°43'S, east to longitude 137°57'E, south to latitude 29°46'S, east to longitude 137°59'E, south to latitude 29°49'S, west to longitude 137°55'E, south to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 137°57'E, south to latitude 30°04'S, west to longitude 137°51'E, north to latitude 29°56'S, west to longitude 137°46'E, south to latitude 29°57'S, west to longitude 137°45'E, north to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 137°48'E, north to latitude 29°45'S, west to longitude 137°43'E south to latitude 29°51'S, west to longitude 137°40'E, north to latitude 29°50'S, west to longitude 137°39'E, north to latitude 29°47'S, east to longitude 137°42'E, north to latitude 29°38'S, east to longitude 137°45'E, and north to the point of commencement but excluding the area bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°43'S and longitude 137°51'E, thence east to longitude 137°53'E, south to latitude 29°49'S, west to longitude 137°51'E and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 933 km²

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australia Geodetic Datum as defined on p.4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (ADG66).

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation, which may include: magnetic, gravity, electrical and seismic surveying, geochemical sampling, shallow trenching, auger, rotary, air blast, core, reverse circulation and/or diamond core drilling.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates **RENAISSANCE URANIUM LIMITED** may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the *Mining Act, 1971* authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact **RENAISSANCE URANIUM LIMITED** through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers of 11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, **RENAISSANCE URANIUM PTY LTD** and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the *Mining Act, 1971* for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Renaissance Uranium Ltd

c/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers
11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088
Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266
Contact Person: Abigail Steed

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 16 May 2012



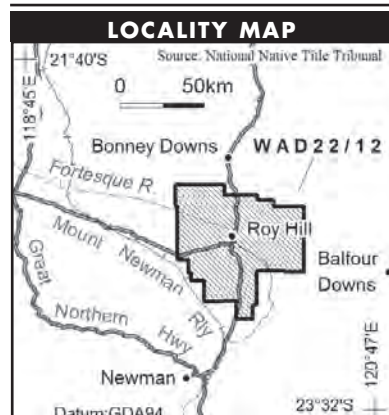
National
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Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 on or before 15 August 2012. After 15 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: Betty Peterson & Ors v State of Western Australia (Wunna Nyiyaparli People)

Federal Court File No: WAD22/2012

Date filed: 27 January 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application is pastoral lease PL1957440 (Roy Hill) covering about 4,139 square kilometres, located between Bonney Downs and Newman within the Shire of East Pilbara.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, WA (3 February 2012) and Geoscience Australia.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Case Manager Mark Beevers on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 16 May 2012



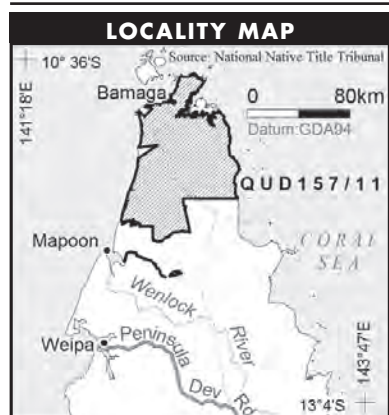
National
Native Title
Tribunal



These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 on or before 15 August 2012. After 15 August, 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 any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Northern Cape York Group #1

Federal Court File No: QUD157/11

Date filed: 30 June 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 6,944 square kilometres and is located approximately 75 kilometres north east of Weipa as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Cook Shire Council, Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council and the Torres Shire Council.



Application name: Northern Cape York Group #2

Federal Court File No: QUD156/11

Date filed: 1 July 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 3,950 square kilometres and is located approximately 4 kilometres north of Weipa as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Cook Shire Council, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council and the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of the Environment & Resource Management (Qld).

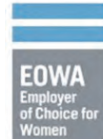
For assistance and further information about the above applications contact Senior Case Manager Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Children's Services
educating and caring for our children



Aboriginal Early Childhood Assistant

SDN Beranga is a project developed by SDN Child & Family Services and Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) and funded by NSW Government. The service will integrate both early childhood intervention and mainstream early childhood education and will be based at Rooty Hill.

We are seeking an exceptional Early Childhood Assistant to deliver an innovative, high quality early childhood program for children with an autism spectrum disorder enrolled with SDN Beranga that reflects current theory and practice.

For further information, including a position description and selection criteria, please go to the careers section of our website. Applications must be received by close of business, Friday 4 May 2012.

Candidates from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

www.sdn.org.au



Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

An exciting opportunity is now available for a:

Coordinator

in the Kowanyama Aboriginal Land and Natural Resources Management Office

We are after someone who is committed to the empowerment of Aboriginal governance and management of more than four thousand square kilometres of Aboriginal lands and fifty kilometres of Gulf of Carpentaria coast on Cape York Peninsula in Northern Queensland.

Kowanyama is located on one of Australia's largest river systems. Its delta country is of cultural and international significance and home to more than 1000 Aboriginal people from clans of the lower Mitchell and Alice River region.

Kowanyama Aboriginal Land and Natural Resources Management Office is a nationally and internationally acclaimed indigenous land management agency. It has operated under the joint direction of the Kowanyama Aboriginal Council and Traditional Owners very successfully since 1990.

Kowanyama is looking for a creative staff member willing to think outside the square in indigenous resource management. We are after that special person to join our team of fourteen staff

If you feel you have what is required and have the skills for the position please email your resume and covering letter to the email below Email: viv.sinnamon@kowanyama.qld.gov.au

Applications close on 31st May 2012 COB

Kowanyama aboriginal Shire Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE
OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer in Media – IBP Project

Position No: 32817

1 year fixed term appointment commencing ASAP– Batchelor

Remuneration: Academic Level A - \$51,324 - \$68,848 + super

Responsible for delivery of approved VET qualifications under the CUF07 Screen and Media Training Package, Radio specialisation including: teaching, management and facilitation of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities; student assessments, maintenance of student records, supervision of students, and monitoring student progression; liaison with remote Aboriginal communities and radio industry partners; and participate in research activities and all requirements of the VET qualification and Faculty.

Note: All applicants must address the selection criteria.

Applications close: Friday, 11th May 2012

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



INDIGENOUS LEADING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Warrnambool CCS

\$53,502 –\$61,524 plus superannuation

Position No : 3837, Ongoing, Full Time

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (LCCOs) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 13 May 2012

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice

File: Art 132418 v1

Seeking Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Consultant

The Wiyu Laiyu Gari nga Yandina Steering Committee is a collaboration of five not-for-profit organisations that provide family support services within the Greater Brisbane area. The aim of the project is to find out what changes can be made to the way our services are delivered to improve accessibility, organisational cultural competency and to develop a sector framework for cultural support.

The Wiyu Laiyu Gari nga Yandina Steering Committee is seeking a person with established successful consultancy experience in this area to conduct a 12 month project which includes:

- A literature review
- Community consultations to inform:
 - a gaps and needs analysis
 - identification of barriers to access to family support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Recommendations for service improvements to support socially and culturally inclusive services

A comprehensive consultant's brief and expression of interest information is available from Debra Bennet via dbennet@raq.org.au Enquiries can also be made to Debra Bennet on 0418 739 593. Applications close 2nd June 2012.

Funded by:

Relationships Australia

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YFS Youth and Family Service (Logan City) Inc. Community in Logan

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Notice to all Noongar people – Whadjuk People



National Native Title Tribunal

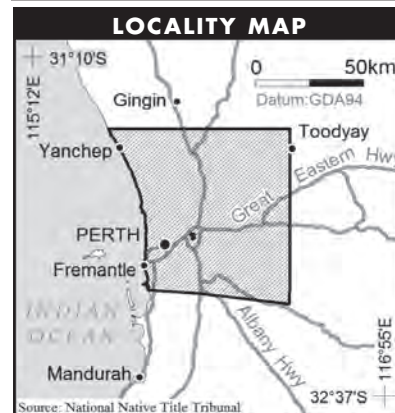


As part of ongoing Native Title negotiations, the Western Australian Government and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council have requested the National Native Title Tribunal invite any Noongar person who is seeking more information about the registered native title claims in the South West to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

Therefore, any Noongar person who:

- > Traces descent from one or other of these below named apical ancestors **and** wishes to receive more information about the **Whadjuk** People native title claim, or
- > Who considers there are additional apical ancestors who are relevant to the claim,

is invited to contact **Karen Holmes** at the **National Native Title Tribunal** on (08) 9425 1119 or on Freecall: 1800 640 501 or by email at: karen.holmes@nntt.gov.au by 1 June 2012.



Application name: Clive Davis & Ors and State of Western Australia

(Whadjuk People)

Federal Court File: WAD242/2011

NNTT File No: WC11/9

Location: The area subject to this application is located in the south west of Western Australia and covers an area of about 5,580 sq kms as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Cities of Armadale, Bayswater, Belmont, Canning, Cockburn, Fremantle, Gosnells, Joondalup, Melville, Nedlands, Perth, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Vincent and Wanneroo, the Towns of Bassendean, Cambridge, Clermont, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Mosman Park and Victoria Park and the Shires of Beverley, Chittering, Gingin, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Northam, Peppermint Grove, Toodyay and York.

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

- Boolabung and Weetang
- Alice Taylor (Berijan) and Tommy Nettle
- Wanetan
- Doornong
- Fanny Moderan, the mother of Cecilia Wilkes Tulbak; and
- John "Jack" Mungar Bennell

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

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that, **ENERGIA MINERALS LIMITED**, of Suite 6, Level 2, 20 Kings Park Road, West Perth WA, 6005, as registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences 3650, 3680, 3957 & 3958, (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings) on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3650

Lake Eyre Area – approximately 130km northwest of Marree, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°00'S and longitude 136°47'E, thence east to longitude 136°49'E, south to latitude 29°02'S, east to longitude 136°57'E, south to 29°03'S, east to longitude 136°58'E, south to latitude 28°09'S, west to longitude 136°54'E, north to latitude 29°08'S, west to longitude 136°49'E, north to latitude 29°06'S, west to longitude 136°46'E, north to latitude 29°02'S, west to longitude 136°45'E, thence north to latitude 29°01'S, east to longitude 136°47'E, north to the point of commencement. Area: 225 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3680

Blyth Creek Area – approximately 90km southeast of Oodnadatta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°05'S and longitude 135°59'E, thence east to longitude 136°05'E, south to latitude 28°06'S, east to longitude 136°11'E, south to latitude 28°08'S, east to longitude 136°16'E, south to latitude 28°15'S, west to longitude 136°14'E, north to latitude 28°10'S, west to longitude 136°09'E, south to latitude 28°20'S, west to longitude 136°05'E, north to latitude 28°12'S, west to longitude 136°00'E, north to latitude 28°08'S, west to longitude 135°59'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area: 369 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3957

Lake Eyre Area – approximately 110km WNW of Marree, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°59'S and longitude 136°51'E, thence east to longitude 136°56'E, south to latitude 29°00'S, east to latitude 136°59'E, south to latitude 29°07'S, east to longitude 137°02'E, south to latitude 29°13'S, east to longitude 137°06'E, south to latitude 29°17'S, west to longitude 137°03'E, north to latitude 29°15'S, west to longitude 136°58'E, north to latitude 29°03'S, west to longitude 136°57'E, north to latitude 29°02'S, west to longitude 136°51'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area: 219 square kilometres

approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3958

West Lake Eyre Area – approximately 160km northwest of Marree, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°44'S and longitude 136°43'E, thence east to longitude 136°44'E, south to latitude 28°55'S, east to longitude 136°41'E, north to latitude 28°45'S, east to longitude 136°43'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area: 93 square kilometres approximately.

All within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites.

ENERGIA MINERALS LIMITED (and their successors or assigns) seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) in the respect of the proposed mining operations of the Land.

NOTE: If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State of the Commonwealth as holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, ENERGIA MINERALS LIMITED (or their successors or assigns) may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent:

ENERGIA MINERALS LIMITED
c/- Austwide Mining Title Management Pty Ltd
GPO Box 1364, Darwin NT 0801
Telephone: (08) 8981 2799
Facsimile: (08) 8941 0226
Contact: Tamara Grothues

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Crown Solicitor's Office

CROWN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE Office Assistant, Clerk General Scale

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: CSORF007/2012 (00000T17)

Salary range: \$37,729 pa to \$50,619 pa

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$55,858 pa

Provide administrative support to the various practice groups, which include; updating records on the TRIM database, delivering documents, photocopying and scanning, receipt and delivery of mail, arranging couriers, maintaining stores and stationery.

Selection Criteria:

- Capacity to perform clerical and data entry duties accurately and in a timely manner;
- Commitment and capacity to work as part of a team to deliver excellent client service to a range of internal and external clients;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills, including an ability to liaise with people at different levels of authority;
- The ability to plan and organise work to meet deadlines;
- Capacity to work independently and as part of a team in a high volume work environment;
- The ability to exercise discretion and judgment;
- The capacity to acquire knowledge and an understanding of record and file management techniques and strategies;
- Computer literacy particularly in an MS environment.

Job notes:

- An eligibility list may be created from this recruitment to fill future vacancies.
- The selection criteria (stated above) must be addressed. Applicants will be shortlisted based on their responses to each criterion.

Inquiries:

For detailed inquiries please contact Theresa Toleafoa: (02) 9224 5000

To obtain an information package, email: csorecruit@agd.nsw.gov.au

To apply for this position, please email your application to: csorecruit@agd.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively you may apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 18 May 2012



Family & Community Services
Housing NSW

Client Service Officer

Clerk Grade 2/4

Housing Services

Albury

Temporary Part-Time – 2 positions

Job Reference No: 00000VU7

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary: \$56,509 pa - \$65,376 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. (Full-Time salary quoted: \$30.94 - \$35.80 per hour).

Job Description:

Client Service staff are the public face of our business, providing critical services and quality housing advice to applicants, tenants and stakeholders, including those with complex needs.

Selection Criteria:

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds including those with complex needs.
- Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to use sensitivity in interviewing, problem-solving and decision-making.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands, in a high volume client focussed environment.
- Written communication skills, computer literacy and capacity to interpret policy and guidelines.
- Ability to work autonomously and in teams and partnerships.
- Willingness to work with tenants in their homes.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are two **Temporary Full-Time** positions available. One for 28 hours per week (for a period of up to 31/12/12) and the other 21 hours per week (for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension). These vacancies are to cover maternity relief positions. An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies. Please note that the successful applicant must be willing to work with clients in their homes.

Enquiries: Allan Mason, Team Leader Murray Ph: (02) 6041 9680.

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000VU7

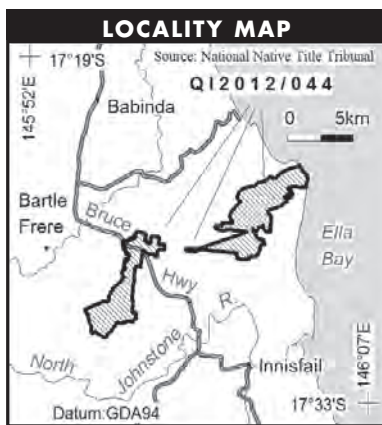
Closing Date: 18 May 2012

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements State of Queensland

Notification day: 9 May 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2012/044 Cairns Regional Council and Mamu ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 35 square kilometres, located between Innisfail and Babinda and east of Bartle Frere as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cairns Regional Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Cairns Regional Council
C/- Preston Law
PO Box 707N
North Cairns QLD 4870

Mamu Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 50
Innisfail QLD 4860

Stephen Brooks, Alfred Joyce, Victor Maund, Dean Purcell and on their own behalf and on behalf of the Mamu People
C/- North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N
North Cairns QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.4 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this ILUA.

7.2 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of:- the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure; the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located; and any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

8.1 In the event the Council wishes to construct or carry out Works or Activities in the ILUA Area in respect of which it has not already received consent under this Deed, it may seek to obtain such consent by having the act become an Approved Future Act by following the process set out in Schedule 2.

8.2 A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purpose of this Deed if:- it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the Native Title Parties; and either:- the Native Title Parties have given a Concurrence Notice; or consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 2.

8.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts.

9.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 3.

'Council Infrastructure' means infrastructure or works owned, maintained, controlled or operated by the Council for a public purpose including:- (a) amenities, buildings, causeways, cemeteries, conduits, crossings, dams, drains, jetties, pipes, recreation facilities, reservoirs, roads, rubbish dumps, service infrastructure, sheds, transfer stations and wharves; and (b) works serving a public need or for a Public Purpose; and (c) Public Works.

'Future Act' has the meaning given in the Native Title Act.

'Minor Works or Activities' means the acts described in clause 9 and Schedule 3.

'Works or Activities' means any Council Infrastructure or the grant of an Occupancy Interest that Council may provide or undertake as a local government after the Commencement Date other than Minor Works or Activities.

The Minor Works or Activities for which consent is given are:- constructing Council Infrastructure ['infrastructure'] required in emergency circumstances to ensure the safety of people and the preservation of property where people or property are subject to an immediate threat; tree lopping in the immediate vicinity of infrastructure; repairing any damaged infrastructure; reinstating any destroyed infrastructure to its pre-existing state; inspecting; maintaining; fencing or barricading infrastructure; erecting sign posts; accessing the ILUA Area at reasonable times for the purpose of undertaking anything set out in this definition with any machinery, equipment or personnel and by such means as are reasonably necessary (including vehicle access, foot access or access by air).

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 9 August 2012.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management, Qld. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Louise Doyle or Lisa Serpa on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Gunditj Mirring
Traditional Owners
Aboriginal Corporation
RNTBC

Chief Executive Officer

- 12 month position
- \$85,000 (salary packaging available)
- Position is subject to funding

Gunditjmara country is located in the southwest of Victoria. The Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation is representative of Gunditjmara traditional owners and native title holders. The corporation is a Prescribed Body Corporate (under the NTA 93) and a Registered Aboriginal Party (under the AHA 06). The corporation manages the interests and obligations of Gunditjmara people in relation to native title, cultural heritage, their land holdings, developments and aspirations.

The corporation is seeking an experienced and energetic applicant for the position of Chief Executive Officer to manage the overall operations as well as developing and implementing the corporation's strategic direction. The position is located Heywood, Victoria.

Applications close: Monday 14th May 2012

For further information and a position description please contact Shelley Bourke on 03 5527 1427 or email shelley@gunditjmirring.com



Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Location: Northern Metropolitan Region

Position: Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Classification: ES 2.4

Employment Type: Ongoing, Full Time

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is seeking suitably qualified applicant to fill Koorie Engagement Support Officer position in the Northern Metropolitan Region.

As a member of a regional Koorie Engagement Support Team responsible for the implementation of the Wannik Education strategy, the Koorie Engagement Support Officer will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for advice and support for Koorie children.

Who may apply

Individuals with the aptitude, experience and/or qualifications to fulfil the specific requirements of the position.

These roles are identified positions and are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. VCAT exemption # A195/2009.

For further information and to apply please visit

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/hrweb/careers/vacs/advacsSCH.htm>

or contact Graeme Luck (03) 9488 9443

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Office of
Communities
Aboriginal Affairs



Regional Administrative Officer

Identified Position

Clerk Grade 5/6

Temporary Full-Time

Greater Metropolitan/North West

Department of Education and Communities

Reference No. 00000XH6

Total remuneration package valued up to \$85,816 per annum (Salary: \$70,480 pa - \$77,767 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Regional Administration Officer position is an autonomous role, supporting staff in the Greater Metropolitan and North West regions, ensuring the smooth running of the regional network. The position provides high level administrative support, gathering information, assisting in the formulation and compilation of relevant documents and assisting in the supporting regional projects and programs, drafting of Ministerial and Executive correspondence and briefs, and the continuous improvement of organisational performance.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality is a requirement of this position.
2. Knowledge of policies, projects and programs of the NSW Government in relation to the Aboriginal people of NSW.
3. Experience in providing high quality executive and administrative assistance in a complex working environment.
4. Demonstrated capacity to oversee office, financial and record keeping procedures.
5. Highly organised with demonstrated high attention to detail and accuracy, problem solving and analytical skills and the ability to exercise initiative.
6. Previous experience working in autonomous roles and as part of a team.
7. Strong oral and written communication skills.
8. Demonstrated experience in Microsoft suite of products, including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook.

Job Notes: This is an Identified position. In this position, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

This is a **Temporary Full-Time** position for a period up to two (2) years with a possibility of extension under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

Enquiries: For information about the position, please call Kristy Masella (02) 9219 0734

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Refer to Reference No: 00000XH6

Closing Date: Friday 11 May 2012

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PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

POSITIONS VACANT

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation has a new program called Protecting Aboriginal Children Together (PACT) program, (Keeping Them Safe). Pius X is looking for motivated, determined and community-minded people to join us in this new program.

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 0267521099 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



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	08/77	QUARRY PARK PTY LTD	468.97HA	20km SW'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 114° 55' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
The purposes of L 08/77 are: a road; a power line; a minesite accommodation facility; a storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate; a minesite administration facility; a workshop and storage facility; a jetty.						
Mining Lease	28/374	SHANNON RESOURCES LTD	413.20HA	78km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	28/375	SHANNON RESOURCES PTY LTD	293.40HA	77km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	39/1079	CREW, Ross Frederick WILSON, Scott Walter	967.27HA	54km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/901 & 52/904	BHP COAL PTY LTD RENISON LTD	1172.78HA	16km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 119° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1305	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	946.98HA	18km E'ly of Cervantes	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 115° 14' E	DANDARAGAN 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: 2 May 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 **2 August 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. 2 September 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (*CTH*) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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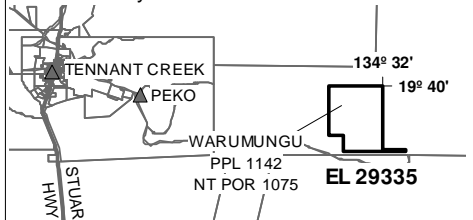
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

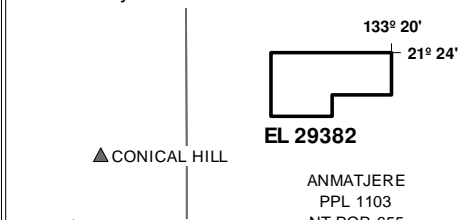
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29335 sought by AO-ZHONG INTERNATIONAL MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 146 186 852 over an area of 22 Blocks (44 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GOSSE RIVER locality.



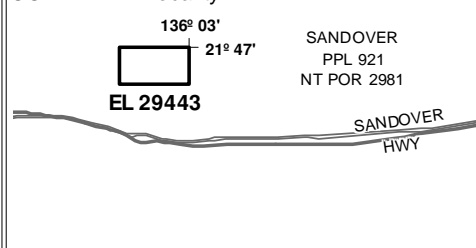
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Exploration Licence 29382 sought by AO-ZHONG INTERNATIONAL MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 146 186 852 over an area of 15 Blocks (48 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CONICAL HILL locality.



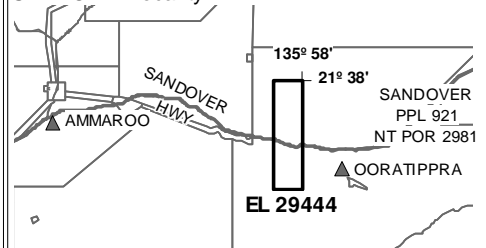
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Exploration Licence 29443 sought by CKA RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 152 797 503 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the OORATIPPRA locality.



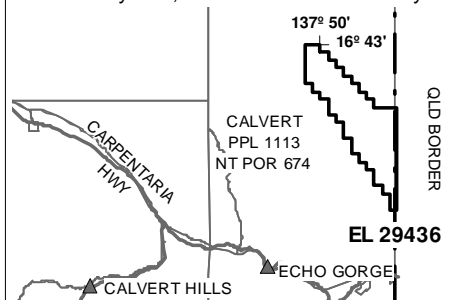
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Exploration Licence 29444 sought by CKA RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 152 797 503 over an area of 90 Blocks (287 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SANDOVER locality.



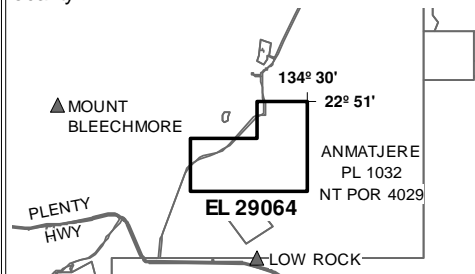
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Exploration Licence 29436 sought by DELGARE NT PTY LTD, ACN 155 773 890 over an area of 100 Blocks (329 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



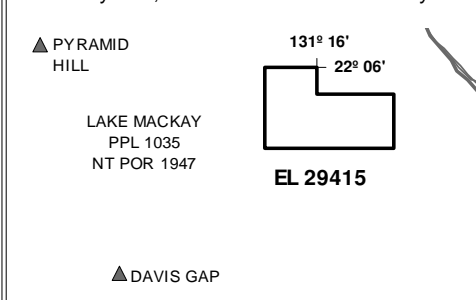
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Exploration Licence 29064 sought by DRL (MUD TANK) PTY LTD, ACN 153 429 728 over an area of 27 Blocks (86 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALCOOTA locality.



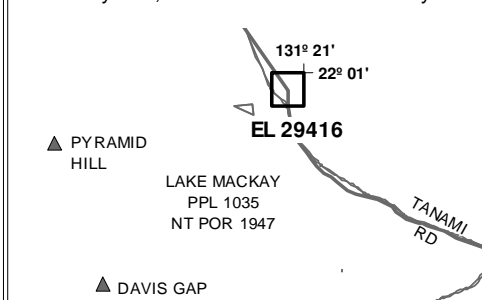
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Exploration Licence 29415 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 12 Blocks (39 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DOREEN locality.



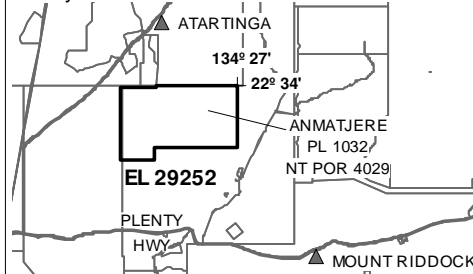
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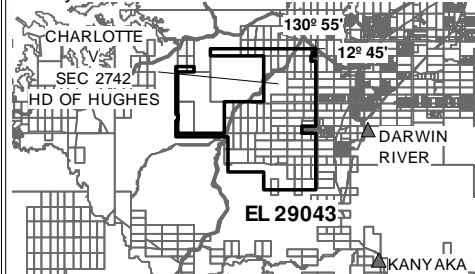
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Exploration Licence 29252 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 212 Blocks (668 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALCOOTA locality.



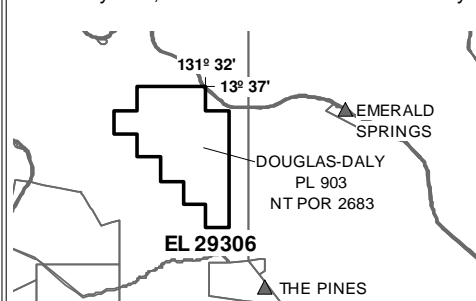
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Exploration Licence 29043 sought by GRIGM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 148 051 567 over an area of 42 Blocks (115 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



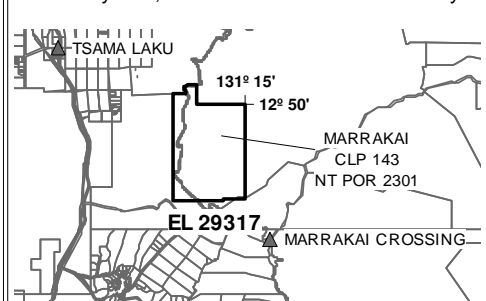
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Exploration Licence 29306 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 18 Blocks (61 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



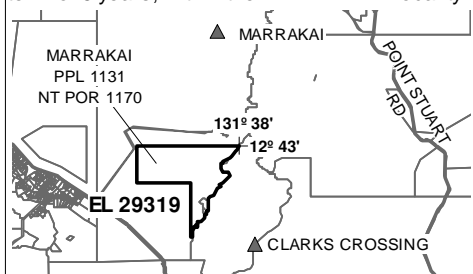
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Exploration Licence 29317 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 13 Blocks (42 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



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Exploration Licence 29319 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 16 Blocks (42 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, Chesser House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 or GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 2 May 2012




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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2180	142 EAST PTY LTD	25BL	89km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 1' S Long: 124° 0' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2362	BALDOCK FE PTY LTD	34BL	106km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 30' S Long: 115° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1963	LITHEX RESOURCES LTD	29BL	89km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 45' S Long: 116° 1' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/784	IRON WHEAL PTY LTD	32BL	56km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 118° 16' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/437	WESTEX RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	51km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/477	CARRICK GOLD LTD	2BL	61km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2188	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	200BL	85km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 124° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2190	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	200BL	82km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 124° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2220	RICHMOND, William Robert	1BL	137km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2221	RICHMOND, William Robert	1BL	138km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 122° 47' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2223	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	4BL	141km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 122° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2224	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	9BL	134km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 122° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2226	SHANNON RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	71km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2228	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	13BL	69km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 122° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2229	INTEGRA MINING LTD	6BL	106km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 122° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2230	INTEGRA MINING LTD	8BL	104km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 122° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/425	DANS, Robert Kevin	1BL	48km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/437	FIREANT RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	44km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1128	BAKER, Robert Albert Lawrence	1BL	62km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 46' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2706	POSEIDON NICKEL LTD	5BL	9km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1660	MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD	48BL	45km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 56' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1664	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	14BL	62km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1669	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	57BL	125km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 123° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1676	VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	10BL	24km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1687	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	10BL	190km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 123° 52' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3822	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	7BL	76km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 38' S Long: 119° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3978	MINES SERVICES & CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD	39BL	113km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 39' S Long: 118° 47' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	46/964	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL	39km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 119° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/1343	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	99km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 21° 54' S Long: 117° 20' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2496	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	93km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 9' S Long: 118° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2571	JCO INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	60BL	58km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 34' S Long: 118° 7' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2642	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	64km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 50' S Long: 118° 23' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1522	ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	48BL	58km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 119° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1524	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	33BL	89km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 119° 18' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2743	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	8BL	13km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2748	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	75km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 118° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2753	VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD	25BL	193km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 8' S Long: 119° 33' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2757	BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD	70BL	92km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 1' S Long: 117° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1669	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	34BL	91km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 119° 22' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1855	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	70BL	42km NE'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 116° 23' E	MORAWA SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1856	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	70BL	52km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 116° 32' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1857	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	70BL	77km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 116° 46' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1529	EUCLA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	60BL	74km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 16' S Long: 122° 22' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1530	EUCLA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	43BL	54km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 13' S Long: 122° 9' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1531	EUCLA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	18BL	12km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 52' S Long: 121° 38' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1539	DUNSTAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	70BL	97km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 3' S Long: 122° 47' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3045	AUSQUEST LTD	199BL	121km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 121° 1' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3050	ERRAWARRA PTY LTD	45BL	108km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 57' S Long: 120° 34' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3571	DARLING RANGE SOUTH PTY LTD	139BL	24km SW'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 20' S Long: 115° 54' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4016	BLACK PEAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD	39BL	36km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 116° 23' E	MORAWA SHIRE, PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4116	SOUTHERN MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	23BL	8km NE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 53' S Long: 118° 58' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4221	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	37BL	34km E'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 118° 37' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4256	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	35BL	24km SW'ly of Cunderdin	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 117° 4' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4257	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	40BL	24km E'ly of Northam	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 116° 55' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4282	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	13BL	35km SE'ly of Dongara	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 115° 6' E	IRWIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4287	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	114BL	70km W'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 10' S Long: 118° 12' E	GNOWANGERUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4292	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	42BL	22km N'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 115° 20' E	CARNAMAH SHIRE, THREE SPRINGS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2011	AFL RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	92km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 9' S Long: 119° 46' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4646	IBC KIMBERLEY PTY LTD	12BL	118km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 48' S Long: 128° 36' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4662	ENERGY GRID PTY. LTD.	15BL	131km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 55' S Long: 128° 28' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4676	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD; NORVALE PTY LTD	4BL	23km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 21' S Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4677	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD; NORVALE PTY LTD	106BL	10km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 11' S Long: 127° 45' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4679	FIREANT RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	113km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 3' S Long: 127° 3' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4680	WESTERN GOLD PTY LTD	22BL	76km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 49' S Long: 127° 18' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4681	WESTERN GOLD PTY LTD	42BL	104km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 1' S Long: 127° 7' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	08/66	ZENITH MINERALS LIMITED	58285.47HA	88km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 24' S Long: 114° 55' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
The purposes of L 08/66 are: a search for groundwater						
Prospecting Licence	08/617	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	76.79HA	60km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 115° 44' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5646	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	110.34HA	10km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 121° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5690	AUDIAPT MINING AND ENERGY PTY LTD	197.88HA	6km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4610	BROWN, Hugh O'donnell; BROWN, Abbie Lee; WILLIAMS, Frank	184.05HA	56km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4637	HAYTHORNTHWAITE, Glenn Alan	139.44HA	69km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2198	ILES, Kevin; BLOOMFIELD, Geoffrey Edward	8.99HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2112-4	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	527.49HA	55km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2116-7	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	286.08HA	67km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	37/8197	SMITH, Gregory Donald	200.73HA	7km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5268	MASTERS, Lynsay Norman; HOLMAN, Brian Thomas B	200.02HA	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	40/1299	TERRIL GAYE LANTZKE -AFT THE LEONORA INVESTMENT TRUST	189.47HA	43km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	45/2585	WITX PTY LTD	179.11HA	8km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2586	WITX PTY LTD	177.46HA	11km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 119° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	47/1629	HAMERSLEY EXPLORATION PTY LTD	32.67HA	85km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 49' S Long: 118° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	52/1423	HAVERFORD HOLDINGS PTY LTD	195.15HA	139km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 117° 39' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1575	MAGELLAN METALS PTY LTD	37.24HA	92km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 119° 55' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1581	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	71.82HA	95km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 119° 25' E	WILUNA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	70/1632	SWANOAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD	163.27HA	80km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 0' S Long: 119° 32' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	77/4128-9	HILL, Adam Frank	291.88HA	4km SE'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1761	THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD	24.66HA	72km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 39' S Long: 128° 0' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 2 May 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 **2 August 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 2 September 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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Dad's dilemma

By ALF WILSON



BROTHERS Michael and Chris Cedar will be rivals in the coming Queensland Basketball League competition and may also line up against each other in the next NBL season.

Michael was captain of the Crocs in the just completed NBL season and younger brother Chris was a team-mate.

The Crocs reached the semi-finals playoffs before losing the best of three games 2-1 to champions the New Zealand Breakers.

The Breakers went on to beat the Perth Wildcats 2-1 in the best of three finals series.

Chris will line up for the Townsville Heat in the QBL and Michael has signed a contract with arch rivals the McDonald's Mackay Meteors.

That creates an enormous dilemma for their father and biggest supporter Robbie Cedar.

"I am very proud of the boys' achievements, but I will not be attending the games when the boys clash. I love both boys and I know how they used to play when they were younger in the back yard. It was 100 per cent plus 10. Maybe when the competition gets closer, I will change my mind," he told the *Koori Mail*.

First for NBL

Five seasons ago, Michael and Chris became the first Indigenous brothers to play together in an NBL side when they were in the Crocs team that lost 85-78 to the Sydney Kings at the Townsville Entertainment Centre.

The Cedar brothers, whose descendants hail from Darnley Island, in the Torres Strait, credit much of their success their father, a former quality Townsville A grade rugby league forward.

The 25-year-old Michael Cedar is a 90cm swingman who has played 191 games for the Crocodiles and has career averages of 7.3 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game.

Michael Cedar had a breakout

year in 2011, where he averaged a career best 10.8 points and was a finalist for the league's Most Improved Award. In the same season, he scored a career-best 31 points against the Melbourne Tigers.

In a bombshell, Michael Cedar has been given permission by the Crocs to test his value in the market place ahead of the release of the free agents' list next month.

He knocked back an initial two-year deal to stay with the Crocs and his agent Barry Gibson said there had been interest from other clubs keen on gaining his services.

If Michael does sign with another NBL club, he would also face Chris, who will remain at the Crocs.

Mackay Basketball Incorporated general manager and director of coaching Joel Khalu said he expected Michael Cedar to shine for the club in the QBL.

"Mick's a smart player, tremendous athlete, great passer and has the ability to shoot the ball consistently well from range," Khalu said.

"He's a key signing for us and we feel Mick is going to be an integral part of our team. For years he's been a great ambassador for basketball in Townsville and we are looking forward to him bringing the same positivity and work ethic to our club."

McDonalds Meteors head coach Grant Kruger was also excited with Cedar's signing.

"I played alongside Mick for a few years and he is definitely a talented player and a great guy," Kruger said.

"Mick will give us scoring potential from anywhere on the floor and that was something that we identified as needing, with Deba George not returning. It's an exciting time for us."



Champion basketballers Michael Cedar, right, and brother Chris with their father Robbie Cedar in the middle.



Government of Western Australia Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified.

AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Orders issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: 1. Part Lot 255 on Deposited Plan 220190 shown as inset Lot 345 on Deposited Plan 27359, being part of Pastoral Lease 359/1967 (Noonkanbah Station). Volume 3011 Folio 97 Area: 9.9032 hectares; 2. Part Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 68897 shown as inset Lot 362 on Deposited Plan 27359, being part of "Aerodrome" Reserve 26355. Volume 3159 Folio 643 Area: 9.3889 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 220190, 27359 & 68897 **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Derby-West Kimberley. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading 'Land Description' other than interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Sale. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Sale by inclusion into adjoining freehold land owned by Yungngora Association **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Structures built by Yungngora are already on the land **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 July 2013 **RDL FILE:** 03980-1980/3 **RDL REF:** 110143

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, 140 William Street Perth 6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Baker, Kimberley Region, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4590.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 OR Gordon Stephenson House, Perth no later than 2 August 2012.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 2 May 2012. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 2 August 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 4th day of April in the year 2012.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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Mundine for Sunshine Coast

ANTHONY Mundine is set to fight an exhibition bout during a boxing tournament to be held in conjunction with the Queensland Murri rugby league carnival on the Queensland Sunshine Coast in September.

Basketball will be another feature of this year's carnival, from 20-23 September.

Queensland Murri Carnival (QMC) spokesman Jurnan Ayerst said and Statewide rugby league carnival, in only its second year, would be held at the Maroochydore Junior Rugby League ovals in Wisers Road, Maroochydore.

Ayerst said the boxing tournament would be an added feature this year. Called 'Friday Nights Fights', it will feature ten

amateur bouts, ending in Mundine's exhibition fight.

The basketball tournament will be held at the Sunshine Coast University indoor basketball stadium and would be open to 12 men's and 12 women's teams.

Teams are urged to nominate early to avoid disappointment.

The rugby league carnival will be thrown open to 20 men's teams, ten women's sides, and 20 under 18 teams, playing over four days.

QMC will be encouraging all playing participants to undergo general health checks before taking part.

Registrations for the rugby league and basketball teams are open now.

Duo star on tour



JOSH SIMPSON – Image: Andrew Tobin

By PETER ARGENT



TEENAGE Aboriginal talents Josh Simpson and Shannon Taylor have returned from an outstanding football and life experience as part of a national AIS-AFL tour of Britain and Europe.

They started with a match against Victorian Football League (VFL) side Box Hill Hawks at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

This was followed by the tour, which included games in London and Paris.

Simpson and Taylor enhanced their football credentials with a couple of stunning efforts.

"Josh (Simpson) is a highly talented midfielder/forward with brilliant speed and evasive ability," said AFL Academies development manager Michael Ablett, who was the assistant coach to Michael O'Loughlin on tour.

"He is very good at finding space while also possessing the ability to read the play and intercept opposition disposals, quickly turning defence into attack.

"Josh has very good skills on both sides of his body and is exceptional when it comes to setting up his team-mates and putting them in scoring positions. At times he was thrown into defence on the AIS-AFL tour, to add another dimension to his game.

"Shannon (Taylor) is a midfield/forward player with very good hand and foot skills.

"His composure in traffic and ability to execute under pressure are features of his game.

"In both games in Europe, he was given the responsibility of carrying the bulk of the midfield duties and did so very well, accumulating possessions at will.

"Shannon is a very dangerous player around goals, particularly with his ability to read the ball off hands in a contested marking situation."

In their initial hit-out, the AIS-AFL Academy Australian under 18s gave the Box Hill Hawks a run for their money on 29 March.

The VFL team's experience eventually told and the teenagers, who led by nine points at half time, couldn't hold off the more seasoned opponents, who won by 31 points.

The game was an excellent warm-up for the European tour, with several members of the squad catching the eye of recruiting staff at the MCG.

The Australian Under 18s then defeated European Legion by 134 points in the AFL international match at Surrey Sports Park, London, on Saturday 7 April.

Coached by *Koori Mail* columnist and Swans legend Michael O'Loughlin, the AFL's future stars dominated early, kicking 15 goals in the first half.

The European Legion, coached by former Sydney Swans premiership player Tadhg Kennelly, matched the Australians in the third quarter, with each side kicking one goal.

Outclassed

The Legion continued to compete fiercely until the end of the match, but was outclassed by the silky skills of the Australian side.

On 12 April, in the first ever AFL representative match played on French soil, the Australia Under 18s team provided a great exhibition of exciting football to overpower the enthusiastic European Titans by 167 points.

Played at the picturesque Chantilly Polo Club, on the outskirts of Paris, the young Australian side had great mobile marking targets up forward that the hosts couldn't match.

The representative European side was made up of under-21 players from Croatia, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Finland.

Europe's only goal came in the last quarter to the delight of the appreciative crowd.

The Australian team, who are all members of the AIS-AFL Academy, returned to domestic football on the weekend of 14-15 April.

Many are beginning to prepare for the national AFL Under 18 championships, which start this month.

Pair show skills in selection trial

By PETER ARGENT



SOUTH Australian talent manager and State under-18 AFL coach Brenton Phillips is excited about the forthcoming national campaign. A number of his talents were on show initially to recruiting staff from all 18 AFL clubs in the annual match that is the culmination the 2012 SA Academy program.

Among the 40 or more footballers on display at Max Basheer Reserve were Aboriginal lads Brad Hartman and Dwayne Wilson.

"The main thing I noted from the academy is spots will be difficult to obtain at the nationals this year," Phillips said.

"We have a strong talent pool vying for positions in the final squad.

"I will be very disappointed if we're not very competitive this year. We have a number of players who can play at both ends of the ground, and positions in our midfield rotations will be hotly contested.

"There were plenty of comments from people watching about the intensity in the game, especially early."

The game was a tight affair, with the 'Blue' team coach by Chris Smelt getting up by five points, with the final score being Blue 13.10 (88) defeating Red 13.5 (83).

Indigenous players who were noteworthy included the Sturt pair of speedy wingman Dwayne Wilson and key forward Brad Hartman.

Playing for the 'Red' combination, Wilson was among his side's three best players, while forward Hartman was one of the leading goal kickers on the ground with three majors.

"Dwayne (Wilson) is a very skilful medium-sized player who executes well on both sides of his body," Phillips said.

"Also having good pace, he is an outside midfield/wingman type.

"Along with playing

through the centre, he could also be used as a small defender.

"(Brad) Hartman was a bit of a surprise packet who plays better than he trains.

A natural

"He's a natural footballer whose excellent ball control and game awareness is helped by his basketball talent."

Both these young talents come from the town of Murray

Bridge, one hour east of Adelaide, which is the home of young Power starlet and last year's number-six draft pick, Chad Wingard.

Hartman has already played senior football with the Ramblers Football Club in 2011, while Wilson, after being a part of the State under-16s' success last year, played for the Imperials' premiership winning side that beat their

cross-town opponents by eight goals.

Wilson finished with three goals in the Imperials' win, while Hartman was a member of the Ramblers combination who were bridesmaids on the day.

This pair will go back to the SANFL under-age competition and will be looking to perform strongly for the Double Blues before the SA under-18s squad are selected.



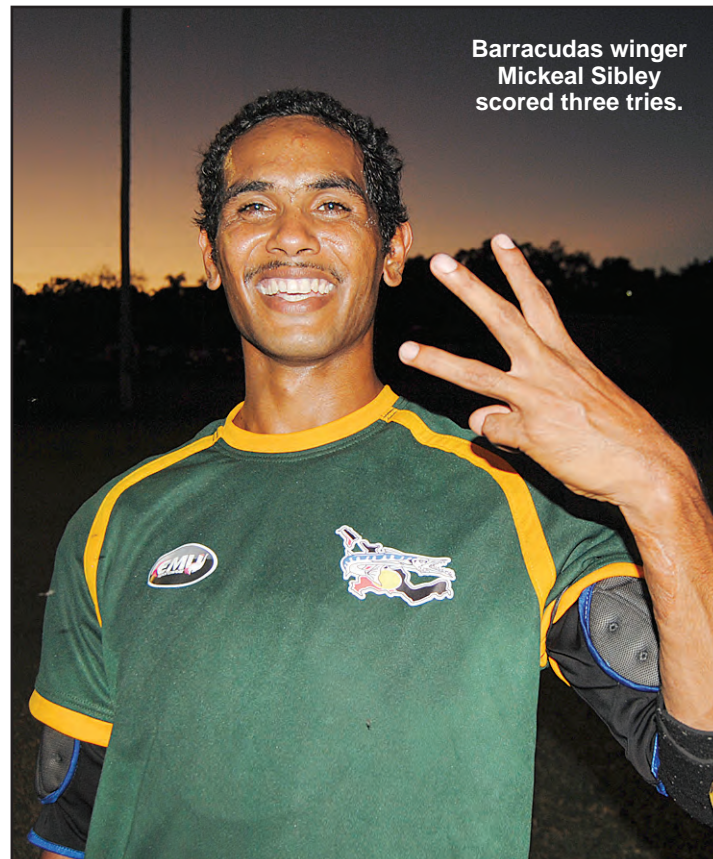
Brad Hartman grabs a mark



Dwayne Wilson kicks into attack. Image: Peter Argent



The Palm Island Barracudas, who beat Bowen 46-16.



Barracudas winger Mickeal Sibley scored three tries.

Palm Island too good for Bowen

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



PALM Island's chances of being re-admitted into the Foley Shield next season were enhanced when the Barracudas thrashed Bowen District 46-16 on 21 April in the Development League Representative Challenge in Bowen.

A combined Palm Island-Bowen team made its Foley Shield debut last season.

But due to financial constraints, Palm Island-Bowen, along with four other teams, were dumped for this season.

The Foley Shield was reduced to just three powerhouse sides – Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.

Despite the reduction, the QRL Northern Division wanted to give Palm Island and Bowen players the chance to play representative football.

So the clash between the Barracudas and Bowen was held at Bowen's Denison Park before a large crowd.

Foley Shield curtain-raiser

Ironically, it was the main game, with the curtain-raiser being a replay of last year's Foley Shield grand final, which Mackay won 30-14 at Townsville.

But this time Townsville Stingers rolled the Mackay Sea Eagles 42-28, and both teams contained many Indigenous players.

Before the main game, Barracudas selector and former champion forward David Baira told the *Koori Mail* the whole island was behind the team getting back into the 2013 Foley Shield.

"Lots of Palm people have come down to support the boys and we really will be going all out to win," Baira said.

The Barracudas side was selected after round three of local seven-club Palm fixtures on 14 April and only had a couple of training sessions under coach Genami Geia.

Players, officials and supporters travelled by bus

to Bowen on the day of the game.

Barracudas scored nine tries to three in a powerhouse display.

The game was a cracker, and star Barracudas winger Mickeal Sibley scored a try in the fourth minute.

However, Bowen hit back with a converted try soon after to see the home side lead 6-4.

From there, it was never in doubt after classy winger Obe Geia Jnr crossed out wide and then Sibley scored his second try at the 20th minute.

Barracudas forwards Fred Bulsey, Caleb Geia, Costa Sam and Frank Baira were dominating and making lots of metres and that allowed the ball to be continually fired to eager outside backs.

Bowen seemed fragile out wide.

Clever chip

Tough Barracudas five-eighth Darryl Pearson crossed after a clever chip kick, and his brother Gary converted.

When elusive halfback John Baira scored a try just before half time and Gary Pearson converted, the Barracudas led 24-6.

Barracudas' second-half tries were scored by Darryl Pearson, Mickeal Sibley, James Sibley and Fred Bulsey.

Bowen's star was back Michael Kenafacke, who scored two tries, and another good player for the home side was busy five-eighth Ezra Miller.

Scores: Palm Island Barracudas 46 (Mickeal Sibley 3, Darryl Pearson 2, Obe Geia Jnr, James Sibley, Fred Bulsey, John Baira tries; Gary Pearson 5 goals) d Bowen 16 (M Kenafacke 2, Ezra Miller tries; Darryl Nahow 2 goals).

Foley Shield: Townsville Stingers 42 (Calvin Waia, Leo Faagutu, Darren Barrett, Gary Fuimaona, Adam Shaw, Tyler Smith, Clint Amos, Lester Hero tries; Nat Bowman 5 goals) d Mackay 28 (Damon Koolstra 2 tries, Hayden Lloyd, Jerome Iakimo, Andrew Ward tries; Lee Williams 2, Damon Koolstra 2 goals).



Barracudas captain Fred Bulsey, middle, with other forwards Caleb Geia, left, and Raoul Miller after the win.



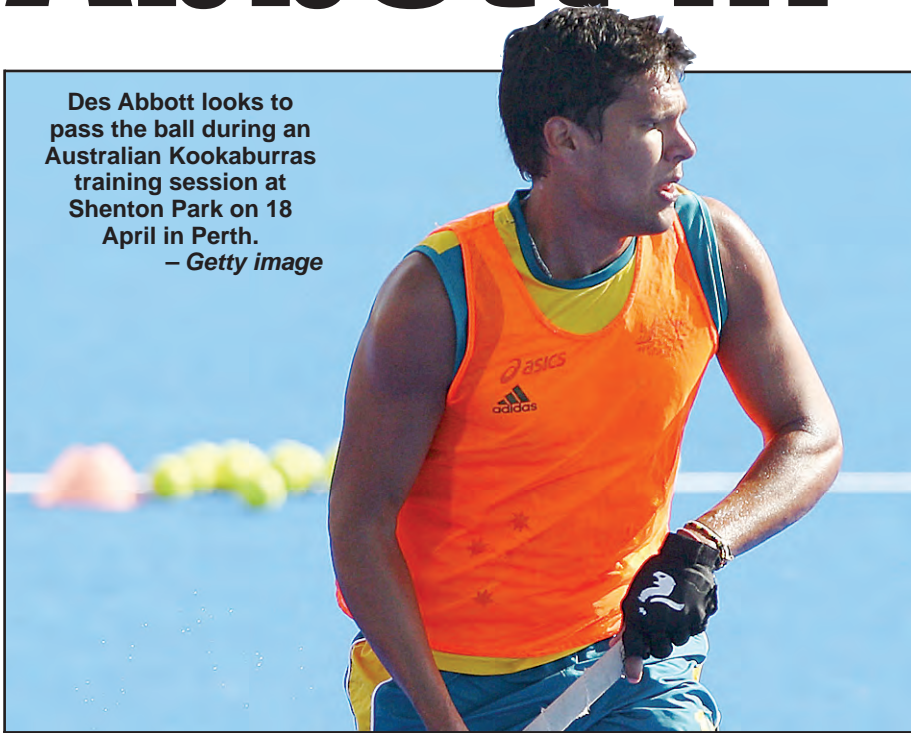
Rising Barracudas star Morris Watson, right, and forward Frank Baira.



Barracudas supporters who travelled to Bowen for the game with star boxer Noby Clay, second from left front.

Abbott in cotton wool

Des Abbott looks to pass the ball during an Australian Kookaburras training session at Shenton Park on 18 April in Perth.
— Getty image



AUSTRALIAN men's hockey star Des Abbott will not play in the Kookaburras' test of the London Olympic Games facilities this month.

But coach Ric Charlesworth says there are no concerns about the important Abbott's fitness, with he and Jamie Dwyer tracking well in their returns from injury.

Charlesworth said the decision was made because of the workload of four games in five days at the tournament against Great Britain, Germany and India to be played at the London Olympic Park.

Instead, Abbott and Dwyer will train with the 18-man squad for the London tournament from today (2 May) to 5 May.

They will then play in the second part of the Kookaburras' European tour – two Tests each against Belgium and Germany, which have more rest days in between.

"That's what happens when you have such a large squad with so many good players – there's always going to be rotations,"

Kookaburras co-captain Mark Knowles said. "It's definitely just list management."

"They and Graeme Begbie are the ones who've had their training programs slightly altered because they're coming back from fairly serious injuries over the past couple of years."

As well as Dwyer, Abbott and Begbie, striker Glenn Turner, Matthew Swann and Andrew Charter will also miss the London matches and return for the Belgium and Germany games.

Australia, who are warm Olympic gold medal favourites, also play a three-Test series against Korea in Perth before the Games team is named in mid-June.

Surprisingly, the Kookaburras are still searching for a major sponsor despite being the undisputed No 1 in world hockey.

"Attaining a sponsor for the group would provide a great vote of support from the Australian business community for a team that has won an unprecedented four consecutive Champions Trophy titles," Hockey Australia chief executive Mark Anderson said. — AAP

Cricket big part in Rheanna's life



CRICKET, touch football, athletics and soccer play big parts in the life of 17-year-old

Rheanna Lotter, of Willow Vale, near Mittagong, in the NSW Southern Highlands.

She excels in these sports and the time may come when she has to focus on one if she wants to carve a career.

Cricket looks set to win out over the other sports.

The Year 12 Bowral High School student has been a fixture in the NSW women's team competing at the Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs each February.

The right-arm medium-pace bowler started playing Imparja Cup cricket at the tender age of 13 and has represented the NSW Indigenous women's team every year since.

She also has been selected in the NSW Combined High Schools First XI.

She started playing Milo cricket for Mittagong at the age of ten.

Plays in Sydney

She now plays for the St George Slayers in the metropolitan competition. She joined them at the age of 13 and went straight into the first grade team. She then was dropped to the second grade and was the Slayers' opening bowler until last season, when she was promoted back into first grade, where she opened the bowling for the whole season.

Rheanna also loves playing touch football, a sport she was introduced to at the age of six.

"My brothers have represented NSW and Australia in touch, so they taught me a lot," Rheanna told the *Koori Mail*.

"I have always been interested in trying out for the Southern Suns ... maybe when I get older."



Rheanna Lotter pictured with this year's NSW Indigenous women's cricket team at the Imparja Cup carnival in Alice Springs. Rheanna is in the middle wearing an elbow support.

For the moment, Rheanna plays in the local competition and for her school.

She also is an accomplished athlete, specialising in the javelin.

Rheanna began athletics in Year 8 at school and has won at school, zone and regional levels.

State carnival

She finished third in the javelin at the State carnival in 2008 and was second in 2010.

Rheanna was introduced to soccer at the age of five, playing for Mittagong.

She remained with them for

ten years, but when Mittagong didn't field a team, she joined nearby Moss Vale and is in her second year there.

Last year she represented Southern, a regional team based in Nowra.

She said it had been a tough season 'when my body caught up to me'.

She had stress fractures in her legs and sprained an ankle.

"I didn't get much game time. I was on the sideline most of the year," Rheanna said.

"It was tough trying to handle training, local soccer and school all at the same time. But I got

through it with the support of my family."

Rheanna's ambition is to play sport for as long her body allows.

"I would love to play cricket for NSW and Australia," she said.

"It will be hard work, and I will need to work on my batting."

Focus on education

This year her focus is on completing high school.

She wants to get results good enough to allow her to go to university to study to be a personal development, health and physical education

(PDHPE) teacher, primary teacher, or to undertake Indigenous studies.

"My career is my main focus at the moment," she said.

"I had a very sporty childhood, and was always doing something. When I was younger I played tennis, T-ball, softball... anything with a ball and a bat."

"My brothers and dad and my coaches have taught me everything I know about sport."

"I have a strong support system on and off the pitch. If I didn't have them to keep me going, I don't know where I would be."

Girls shine at Aussie rules carnival

By ALF WILSON



FOUR Aboriginal girls from remote Northern Territory and Queensland communities gained great experience when they were members of a combined Central and North Queensland team that competed at the under-16 State Australian rules championships in Brisbane on 20-21 April.

Dana Gumbula (Ngukurr, NT), Solodi Baker (Milingimbi, East Arnhem Land, NT), Tammy Wunungmurra (Elcho Island, off Arnhem Land, NT), and Deanne Sibley (Palm Island, Qld) are boarding students at Townsville's Shalom Christian College and travelled to the State capital with their teacher-coach Melissa Sotheren, who hails from Darwin.

The four girls represent Shalom College in the Townsville junior Australian rules competition.

In Brisbane, Dana was at fullback, Solodi and Tammy in

the midfield and Deanne on the wing and the side lost all of their matches against much more experienced teams.

"Congratulations go to girls for their great efforts," Sotheren said.

At the end of the carnival, Shalom Sports Academy staff member Sotheren was named the inaugural Queensland schoolgirls women's merit coach.

That recognised her efforts in bringing her girls together from different regions to play.

Likely selection

"As this was the competition's first year, only a merit team was announced, but selectors informed me that if a full squad had been named to travel to the Australian championships, Deanne Sibley would have been picked," Sotheren said.

The 14-year-old Deanne has a rugby league upbringing and is the granddaughter of the late and great Palm Island Elder Bill Coolburra, after whom an annual rugby league carnival is played between local club Skipjacks and the Australian Army Thunder.



From left, Shalom students Dana Gumbula (Ngukurr), Solodi Baker (Milingimbi), Tammy Wunungmurra (Elcho), Deanne Sibley (Palm Island) and teacher/coach Melissa Sotheren (Darwin).

"I really enjoy playing Australian rules, even though rugby league is so popular on Palm Island," Deanne said. The fifth Bill Coolburra

Memorial Shield match will be played in July. Skipjacks won the last encounter.

Bill 'Kookaburra' Coolburra was a highly-respected Palm

Island Elder who was a Vietnam war hero who served with the famous Tunnel Rats.

Born in June 1945, Bill died on 29 October 2009.

They love their league up north

RUGBY league is thriving at remote northern centres such as the Torres Strait, Cape York and the Three Rivers area. And it is not only the men who are getting in on the act. Alf Wilson reports.



THE organiser of the women's Kaiwalagal rugby league competition on Thursday Island has paid tribute to competitors – some of whom are returning this season after having babies. The women brave winds and rough seas to travel by dinghy for games, carting children to training, and even having to look after them at half time.

KRL women's delegate Sasha Busch said the competition started on 21 April when Thursday Island side Sundown Sirens played Dedeyal Gummas, from St Paul's on Moa Island.

"Sirens won 24-8. Outstanding players included Inyika Buthmann, from Sirens, and Orepa Mene, from Dedeyal Gummas, who played fantastic offensive games, with Marita Dorante, from Sirens, leading by example in defence," Busch said.

Withdrew

She said a third team from Badu Island had withdrawn.

"So the two teams will play each other every three weeks to take into consideration travel costs for Dedeyal Gummas players to travel to Thursday Island.

"It would have been great to have some games at St Pauls to share the travel costs,

but the oval there needs a bit of upgrading.

"Hopefully, the sporting facilities across the Torres Strait can be upgraded to support and enhance this type of competitive sport."

TEN players were selected from the opening game to compete at the North Queensland Championships in Cairns on 4-5 May.

"Unfortunately, only four can attend due to travel costs that players have to find themselves," Busch said.

"The championships are an opportunity to be selected for the North Queensland team that travels to Brisbane for State selection trials.

"Then, if players are extremely talented, the national women's league team is the next step.

"It is a pity that due to our remote geographic location, lack of funding and costs of travel, a lot of the ladies have to miss out on this opportunity."

Busch said she saluted many of the women.

"They're doing it for the love of league," she said.

Meanwhile, the women got the jump on the KRL men's competition, which was due to start on the same date.

However, it is now expected to start early this month, once all clubs have paid player insurance premiums.

KRL secretary L J Shibasaki confirmed that the fourth men's team to compete would be Wahmere, which had a significant history on Thursday Island.

Wahmere will line up against reigning premiers Suburbs as well as the Roosters and Knights.

MEANWHILE, Cape York's Goodline Cup rugby league competition has started, with opening wins to Natives and Napranum Balas United.

In the first round match on 21 April, Natives defeated Raiders 28-8 at Weipa before a good crowd.

A Natives spokeswoman said that everyone played a part in the win.

"I must say the two prop forwards Eli Tabuai and Weez Cook did a magnificent job up front. And our fullback Shaquel Adidi-Nixon made try-saving tackles and showed good ball skills," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Natives 28 (J Nixon, E Tabuai, W Cook, D Nelliman, W Adidi tries; C Bowen 4 goals) d Weipa Raiders 6 (T Kemp try; R McLaughlin goal).

Napranum Balas United 24 (A Port, B Grogan, J Peter, P Ropeyarn, M Burke tries; P Mene 2 goals) d Mapoon 18 (D Reid, L Hall, T Tiplady tries; D Reid 3 goals).

FOUR clubs are battling it out for the hotly contested Three Rivers League, with two from the Hope Vale Aboriginal community up against the Cooktown Crocs and Wujal Wujal Yindili.

Games are held fortnightly and in the latest round on 20 April, Cooktown Crocs defeated Wujal Wujal Yindili 30-16, and in the local derby Hope Vale Red Soil Rebels beat Hope Vale Warriors 24-18.

The previous round saw premiers Hope Vale Red Soil Rebels roll Yindili 32-14.

Halfback Nigel Bowen is again proving a dominating force for the Rebels.

Two runners complete the Boston Marathon

TWO Indigenous Australians have conquered the famous Boston Marathon in the United States.

West Australian Tegan Pigram, from Derby, and Jamie Wunungmurra, from Yirrkala in the Northern Territory, overcame many hurdles to make their way through the 42.195km course on 16 April.

A third Indigenous runner, Palm Islander Kelsey Youngblutt, was withdrawn from the team when she contracted influenza just before she was scheduled to leave Australia.

Despite testing conditions, with a temperature of 31 degrees at the start, Pigram completed the course in 5 hours and 14 minutes, with Wunungmurra coming in at 6 hours and 7 minutes.

Indigenous Marathon Project spokeswoman Laura Oldfield said both proved that if they could run a marathon, they could achieve anything.

"This was an incredible example of strength, spirit and determination," she said.

Oldfield said the road did not end there for the pair, as they now would work through elements of their Certificate III in Community Recreation.



Tegan Pigram and Jamie Wunungmurra after finishing the Boston Marathon.

What a tag team!



SOUTH Sydney coach Michael Maguire has hinted he could interchange Greg Inglis and try-scoring freak Nathan Merritt at fullback to form the ultimate National Rugby League (NRL) tag team.

Merritt was named to make his 2012 debut against North Queensland last Saturday night, having been sidelined with a toe injury suffered in February's All-Stars game.

Originally slated to wear the No 1 jumper for the Rabbitohs, Merritt was expected to line up on the wing, with Inglis having entrenched himself in the fullback position in Merritt's absence.

But Maguire said the pair could be given licence to switch positions during the course of a game, a tactic which would give opposition defences fits given their undoubted attacking abilities.

"I'm sure at times we'll be able to utilise that," Maguire said.

"With certain plays that we're putting on and being able to utilise Greg in the front line too, it's a positive for us.

"Greg's been doing a good job at fullback for us, it allows Nathan to roam around and get a bit of match fitness as well coming back into the team.

"I've got that ability to change it around. It gives us a lot of options when we come to that point."

Welcomed

Inglis welcomed the opportunity to interchange on the paddock with Merritt, admitting he was still coming to grips with his move to fullback.

"I've just been trying to find ways to improve my game – it's great being back there and getting more hands on the ball," said Inglis, who did his best to pick the brain of Test No 1 Billy Slater while in camp with the Australian side in New Zealand for the Anzac Test.

"He didn't give too much away. The things that Billy Slater does

sometimes you just can't coach, it just comes natural.

"I'll look at different players and find different ways to improve."

Merritt, 28, played half a game for North Sydney in the NSW Cup the previous weekend, scoring one try and setting up another to show he was ready for an NRL return.

"He's a class player, he showed that last year with being the top try-scorer – to have a player like that back in your team it's definitely going to be a big positive for us," Maguire said.

'Pops up'

"You can see why he scored the amount of tries he did score last year because he just roams around near the ball and just pops up at the right time."

Meanwhile, Merritt admitted he was unlikely to reclaim his fullback jersey this season, despite scoring a try in his successful return from a toe injury for Rabbitohs feeder team North Sydney in the NSW Cup.

The prolific try-scorer looked confident at Henson Park, lining up at fullback in North Sydney's 52-6 mauling of Western Suburbs with Rabbitohs coach Michael Maguire, captain Michael Crocker and forward Jason Clark watching on from the stands.

But Merritt admits he will find it hard to slot into his favoured No 1 jersey, and may have to revert to the wing where he has played the bulk of his NRL games.

"Not too sure where I'm going to be playing. I don't think I'll be playing fullback," Merritt said.

"I think my best chance is on the wing. But we'll see what Madge (Maguire) does and what he's got planned. Hopefully I'm back in the side and we'll go from there."

As part of the comeback plan, the 28-year-old spent the second half sitting on the Bears' bench with his foot in a bucket of ice – but said it felt as good as it had all season.

Merritt also revealed he will need to manage the injury

carefully for the rest of the year with a view to getting surgery to correct it after the season.

"This was a bit of an indication to see where I'm at and just get some match fitness," Merritt said after the game.

"I've pulled up pretty sweet. It was a tough 40 minutes but was good to get it out of the way.

"This has probably been the best it's felt all season.

Frustrating

"It's been pretty tricky and frustrating to manage. Sometimes you can't walk around too freely.

"It's a bit annoying but hopefully I can get through the season with it and look after it at the end of the season."

Merritt showed his trademark speed with a blistering 50-metre run to score a try, before setting up centre Bennett Leslie with a deft offload.

"It was good to get the legs running again, and it was good to get a try and a win as well," he said. – **AAP**



GREG INGLIS



NATHAN MERRITT

Boomanulla touch carnival won by Saiyans



ACT TEAMS from as far away as Bega, on the NSW south coast, contested the United Community mixed touch football carnival

at Boomanulla Oval, Canberra.

Sixteen teams lined up and were split into three grades. The Australian Federal Police entered a team at the last moment following the late withdrawal of another side.

In the C-grade final, The Winnunga Possums beat We Run This 7-1.

In the B-grade final, the Winnunga Bilbies beat the ANU Bears 6-5 in extra time.

The A-grade final was between the star-studded Saiyans and crowd favourites Boomanulla. Saiyans ran away to win 8-1.

The knockout was supported by Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, Boomanulla Oval, Indigenous Social Inclusion Company, Xblades and teams affiliated with ACT Touch Football.



Action from the Boomanulla touch football carnival in Canberra.

World Sevens returns to Gold Coast



SKILLED Park, on the Gold Coast, is to host the opening round of rugby union's 2012-13 HSBC Sevens World Series in mid-October.

After making its debut last November, the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) last week announced the two-day tournament would 13-14 October. ARU managing director and CEO John O'Neill said the build-up had already started for the second instalment of Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch.

"Last year's inaugural tournament provided a great platform for growth in the second year," O'Neill said.

"Since the final whistle blew last year we've had a number of people asking us when Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch will be held in 2012.

"After working closely with the IRB and Queensland Government, through Events Queensland, we can confirm

the dates for the 2012 tournament will be 13 and 14 October.

Queensland Tourism and Major Events Minister Jann Stuckey said last year's event attracted more than 25,000 people, injecting millions into the local economy.

"Broadcast to more than 140 countries with an estimated potential audience of more than 750 million, Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch showcases the Gold Coast to a global audience," she said.

Qantas Men's Sevens coach Michael O'Connor said he was excited by the prospect of returning to the Gold Coast.

Men's Sevens flyer Shannon Walker said he was looking forward to playing at Skilled Park after missing out last year.

"I was really disappointed to miss out in the inaugural year of the tournament because of injury, but after enjoying some time on the park in Hong

Kong and then Tokyo, I am itching to play at the Gold Coast," Walker said.

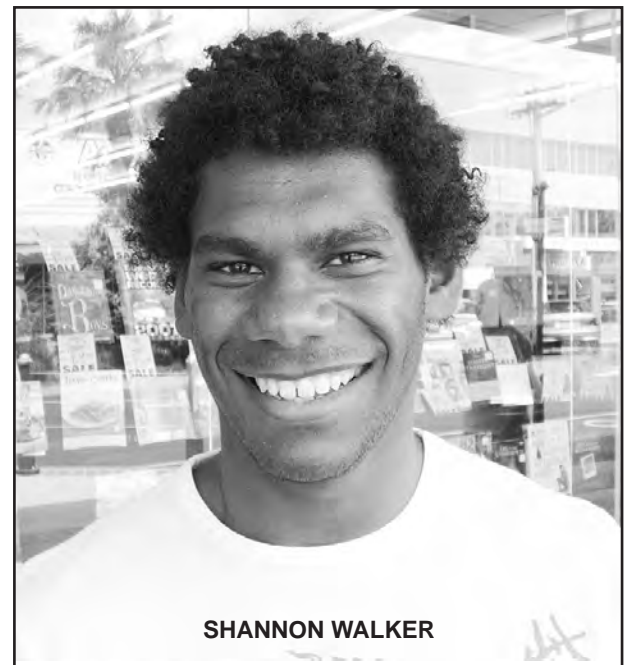
"Now that I've got a taste of international rugby sevens on probably one of the biggest stages in the world, Hong Kong, I am keen to be able to step out in front of a home crowd in October.

"The atmosphere over in Hong Kong was just amazing, but I think the Gold Coast can match that atmosphere, if not better it.

"One of the things the Gold Coast is known for is its energy and I encourage everyone to get out and support us in October and enjoy two days of exciting international Rugby Sevens action."

Information about on sale dates for tickets to Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch 2012 will be announced in the coming weeks.

● More information around Gold Coast Sevens – Fever Pitch can be found at www.goldcoastfeverpitch.com.au



SHANNON WALKER

Special weekend

BEING a sportsman provides the opportunity to influence others and have a voice that is heard more widely than many in society.

For better or worse, what we say and do will reach more people through media coverage, articles written, tweets, blogs and websites.

The pressure of this privilege is one that can make and break sportspeople. The indiscretions and mistakes of youth (or those young at heart) are often easily forgotten by peers or people at large.

Not so for those who grow up and live in the spotlight of the media.

Yet with the weight of the media's eyes comes the gift of a voice. When we speak, there will be more people listening.

When we do something great on or off the field, there will be young fans mimicking the behaviour in their own backyards.

This influence includes hairstyles, body art, brands worn, lingo used, recreational habits and physiques to name a few.

This is why it is important for sportspeople to be mindful of what they choose to say and to get involved to inspire people within their communities.

My first contact with a sporting hero of mine was when David Fairleigh came to my school – Avoca Primary. He was a Central Coast local who played for the team that back then meant the world to me, the North Sydney Bears rugby league team.

I will always remember being stoked that he would take the time to come talk to us. Fairleigh was one of us (a Coastie) and he had made it to the top of my world.

Last month I flew to Alice Springs to be involved in the Lloyd McDermott Foundation (Lloydies) Under 18 Indigenous

Boys' Rugby Camp.

It was an opportunity for remote Indigenous youth to come together through their heritage and their love of rugby union.

While participation and enjoyment was the focus, a national team was selected that will have the opportunity to compete in the nationals and will also go on an overseas rugby tour. The 89 players were provided with kit, accommodation, meals, transport, and the lucky few... a passport!

The players came from four regions: Northern Territory, the ACT, Queensland and NSW – and one WA representative.

Each team played each other. However, it is the talented few who are selected in the national team that are the real winners.

The participants are a tribute to their families, communities and 'Lloydies'.

Heartening

For 89 youth to share rooms and come together for an intensive weekend of rugby and workshops as a group and as four teams with camaraderie and impeccable behaviour was heartening to see.

The mateship, sportsmanship and support they provided each other was second to none.

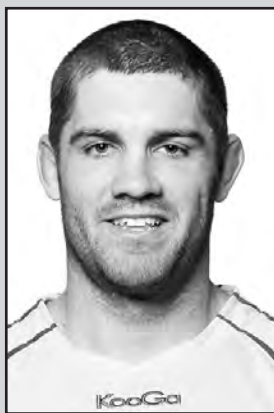
Sport is an amazing vehicle to unite people from all backgrounds, cultures and nationalities.

Rugby is a truly international sport that is giving one part of the Australian community an opportunity to see the world and live a healthier lifestyle.

While rugby is the focus of 'Lloydies', it is far from just an annual rugby camp for Indigenous youth.

'Lloydies' require all the participants to still be in school as part of the 'No School, No Play' program and works to

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connect private schools with talented individuals to obtain scholarships. They also work with the young people to help them be mindful of the decisions they make in life that will affect their rugby, and also the rest of their lives.

The camps are a key opportunity to conduct nightly workshops on nutrition, drug and alcohol avoidance, career goal-setting, staying connected to Aboriginal heritage, and domestic violence.

I was fortunate enough to be asked to talk to the boys about my path from 'Lloydies' as a 16-year-old on my first overseas trip to Papua New Guinea, to my selection as a Wallaby.

I spoke about the hard decisions of a young man to sacrifice spending weekends with my friends drinking and chasing girls to make sure that I

was at my best on the rugby field.

I spoke about the mental toughness you need to be able to overcome injuries.

In my first three years of professional rugby, I had back-to-back rebuilds on my ankle, shoulder and knee which prevented me from getting my first Super cap with the Waratahs.

I spoke about doctors and coaches telling me I would never make it at Super level – or might not play rugby again.

I spoke about how you must believe in your ability, work hard and make sacrifices to achieve your goals.

I truthfully told the boys that the sacrifice was worth it when you represented your State or country for the first time.

Nothing can take that away from you and no-one will understand how that feels until you have done it.

I also told the boys that the average playing career for Super rugby in Australia, for the lucky 175 people who are contracted annually, was around 2.5 years.

Life after rugby

So even if you reach your goals, you still have to be focused on your life and career after rugby.

Even the greats of the past and present will have a job after rugby. No-one plays rugby and then retires.

I spoke about my studies and career development throughout my career as I prepared for the next phase of my working life, whenever that may be.

Like many of the youngsters I was addressing, I didn't know for sure what I wanted to do or be when I grew up.

However, even in that situation, you must be working to educate and train yourself to prepare for the real world.

I reinforced that 'Lloydies' had

opened doors in my life – on and off the field.

These boys have the same opportunity to connect with people and invest time in networks in their rugby community to help them in their lives.

People are important and you never know who can help you and how your efforts can also positively influence others. This is true for everyone – not just professional sportspeople.

I felt fortunate that the Force's bye had enabled me to attend this year's camp, giving me the opportunity to provide my support to something that I feel strongly about.

I felt honoured to have had the opportunity to play rugby for my State and my country.

If I can inspire one of these kids from the bush to push hard and be dedicated to their rugby, then it was a weekend well spent.

If I can give one kid a buzz to have thrown a ball with a Wallaby and give him a memory like I have of Fairleigh, then I'll be stoked to make that kid's highlight reel.

The Lloyd McDermott Foundation is about coming together as a larger Indigenous community through the love of rugby.

The camp was a weekend of making new friends, showing off your rugby moves for the cameras, and each other.

Special thanks to my mate Tom Evans, the 'Lloydies' co-ordinator, for his efforts over the years. He tirelessly heads up a great professional team and network of volunteers who work hard to make every 'Lloydies' event successful.

Thank you to the 89 players for being a part of the weekend, the quality of the rugby was impressive and I look forward to seeing you succeed in all fields of your lives.

Save the little men

I MAKE no secret of the fact that Matt Bowen is my favourite player. Like most, I marvel at his attacking skills and his ability to create something out of nothing.

Playing in the same team as Johnathan Thurston gives him even greater latitude to show his skills.

When those two are 'on song', there is no known defence to their creative genius.

Yet at the moment, the game seems almost intent on rubbing the smaller player out of the game.

So much so that when it comes to representative games, the smaller player seems to be a luxury that coaches do not want to risk.

Even Queensland selectors need to be reminded of the talents of a player like Bowen.

Bowen, who has just turned 30, is in scintillating form and hopes to end his five-year Origin exile.

"I haven't given up on Origin," said Bowen, who last played for the Maroons in 2007.

"Obviously Billy Slater is the best fullback in the world, but I'd love to get a crack somewhere, even if it's off the bench.

"The flame never dies really. Bill has started the year on fire; he finished well last year and has kept going this year.

"I don't pick the team, but I just have to be consistent."

Slater's the best

Despite being one of the code's best fullbacks, Bowen is adamant the game has not witnessed a better custodian than Slater.

"I don't think I've seen better," he said.

"When 'Locky' (Darren Lockyer) was playing fullback for the Broncos, he was one of the best, but Bill's on top for me. He showed it last year that he's the benchmark and nothing has changed. I've played Origin alongside him and I know how competitive he is.

"All the fullbacks in the competition would be watching Bill's game and try and do what he is doing."

Slater and Bowen are two of the small men in the game who excite fans. Throw in

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

Ben Barba and Daly Cherry-Evans and you are talking about a breed of player that seems to be under threat.

In recent times, some influential figures have come out and described the current game as boring.

Although I do not fully agree with this view, I understand where the likes of Wayne Bennett and Bob Fulton are coming from.

The fitness level of players is at the highest in the history of the game, with forwards almost as athletic as the outside backs.

Relentless intensity

Given the opportunity for them to recharge their batteries on the bench, the intensity of defence is relentless across the full 80 minutes of the game.

Add to this the inevitable slowing down of the play-the-ball with dominant tackles

and the use of wrestling tactics, the defensive line is even harder to break.

Gone are the days when the smaller player came into his own in the late part of each half of footy.

I can understand why concerns are escalating over illegal wrestling in the NRL.

At least two New Zealand players used dangerous wrestling moves in their 20-12 loss to Australia in the Anzac one-off Test, including the Kimora, a martial arts-inspired arm-lock which places extreme pressure on the shoulder joint.

I can understand why players themselves are becoming disenchanted and agree with Johnathan Thurston's call for interchanges to be cut from ten to eight to open up the game and combat wrestling tactics.

More opportunities

Thurston said cutting back interchanges would negate coaches' modern-day fixation with winning the ruck, giving smaller and fitter players more latitude and teams more opportunities to score points.

"At the moment, if you win the ruck, you usually win the game," Thurston said after the trans-Tasman Test.

"If the interchanges came down to eight, you will see the bigger fellas tiring and it would open up the opportunity for the smaller players like me.

"I'm sure the smaller guys in the NRL would agree with me. That (cutting back interchanges) would test the bigger blokes out and that's how we will see the game open up a bit more."

The code has tweaked the interchange rule several times, seeking a healthy equilibrium between attack and defence.

In 2001, the NRL brought in 12 interchanges after concerns the unlimited interchange rule during the Super League era had made the game so quick, it morphed into touch football.

Four years ago, the number of interchanges was cut back to ten and Thurston believes it is time for a further reduction to expose the fitness levels of NRL players.

"No doubt there is more wrestling (now),"

Thurston said. "It's a big part of the game now. All the clubs are hiring wrestling coaches.

"Everyone is getting bigger and stronger and teams are wrestling to win the ruck. If you control the ruck speed, your defence gets more time to get set.

"Even in attack, if you control the ruck speed by getting quick play-the-balls, you are on top."

NSW State of Origin coach Ricky Stuart, whose former Roosters side mastered the art of winning the ruck in their 2002 premiership win, agrees with Thurston.

"All this talk about the wrestle has given us a real opportunity to fix some of the problems in the game – and it's an opportunity we can't blow," he said.

"We constantly reward the forwards – through interchange – who nullify the spectacle."

Personally, I would go even further and cut the interchanges back to six and really attempt to open up the game.

Rugby league is a gladiatorial sport and the intensity of the physical contact is something that is at the heart of the game.

But rugby league is also a game of great skill and this aspect is often not appreciated.

It is the skill of the little man against a domineering defence that attracts many players and fans to the game.

David and Goliath

There are aspects of David against Goliath when you see Matty Bowen weaving, stepping and outpacing players twice his size.

We don't need to protect Matty Bowen from the larger player.

His courage and strength are beyond question.

What we need to protect is his opportunity to show his full array of attacking talents against a dominant defence.

Let's open up the game and ensure the next generation of Bowens, Barbas and Slaters are protected from extinction.

The 'little men' should be a large part of how we continue to evolve our great game.

Bowen harbours Origin hopes

By ALF WILSON



STAR North Queensland Cowboys fullback Matt Bowen is hopeful of gaining Queensland State of Origin and Australian Test selection this

season, but his main priority is helping his side reach the National Rugby League play-offs.

Bowen was speaking at Townsville's Ronald McDonald House, which provides accommodation for families from remote areas when they visit sick relatives at the nearby hospital.

The flier from Hope Vale Aboriginal community was delighted to become a community ambassador for Ronald McDonald House.

Turning to rugby league, Bowen said: "Every NRL footballer wants to play in State of Origin and Tests and fingers crossed I will this season.

"But I want to be part of a Cowboys side that wins games and gets two points each week."

It was announced during Bowen's visit that stage two of Ronald

McDonald House would be open in July. This would increase the number of rooms for families from 12 to 24.

Ronald McDonald House spokeswoman Emma Meeking said Bowen's decision to be an ambassador would increase the profile of the facility.

While there, Bowen met staff, volunteers and families who were using the facilities and inspected construction of stage two.

'Great thing'

"This is a great community thing and helps many families, including a lot of Indigenous ones – some from my community of Hope Vale. They can be close to loved ones," Bowen said.

Many of the families who use Ronald McDonald House are Indigenous from as far away as Kowanyama, Cape York, Napranum and other Aboriginal communities.

Chillagoe family Kirsty Callope, Robert Hostalek, Phillio Callope, 12, and baby Robert Hostalek Jnr, 20 months, were delighted to see Bowen, who signed Cowboys team photographs for them.



Matt Bowen at Ronald McDonald House, Townsville, with Robert Hostalek, 11, of Chillagoe.
— Image: Alf Wilson

One of our greats

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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In our lives, we all have our true mates. We also have our heroes.

Some of us have role models and mentors.

Then there is family.

I am truly fortunate when I can say that Adam Goodes gets a tick in all those boxes for me and I am privileged that he was the person who was set last Sunday to surpass my playing record, becoming the Swans player with the most number of games against his name.

But my admiration for Adam goes well beyond what he has achieved on the football field.

Australian rules has just enabled him to show the qualities that will see him be successful in whatever field he pursues beyond his playing days.

Passion, commitment and dedication are the first qualities that reflect the person I know and admire.

When he speaks out about the perception that Indigenous players are successful because of some innate or natural talent, he is not just challenging stereotypes.

He is talking about himself.

Wasn't easy

Adam Goodes makes it all look so easy when he glides across a football field – but it isn't and never has been.

Footy wasn't natural to him – he had to work on his run and carry, then work on his kicking and decision-making.

When he arrived at the Swans, he didn't really have a clue about playing, training and preparing himself for AFL football.

He wasn't ready to play a senior game during his first year at the Swans in 1998.

But he was willing to work hard, to listen and learn and to do whatever it took to make that next step.

It is an approach to life he has maintained throughout his entire career.

He is now considered to be one of the great leaders in our game, but this was not always the case.

Even after winning his first Brownlow Medal five years ago, he wasn't deemed fit for a spot in the club's leadership group.

It was a kick in the guts, but we all need a kick in the guts sometimes.

It is how we respond to those disappointments that counts.

And Adam, whose history includes attending a school in Horsham, where he was the only Aboriginal student, knows a thing or two about battling through adversity.

That is why he is so passionate about Aboriginal players receiving due credit for the hard work they put in to achieve.

To present his jersey to him in Launceston where he was set to break my record of 303 for most games at the club, will be just as emotional moment for me as it will be for him.

Probably more so for me as Adam – being the true professional he is – will be more focused on winning the game.

He has been a huge part of my life – we're family in every sense of the word.

We grew up around the corner from each other in Adelaide.

His grandmother and my great grandmother are sisters.

Great moment

We played hundreds of games together for the Swans and shared in the club's greatest moment – the 2005 premiership flag.

Within the club, we are all 'Blood brothers', but our relationship goes even further than that.

As great as it was to break the Swans' title drought, we share a more precious gift from our careers.

It has been more about being able to change how our families' future was about to unfold.

We were able to ensure our younger brothers and sisters had good clothes and that they never missed out on much.

Goodsey and I went through that time when Mum didn't have money that week, so you weren't able to go on the school excursion or school camp or anything like that.

I remember missing out on those things and it was exactly the same with Adam.

When we were able to play footy, we were able to look after our family the right way.

That's a big driving force for him.

As the only Aboriginal student at his school, Adam was an obvious target – but not from the obvious source.

As ridiculous as it sounds right now, he was being called



Two of the Sydney Swans' greatest – Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes.

names by his own people and all he wanted to do was learn and finish high school.

He got bagged for going to school.

He still remembers those same people.

They say, 'Hey mate, great to see you' and pat him on the back, but he doesn't do anything.

He says 'hello' and moves on. You remember stuff like that and it drives you.

That is why we are so passionate about the next generation of kids succeeding.

That's why, in 2009, we launched the Go-Foundation, which focuses on education, employment and healthy lifestyles for young Indigenous Australians.

We know our responsibility goes beyond just playing footy.

It's about what we do after footy. We don't just ride off into the sunset, never to be heard of again.

But Adam's career has a way to go, given his dedication and competitiveness.

That is why it's difficult to summarise his achievements of Adam Goodes.

You may know him as a dual Brownlow Medallist, premiership player, and four-times All-Australian, but to his team-mates he is a champion of the club, a mentor, and an inspirational team player.

Jude Bolton, who has played alongside Goodes for more than a decade, said he was still in awe of Goodes' ability to keep on improving as a player.

"Just the fact that he's never lowered the bar in his standards in his time and he just keeps

getting better over the journey," he said.

"It's just an amazing effort by Goodes and it's going to be really special for him when he passes Micky O'Loughlin and I think he's got plenty more games in him."

For young player Dan Hannebery, it is still hard to believe he gets the chance to play alongside one of the AFL greats.

"You've sometimes got to pinch yourself when you're out there playing with him and he does all the wonderful things he does," he said.

"It's a huge privilege to come into the footy club and be lucky enough to play with Goodes."

We are all lucky to have Adam Goodes on our side.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

Mills joins NBA elite



AUSTRALIAN basketballer Patty Mills continues to make a serious mark in the United States National Basketball Association (NBA) – playing himself into the record books and timely form ahead of the Boomers' Olympic campaign.

Mills posted the highest single-game score by an Australian in the NBA with 34 points in the San Antonio Spurs' 107-101 win over Golden State Warriors.

He surpassed Andrew Bogut's 32-point haul against Bogut's new club in the match in Oakland, California on Friday (AEST).

And he continues to make the most of the mid-season NBA lifeline thrown to him a few weeks ago, stepping up as starters Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili were rested ahead of the Spurs' looming play-off campaign.

"I was very pumped to have this opportunity. I felt very comfortable to just slide in there and take it on with both hands," Mills told The Associated Press.

It was Mills' second successive breakout game – backing up from his impressive 27 points

against Phoenix the previous night.

Mills had an explosive first half with 18 points.

Then as Golden State paid him closer attention, he turned playmaker – finishing with 12 assists for the match.

Mills is playing under Boomers head coach Brett Brown, who is an assistant at the Spurs, and Brown is thrilled with how his star guard is performing.

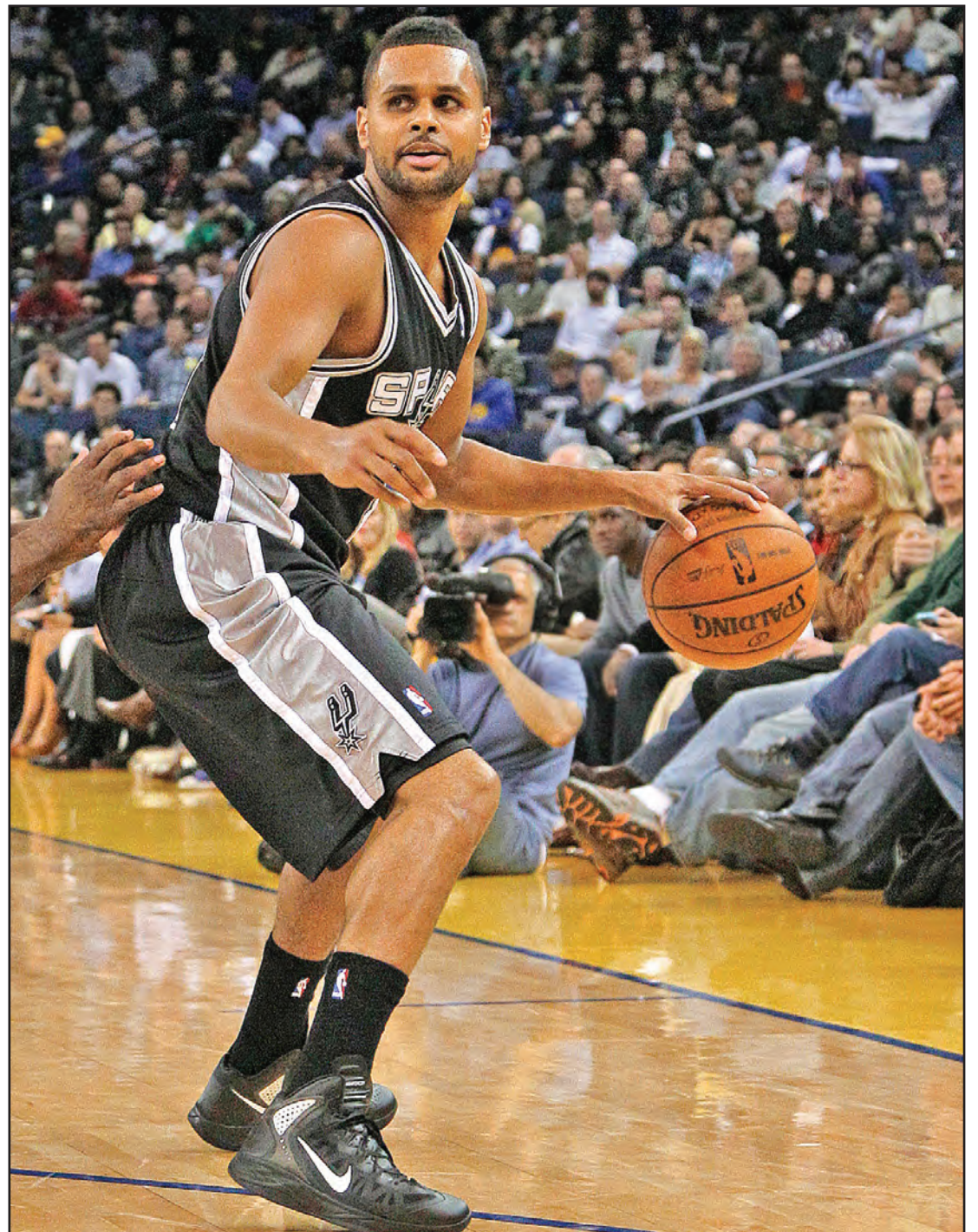
With Bogut out of the Olympic Games because of injury, point guard Mills is now set to be Australia's go-to man in London.

"He took advantage of a unique opportunity where you get extended minutes and... he really did a great job of taking advantage of the situation," Brown said.

"To be able to put back-to-back games (together) as he did against young guys and athletes is a real credit to him and the Spurs structure.

"He's really done a fantastic job of fitting in with the team on all levels from a playing perspective, to being a great team-mate.

"He's been a real positive addition to the program." – AAP



San Antonio Spurs point guard Patrick Mills (8), from Australia, against the Golden State Warriors during an NBA game in Oakland, California, on Monday 16 April. – AP image



Shannon Walker breaks away to score a try for Australia in the HSBC Sevens World Series match against Samoa during day two of the Tokyo Sevens on 1 April. – Getty image

Walker in Australian Sevens touring team



RUGBY league convert Shannon Walker has retained his place in the Qantas Australian men's

sevens rugby union squad to tour England and Scotland.

Coming off the back of a tournament win in Tokyo, coach Michael O'Connor is confident his side is on the right track, as it continues to build the necessary depth and experience to consistently win tournaments on the HSBC Sevens World Series.

Before leaving for the Northern Hemisphere, the squad played an international exhibition game last Sunday against trans-Tasman rival New Zealand as they put the finishing touches on their preparation for the final two rounds of the HSBC Sevens World Series.

The team left on Sunday evening for the final two rounds of the 2011-12 series.

Earlier this year, O'Connor was forced to bring inexperienced players into the fold to help fill injury voids and while expanding the depth of Australian Sevens, it also affected the team's performances in the middle of the season.

But now, with a larger and more experienced player base, O'Connor is starting the reap the

rewards, as seen in Tokyo, with the side's first cup win since May 2010.

"There's no substitute for playing tournaments," O'Connor said.

"The bulk of this squad now have been there from the start of the season, which has allowed us to build experience, we're fitter and we're tournament-hardened now.

"We've had issues with injuries this season and we've had to use a lot of players, but the squad is starting to build familiarity and they want to do well."

Seeded first

Following the win in Tokyo, the Qantas Men's Sevens were seeded first for the Glasgow Sevens, named in Pool A alongside England, the United States and Kenya.

Australia faced the English and Americans in Tokyo, defeating the United States before a clinical display saw them victorious over England 33-12 in the Cup semi-final.

Their last game against Kenya was a 12-7 loss in the bowl final at the Wellington Sevens in February.

While O'Connor admits Pool A isn't the toughest draw in Glasgow, he knows not to under-estimate any side in the unpredictable world of Sevens.

Girls take to Sevens



Sharon McGrady in action for the Indigenous team at the inaugural National Women's Rugby Sevens tournament in Sydney.
— Photo by Paul Seiser



FIFTEEN per cent of the players taking part in the inaugural National Women's Rugby Sevens championships in Sydney on 14-15 April were

Indigenous. Fourteen teams, including a National Indigenous side, entered the tournament at St Ignatius College, Riverview.

The Indigenous team finished equal seventh.

Teams were placed in round-robin pools, with pool winners advancing to semi-finals.

Teams that missed out on semi-final positions took part in Plate, Bowl and Shield competitions to ensure they were given plenty of match experience.

The Indigenous team was beaten 38-0 by a classy Sydney White combination that went on to reach the grand final.

They were beaten 31-0 by Queensland Red in the grand final.

After their first-round loss, the Indigenous team beat South Australia 22-5 to qualify for the Plate competition.

The Indigenous team finished equal third in that division after being beaten 28-17 by Victoria.

Selection opportunities

The Queensland Red side bolted away with the major title, with Qantas Women's Sevens player Emilee Cherry netting a hat-trick, along with tries to national squad member Cheyenne Campbell and Qantas Women's Sevens' Shannon Parry. Player of the tournament, Lavinia Gould kicked four conversions.

For Qantas Women's Sevens coach Chris Lane, the establishment of the tournament has further opened up selection

and competition opportunities for female rugby players in Australia.

"This tournament is a great step in the player pathway for Australian rugby," Lane said.

"The National Women's Rugby Sevens championship will grow and I expect to see more players progress."

The Cup final included no fewer than nine national players, with Cherry the standout, as she blitzed her opposites with unchallenged pace.

While the amount of national players competing in the final allowed for an entertaining game, Lane was also impressed by the amount of new talent the tournament unearthed.

"I provided us with a look at the next crop of talent in Australian women's rugby."

"Over the two days it was a very high standard and there were certainly a number

of players who put their hands up that we'll be watching very closely over the coming months and years.

Victoria defeated Sydney Blue 33-5 to claim the Plate final, while the Australian Services Rugby Union edged out Papua New Guinea 39-29 in a thrilling Bowl final and South Australia claimed the Shield with a 36-0 win over ACT 2.

The tournament was a first for rugby in Australia as the governing body looks to continue to develop rugby sevens as it grows in importance and popularity following its appointment to the Summer Olympics in 2016.

It brought together 168 players from across the country and abroad.

The first-ever National Indigenous Women's Sevens team was an initiative of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team.

Yow Yeh undergoes surgery in Brisbane



A file picture of Queensland player Jharal Yow Yeh scoring against NSW in State of Origin 1 at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on 25 May 2011. — AAP image



BRISBANE coach Anthony Griffin has praised injured National Rugby League (NRL)

winger Jharal Yow Yeh for his mental resolve in battling several setbacks before finally undergoing surgery on his broken leg last Tuesday.

Before being wheeled into the operating theatre of leading orthopaedic specialist Dr Peter Myers at Brisbane's St Andrews Private hospital, the 22-year-old representative star posted on Twitter 'heading into theatre now... can't wait for it all to be over'.

Yow Yeh suffered one of the worst injuries seen in rugby league in recent years at Perth's

nib Stadium last month, when the bone pierced through his skin as he dislocated his ankle.

He's spent another 32 days in hospital undergoing multiple skin grafts and warding off infection.

His major operation was cancelled several times, but each time he remained as positive as he could.

"I've got so much admiration for Jharal the way he's handled everything," Griffin said as Yow Yeh was having his surgery.

"I've really felt for him this past month, he hasn't been out of hospital since that night in Perth (8 March).

"I have to give him a rap for his state of mind and the way he's stayed so positive."

"We're all really looking

forward to him getting out of hospital, starting his rehab and seeing him around the place again."

Griffin has kept in regular contact with Yow Yeh and said he had shown tremendous character to stay positive and believing he could make it back to the NRL.

"As disappointing as all this would be for him, he's really kept positive," he said.

"He's had this big operation and procedure delayed nearly every three or four days as plans kept changing and they kept pushing it back."

"It would have been terribly frustrating for him, but he's always had a smile on his face and talked about getting back to training and back on the field." — AAP

Goodes sets Swans record



ADAM Goodes is looking no further ahead than the 2013 Australian Football League (AFL) season.

Last week he wasn't putting a time limit on his stellar career as he prepared to play his club-record 304th AFL game for the Swans.

The dual Brownlow Medallist last Sunday was set to surpass the mark he shared with his cousin Michael O'Loughlin when he played against Hawthorn in Launceston.

Goodes is bullish about the the Swans' prospects in the next few years.

"That's why I'm still running around right now. I really believe we've got a great opportunity at this football club to win another premiership while I'm still here," Goodes said on Friday.

The 32-year-old superstar is contracted to the end of the 2013 season, but said he had not even begun to think about what he would do after his career ended.

"As soon as I start thinking about those sorts of things, then I will probably know that's the time to hang up the boots. I'm fully committed right here," Goodes said.

His landmark game was delayed one week by a suspension for sliding his knees into Port Adelaide's Jacob Surjan.

Goodes said one of the highlights for him was playing 280 games with O'Loughlin.

Another highlight was being on the ground when O'Loughlin broke the record for the most number of games by a Swans player. That was

against Fremantle and it was also a celebration for Goodes as it marked his 250th AFL game.

"We have shared some great moments. That was one of them," he said.

Goodes said another highlight had been the day he received the call from O'Loughlin telling him that he had been drafted.

"It's amazing how our lives have panned out," he said.

O'Loughlin said he was proud to have Goodes break his club record.

"I have seen him mature and become the player he is today," he said.

"He's done that through pure hard work."

Goodes, who made his debut in 1999, said his first year at the Swans under coach Rodney Eade was a big learning curve.

He described Eade as a tough coach, but a fair one.

"He was hard on me, but I took on board the positives. I was aware of my weaknesses and worked on them," he said.

"I wasn't the best defender and was quite lazy at training.

"When Paul Roos came along, he gave me the freedom to go out and play football... to hunt the footy and kick goals."

Goodes said winning the 2005 premiership was his big highlight.

He rated Carlton midfielder Chris Judd as his hardest opponent.

O'Loughlin believes Goodes has at least another four years at the top level of AFL.

"There's no issues with his body...the main issue now is a mental one," he said.

● LEFT:

Team-mates and best mates: Adam Goodes, left, and Michael O'Loughlin after the Swans beat Collingwood at Sydney's Olympic Stadium in 2005. – AFL photo



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The incident that cost Adam Goodes a one-week suspension as he slides into Port Adelaide's Jacob Surjan at the Sydney Cricket Ground in mid-April. The suspension meant that Goodes delayed breaking Michael O'Loughlin's club record of 303 AFL games.

– Image: Peter Argent

Leaping Lance a soaring Hawk



Hawthorn's Lance Franklin rises above the pack during the round four Australian Football League (AFL) match against the West Coast Eagles at Patterson Stadium, Perth, on Saturday 21 April. The Eagles won 51-46. – AAP image



● **LEFT:** Nat Heath, 26, from Newcastle – one of the 12 runners in contention to contest the 2012 New York Marathon with the IMP team. Heath said he never imagined becoming an athlete, but illness and a realisation that Aboriginal people were dying too young prompted the young Indigenous man to set his sights on the New York Marathon. The team that goes to New York will be trimmed to ten following a 30km test run in September. In the meantime, the team will attend camps on the Gold Coast and in Sydney and Alice Springs and will start units of Certificate III in Community Recreation (Indigenous Healthy Living). The athletes were chosen from more than 130 applications to join the IMP team.

– AFP image

Aiming for New York



THE 12 Indigenous athletes to train for this year's New York Marathon, with the backing of former champion Rob de

Castella, have been named.

Their selection follows a nationwide search involving more than 130 applications and an exhaustive screening process.

Former world marathon champion de Castella and his Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team last week named the 12 runners to be part of the IMP 2012 New York City Marathon squad.

The team will be trimmed to ten runners following a 30km test event in September.

The project this year targeted regional and remote communities across Australia, with six of the 12 runners representing remote communities such as Aurukun (Qld) and Maningrida, Gunbalanya and Ramingining (NT).

The 2012 men's squad is: Nat Heath

(Newcastle, NSW), Jurjean Tabuai (Townsville, Qld), Justin Gaykamangu (Ramingining, NT), Marius Clarke (Gunbalanya, NT), Kieren De Santis (Tiwi Islands, NT) and Korey Summers (Alice Springs, NT).

Women's squad: Amber Parker (Newcastle, NSW), Anna Kerindun (Aurukun, Qld), Nickaela Kerindun (Aurukun, Qld), Victoria Davis-Jenkins (Cairns, Qld), Emma Cameron (Darwin, NT) and Grace Eather (Maningrida, NT).

Training camps

Under the guidance of de Castella – a former Australian of the Year and world champion marathon runner – they will be put through their paces at a number of intensive training camps, leading them a step closer to completing the famous foot race.

"These 12 young Indigenous runners are following in the footsteps of the 15 Indigenous Marathon Project runners before them who have been mentored through the New York Marathon over the

past two years," de Castella said.

"They are sending a powerful message to Indigenous Australia and reinforcing our slogan: 'If you can run a marathon, you can do anything'."

The athletes will meet for the first time when they come together in Canberra this month for the first training camp.

It will include a number of training and fitness sessions.

The squad also will start units of their Certificate III in Community Recreation (Indigenous Healthy Living).

De Castella said IMP would assist the athletes in obtaining employment in the health and fitness industries.

Other camps will be held throughout the year on the Gold Coast, and in Sydney and Alice Springs, with runners taking part in a range of fun runs.

De Castella said the IMP was not a sports program, but used running and the New York Marathon to change lives and promote physical activity and healthy living and to address high levels of disease in Indigenous Australia.

Olympic hopefuls

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In the men's competition, the Boomers are a team with increasing depth and are proving to be a growing contender for the London 2012 medal dais. With star players such as Patty Mills in the ranks, the Boomers will be looking to win a medal.

They have been placed fourth on three occasions – 1988, 1992 and 2000. In Beijing the men's team reached the quarter-finals, finishing seventh.

Hockey striker Des Abbott could be considered the most likely gold medallist of the Indigenous contingent.

Since Beijing, the Kookaburras have gone from strength to strength, winning gold in the World Cup, Champions Trophy and Commonwealth Games – all in 2010 under coach Ric Charlesworth.

Australian men are dominating the BMX world circuit, with a handful of athletes hovering around the top of the world rankings.

Khalen Young, 27, lives and trains in California.

He was born in Kelmscott, WA, but now lives in Murrieta, California.

He started competitive riding at the age of five and his career highlights include being the 2008 American Bicycle Association (ABA) AA national champion, USA (2008), silver medallist at the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) BMX world championships in Canada (2007), gold medallist at the UCI BMX world championships in Spain (2007) and Australian BMX champion (2007).

He was in the Australian team at the world championships in 2002, 2007 and 2008.

His hobbies are listed as music and tattoos.

● **RIGHT:** A file picture of marathon trailblazer Charlie Maher and IMP co-ordinator Rob de Castella. Maher was in the first IMP team to run in the New York Marathon in 2010 and recorded the best time of the IMP team. This picture was taken at the Boston Marathon. Maher, from Alice Springs, is a popular Northern Territory sportsman, excelling in a number of disciplines.





Australia's Khalen Young falls off his bike in mid-air during the quarter-finals of the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup at the Olympic BMX course in Stratford, East London, on 20 August 2011. International BMX riders were competing in the event which was being run as a test event ahead of the London 2012 Olympics.

– AFP image

● INSET: Khalen Young



Olympic hopefuls

By GRAHAM HUNT



INDIGENOUS Australians chasing their dreams of becoming 2012 Olympians will come close to matching their levels of representation at the 2008

Games in Beijing.

So far, only three Indigenous athletes are confirmed starters for the London Olympics starting on 27 July. They are boxers Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper and discus thrower Benn Harradine.

They will almost certainly be joined by basketballer Patty Mills and hockey player Des Abbott.

Khalen Young, who rides professionally in the United States, is another who is odds-on to be in Australia's three-man BMX team for London.

With only 77 formally selected so far, the other 320 or so prospective Australian Olympians are entering a hectic period of selection events.

The swimming, sailing, slalom canoe, kayaking-canoeing, synchronised

swimming, taekwondo and men's boxing teams are all locked in.

But in the next month or two, athletes from the other 18 sports are spreading around the world as they strive for selection.

Athletics Australia has nominated 25 athletes, and hopes to add around 15 more by the mid-June deadline.

Harradine, who represented his country in Beijing in 2008, has already qualified for London.

Other Indigenous athletes such as women's basketballer Rohanee Cox remain in the mix for selection.

Silver in Beijing

Cox was a member of Australia's silver medal-winning Opals at the Beijing Olympics.

Softballer Stacey Porter represented Australia in Beijing, but the sport has since been dropped from the Olympic schedule. Had softball still been an Olympic sport, Porter almost certainly would have been joined by Australia's newest Indigenous international – pitcher Vanessa Stokes.

Indigenous athletes at the 2008 Beijing Olympics were: Luke Boyd, Paul Flemming, Anthony Little (boxing), Patrick Mills, Rohanee Cox (basketball), Des Abbott (hockey), Benn Harradine (athletics), Stacey Porter (softball), and Jade North (soccer).

Neither the Australian men's nor women's soccer teams qualified for the 2012 Olympics, denying the likes of North and women's stars Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams the opportunity of Olympic glory.

Harradine did not progress far in the 2008 Olympics, but is a much better athlete today.

He was the first Indigenous Australian Olympic field athlete and our sixth track and field athlete, joining Cathy Freeman, Patrick Johnson, Nova Peris-Kneebone, Joshua Ross and Kyle Vander Kuyp.

He finished eighth in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and first in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. His best result was second in the Continental Cup in Split, Croatia, in 2010, where he threw a personal best and Australian record 66.45 metres.

Boxers Damien Hooper and Cameron Hammond will be attempting to do what no other Australian has done in boxing – win gold.

The outlook for Australian boxers to break the medal drought that has lasted since Seoul 1988 is positive.

Youth Olympic Games champion Hooper has continued to win tournaments internationally since his breakthrough at Singapore in 2010.

World number two

The light heavyweight (75-81 kg) from Queensland, now based at the AIS in Canberra, had a solid 2011, earning his Olympic berth by making the quarter-finals at the World Championships. He is ranked world No 2.

Hooper is arguably our best medal prospect in the ring.

The Opals – the Australian women's basketball team – have won silver medals at the last three Olympics, and will be looking to go one better.

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