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How time flies when you're having fun. The *Koori Mail* turns 21 this month, a milestone we believe worthy of celebration. And we know that we couldn't have made it without our readers, advertisers and supporters, so thank you!

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Our first edition, published on 23 May 1991, was just 24 pages and all black and white except for the masthead. More than 20 years and 526 editions later, the *Koori Mail* averages around four times as many pages, mostly colour.

We've chalked up plenty of achievements along the way, including being named Newspaper of the Year in our circulation category of the 2011 Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (PANPA) Awards. And we average an estimated 123,000 Indigenous adult readers per fortnight – more than twice as many as our nearest competitor.

Here's to the future, one where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices continue to be heard loud and proud, in the *Koori Mail's* pages and beyond.



Our mob. The *Koori Mail's* Board of Directors, representing five Bundjalung owner organisations. From left, Ron Randall, Tina Roberts, Lawrence Roberts, Russell Kapeen (Chairman) and Trevor Kapeen.

Take out AVOs, says Munro

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A protestor holds a placard and speaks to a policewoman during a rally against police brutality at Kings Cross, Sydney, on Saturday. Protesters are angry following the shooting by police of two Aboriginal teenagers arrested in a stolen car in the Sydney nightclub district of Kings Cross in the early hours of 21 April. AFP Image.

Budget concern



THE Federal Government has delivered a Budget that has earned it both brickbats and bouquets from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander quarters.

In a raft of announcements and budget papers that promised a modest national surplus of \$1.5 billion, the 2012 Federal Budget committed \$5.2 billion in funding for

Indigenous employment, education, health services, community development, community safety and more.

However, some of the measures had been announced or foreshadowed before, including part of \$3.4 billion over ten years to underpin the Government's Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory reforms, and \$1.5 billion over five years for a new remote jobs program. There were a few sweeteners but these were quickly

overshadowed by the realisation that the Government intended to cut about \$145 million from existing Indigenous education, youth, law and justice, festivals, and substance abuse programs and redirect it to Stronger Futures in the NT, which seeks to extend much of the largely unpopular NT Intervention for another decade.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government was continuing to invest to close the gap on Indigenous

disadvantage. However, Indigenous organisations and opposition parties came out with a host of criticisms.

The chorus is likely to grow louder when some key Indigenous leaders return from New York, where they are attending the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

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My FAMILY

LUANA TOWNEY – Margate, Tas



Brian Summers, Luana Towney, Bry Summers, Kayla Braslin, June Sculthorpe (Mum), Jamaya Summers and Dakota Braslin.

THIS is a picture of me, my man, my children and my mum, outside the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre in Hobart where she works. We're a bit rugged up for a typical Hobart winter day.

My mum's a good mum and a great nan, she helped out a lot when my children were young and she still does. Dakota, Kayla, Bry and Jamaya love going to their Nanny's, they cook and garden together and have their own bedroom at her house.

I'm a full-time mum. I miss work a bit but wouldn't change it; I love being there for my kids, having the time to walk them to school, help at the school canteen and things like that.

I started studying nursing and plan to go back when the kids are older.

My children love playing outside. They have just joined the Sea Scouts and are always off doing something adventurous.

I grew up in the bush at Snug with my brother Billy, and we always found our own fun. Snug is the next town from where I live now; all mum's family grew up in Cygnet, only 25km away. They are palawa, as is my partner.

Dakota and Kayla play soccer just like I did when I was a little girl. Mum comes to watch every Saturday. They also went to the Aboriginal Children's Centre like I did.

My partner Brian Summers, is quite athletic. In the last couple of years he's had two

professional fights, one on the same card as Anthony Mundine, but I prefer watching him play footy. He plays for local side Channel.

I've also got five sisters and two dads.

One of my dads, Graeme Doongbung Towney, is Wiradjurii and lives in West Wyalong, NSW; so I guess I'm palawa/Wiradjurii. The rest of his family are scattered around the state. I took all the kids up there for his 60th in February. It was nice spending time with him and his partner Judy.

He knows a lot about his culture and how to live off the land, he tells me little things too.

When he first came to Tasmania with my mum, he was a Parks and Wildlife Service ranger, the first Aboriginal one in Tassie. He was also the first Aboriginal person to go to Macquarie Island, part of the Antarctic region. He got an award for it.

He and my brother Billy are like twins, they act and look like each other. Billy has just finished an electrical apprenticeship and is working in Greece after travelling Europe.

The best thing about my family is that we are all close to each other, love each other and love spending time with each other. We're never apart from each other for too long.

On Mother's Day I got the most gorgeous home-made presents from my children – they are the best ones – and I cooked Mum a roast.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



ONE for the record book? Not everyone wanted to have a hold, but some of these young fellas from Bourke in northern New South Wales were willing to step up after this carpet snake was found recently near the town's Alice Edwards Village.

Photo by TANYA FARRELL

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This artistic star is right on song



GUNYBI
GANAMBARR's
artistic star is
certainly on a
stellar trajectory.

The winner of last year's \$50,000 WA Indigenous Art Award is seen here in Sydney last Wednesday at his second solo show at Annandale Galleries, just before the grand opening of *unDisclosed* – the 2nd National Indigenous Art Triennial at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

Ganambarr was one of 20 Indigenous artists featured in *unDisclosed*, and at the opening night celebration he told the *Koori Mail* it was 'amazing to be part of it'.

After a full day of talks on the Saturday, Ganambarr and his friend (and fellow artist) Yinimala Gumana treated those in attendance to an impromptu musical tribute.

UnDisclosed guest curator Carly Lane said it was a 'powerful moment', with Gumana on clapsticks and Ganambarr on yidaki.

"It was very powerful what the Yolngu mob did," she said.

"They sang and they played and then they pushed me forward and presented me with the yidaki. It was a great expression of friendship and community and sharing and acknowledgement of everybody, and it reduced everybody to tears."

Ganambarr, who is from the



Yirrkala-based artist Gunybi Ganambarr. Newspix Image

Ngaymil clan, spent ten years working as a carpenter with Laynhapuy Homelands, building houses around north-east Arnhem Land. The 39-year-old first came to notice as an artist in 2002 with a carved and painted ironwood

sculpture of a wurran or comorant – a totem of his mother's clan.

His four works featured in *unDisclosed* are all natural earth pigments on bark, but he has also become renowned for his

innovative use of unexpected materials such as conveyor belt rubber, and ceremonial poles made of PVC pipe.

In the *unDisclosed* catalogue, Ganambarr said he tried to bring Yolngu law (madayin) into reality.

"My arts are according to the songs," he states. "What is in the land and the law. It matches the songs... it is painting on the songline."

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Munro in AVO call

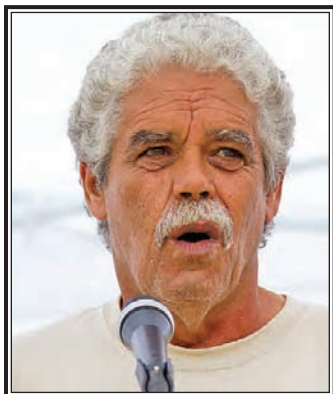


A PROMINENT member of Sydney's Aboriginal community has suggested that Aboriginal people consider taking out apprehended violence orders against NSW police officers to avoid harassment.

Indigenous families and activists are demanding answers over the April shooting of two Aboriginal teenagers in Kings Cross.

Children played at a small rally outside Kings Cross police station on Saturday, as Lyall Munro urged Aboriginal people to consider taking out apprehended violence orders against NSW police officers to avoid harassment. "Take AVOs out against your local police," he said to the crowd of around 70 people.

Kings Cross crime manager Inspector Damian Goodfellow said extra officers on duty on Saturday were not needed at the peaceful rally outside the station, but he would not comment on the content of speeches. The protesters later



LYALL MUNRO

moved on to the road near the intersection of Darlinghurst and Bayswater roads, chanting 'Too many coppers, not enough justice'.

It was on this corner that 24-year-old Matthew Dalton and five teenagers drove a stolen car on to the footpath in an attempt to evade police last month.

The vehicle hit two pedestrians before officers opened fire, hitting the car's 14-year-old driver and a 17-year-old passenger.

Mr Munro told AAP the protest was a show of continued

frustration at police.

"We should be calling for civil unrest in our everyday association with police," he said.

"Aboriginal organisations that have an association with police should take a step back for 12 months under a moratorium that would allow the state, if they're concerned, to establish the appropriate forums right throughout the state where we can debate the issue of Aborigine-police relations."

Mr Munro said the family of the injured 14-year-old driver's family were still waiting for an independent inquiry into the events of April 21.

"They are concerned and very upset and obviously traumatised by what has gone on," he said.

Gail Hickey, mother of Thomas Hickey, was among the crowds on Saturday.

"I've lost my son over cops too," she told AAP.

The teenager, known as TJ, died in 2004 after he came off his bicycle and was impaled on a fence in Waterloo.

His family says police were responsible for his death. – AAP



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Focus on Mabo story



Mer students Gedor Zaro and his sister Querida played roles in the ABC telemovie about the life of the great Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo. They're pictured on Mer after the filming. *Torres News photo*

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Program chronicles native title triumph



THE 'buzz' is building around new telemovie chronicling the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's successful fight for native title in the High Court of Australia.

Mabo will premiere during a two-day reconciliation festival in Townsville from 2-3 June, before screening as part of the Sydney Film Festival on 7 June and airing nationally on ABC TV on 10 June.

One of Mr Mabo's daughters, Gail Mabo, assisted with the movie's script and told the *Koori Mail* she was impressed at how evocatively it told her family's story.

"The showing during the coming festival will be the first," Ms Mabo said.

Filming for the co-production between ABC TV and Blackfella Films began last October on Mr Mabo's home of Murray Island (Mer) in the Torres Strait.

The movie stars Jimi Bani as Mr Mabo and Deborah Mailman as his wife Bonita, and brought together a big cast including Torres Strait locals like Mer students Gedor Zaro and his sister Querida.

The Townsville festival, a celebration of Aboriginal and



Actors Jimi Bani and Deborah Mailman at the launch last week of the Sydney Film Festival program, which runs from 6 June. Bani and Mailman star as Eddie and Bonita Mabo in *Mabo*, directed by Rachel Perkins. *AFP photo*

Torres Strait Islander cultures, is expected to attract people from throughout the state and especially the Torres Strait.

The High Court's historic Mabo decision on 3 June 1992 nullified the legal fiction of 'terra nullius', that Australia was unoccupied prior to invasion, and recognised Indigenous native title. Mr Mabo brought the case with Rev Dave Passi and the late James Rice.

Every year, National Reconciliation Week (NRW) begins on 27 May – the anniversary of the 1967

Referendum – and concludes on 3 June, now known as Mabo Day.

Activities at the Townsville festival will include stalls, traditional games and cooking class demonstrations, a fishing competition, damper making, coconut weaving and husking, fashion parades for tropical dress and canoe sailing. – **By ALF WILSON and KIRSTIE PARKER**

● See our next edition for a special feature on the historic Mabo decision and how it changed the nation.

Intervention ruled out at struggling community



By RUDI MAXWELL



THE NSW Government and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) have strenuously denied media reports they're considering relocation or intervention in the Aboriginal community of Toomelah in the state's north.

On 7 May, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that the community of Toomelah 'has been told it must accept an intervention-style takeover or face the demolition of the township and relocation of residents'.

Toomelah, with just a couple of hundred residents, came to national attention in 1988 when its living and social conditions moved a visiting then judge Marcus Einfeld to tears.

Goomeroi Elder Madeline McGrady has been advocating for her community for decades and despairs at the situation in Toomelah. She says residents are so fed up they plan to erect gates and lock out government bureaucrats and land council representatives.

"Nothing has been happening for our community and at the moment it's in a mess because it's been left in the hands of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the State Government and the state land council, the three peak bodies supposed to be looking after Aboriginal people in NSW," Ms McGrady told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"When we have bodies that have resources and the funds, especially the state land council, that's publicly stated it's sitting on \$600 million... how do they sit comfortably when they know our community is living in poverty, they know our kids suffer from a lot of things and they know our people don't have employment and suffer racism when they apply for jobs?"

Acting CEO of NSWALC Les Turner said in a statement that the land council umbrella body supported the strengthening of local decision-making by Aboriginal people, and its statutory investment fund was for all Aboriginal people today and in the future.

"The NSWALC, under no circumstances, supports an 'intervention' at Toomelah, or any other Aboriginal community," Mr Turner said. "Any suggestion to the contrary is false."

"The simple fact is, NSWALC spends money responsibly and sustainably, but there

is simply not enough money in the statutory investment fund to solve all the problems in NSW.

"This is one of the reasons that NSWALC recently began investigating the potential for mineral exploration as one option to create greater revenues for Aboriginal people in NSW.

"None of this, of course, excuses government – state and federal – from their basic responsibilities to Aboriginal communities, responsibilities which they have historically failed to meet."

Ms McGrady said she had been petitioning for Toomelah for the past 18 months, speaking with officials from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), who referred her to the NSW Aboriginal Affairs office in Tamworth.

"I've written letters, been to forums, and the only response I've had is a letter from

"It cannot be acceptable to any Government or any community leader," the minister said in a statement said.

"The (Ministerial) Taskforce (on Aboriginal Affairs) was created to refocus efforts on improving outcomes in Aboriginal education, employment and service delivery.

"Our new approach is founded on real partnership, not failed paternalism, with an emphasis on Government accountability.

"Generational change through education and jobs is the only way to achieve lasting improvements for Aboriginal communities. The NSW Government is focussed on delivering these changes with a new Aboriginal Affairs strategy by the end of the year."

Ms McGrady said, while large amounts of money had been spent on Toomelah, it had made little difference to living conditions, health or employment.

"My mob is devastated," she said. "We've

you can spend all this money but where does it go? You can't see any results and they walked out and left nothing in place."

Ms McGrady said there would be no change until decisions and power were handed to local people.

"Let us experience self-determination in Toomelah," she said. "We've always had white people making decisions. They didn't really take the mission managers away... until our community has the power to decide, we're always going to be in poverty."

"The Aboriginal people of Toomelah own the land. We're putting signs up at the gate and locking people out, government departments and land councils."

But Mr Turner said NSWALC was committed to helping Toomelah.

"The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has been working to ensure that the residents of Toomelah receive the same basic services as all other NSW residents," he said.

"In particular, NSWALC has been working intensively with Toomelah Local Aboriginal Land Council for several years to rebuild governance structures in the community, so that Toomelah residents can solve their own problems, as opposed to government solutions being imposed on the community."

Mr Turner said a report finalised by NSWALC on 2 May had identified urgent water and sewerage issues in the community and tensions between families at Toomelah and Boggabilla that added to governance difficulties. It recommended the two-month appointment of senior LALC support

officer Joe Flick to the community.

He said Mr Flick would assist the local council board to recruit a CEO (it has been without one since May last year), investigate water and sewerage issues, conduct elections to the board, and obtain financial records for an audit to be completed as soon as possible.

Ms McGrady said that despite people paying rent all of their lives, houses were not properly looked after.

"People are vulnerable and scared," she said. "Elders are dying living in condemned houses."

"Give our Elders a bit of quality of life rather than forcing them to live in condemned houses. We want them to tell us the truth, nothing more, nothing less."

'Let us experience self-determination in Toomelah. We've always had white people making decisions. They didn't really take the mission managers away... until our community has the power to decide, we're always going to be in poverty' – Elder Madeline McGrady



(NSW Aboriginal Affairs) Minister (Victor) Dominello encouraging our Elders to think about making a submission to the Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs," she said.

"We've only got a few Elders and two of them are my brothers who are in their late 70s, and they've worked hard all their lives in the community and the Minister wants them to write out their life story to the taskforce."

"They (the Minister's department) won't respond, and the only thing I know for sure is that there's a proposal out and about that says they are going to take some drastic action – whether that's relocation or whether an intervention, you can use another word – but that's what's on the cards."

Mr Dominello agreed that the situation in Toomelah was 'shocking and heartbreaking'.

got kids living in a big black hole with no future. The service providers who go to Toomelah and Boggabilla, what have they done?

"The Department of Aboriginal Affairs from Tamworth, a couple of hours away, are supposed to look after Toomelah... I've sat in many a meeting with them; the state land council has come and said they were coming back to build water tanks but they have walked away from that community and left it in poverty with no services."

"The only things operating are the school and the clinic. They talk about lots of things but nothing has been done by any peak bodies."

"DoCS came in with a big program and spent millions of dollars over three years –



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Fears as Indigenous

By Managing Editor
KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government will cut about \$145 million from existing Indigenous education, youth, law and justice, festivals and substance abuse programs and direct the 'savings' towards its controversial Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory policy, even though it has yet to pass Parliament. And it will use money meant for the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (ISRP) to build new digs for the peak Australian netball organisation.

The moves were revealed as part of the 2012 Federal Budget unveiled in Canberra last Tuesday, which detailed \$5.2 billion in funding for Indigenous employment, education, health services, community development, community safety and more.

Some of the Indigenous spending had been announced or foreshadowed before, including part of the \$3.4 billion over ten years for Stronger Futures in the NT, and \$1.5 billion over five years for the new Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard conceded the Budget was 'full of tough choices' and has defended 'redirection' of some Indigenous funding, insisting her Government was doing more than any in Australia's history to close the gaps in Indigenous disadvantage.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said there had been no overall reduction in the Government's spending on Indigenous Australians and the Budget merely reflected a 'long-term comprehensive investment' in communities where it was needed most, after decades of under-investment by governments.

"In all areas of the Budget, the Government is ensuring our investments are directed to where they are most needed," Ms Macklin told the *Koori Mail*.

"In some cases, funding for Indigenous programs is being redirected to other investments in other Indigenous programs that benefit Indigenous people where the gap is greatest."

Ms Macklin said the Government had increased Indigenous health expenditure and its investment in



Parliament House, Canberra, where the Budget was handed down last week.

Indigenous education and early childhood development.

"This investment is made on top of record levels of investment we have delivered through National Partnership Agreements with states and territories to support efforts to close the gap in health (\$1.6 billion over four years), remote housing (\$5.5 billion over ten years), early childhood development (\$564.4 million over six years), economic participation (\$228.9 million over five years) and remote service delivery (\$291.2 million over six years)," she said.

The long-term nature of large elements of the Indigenous budget was applauded in most quarters, as were smaller allocations such as \$63 million over four years for the establishment of a new Indigenous free-to-air television channel and a \$6.4 million reprieve for the digitisation activities of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

But the Budget has left a bad taste in the mouths of some Indigenous leaders including Selwyn Button, the chief executive officer of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, who

warned that focusing so much on remote areas in the NT would lead to urban Aboriginal people becoming the 'poor cousins' of Indigenous Australia.

The Federal Opposition and the Australian Greens criticised the Budget, with Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion saying it showed the Government had little regard for the importance of Indigenous education and Greens Senator Rachel Siewert describing cuts to some Indigenous programs as 'a poor outcome'.

Treasurer Wayne Swan promised an overall \$1.5 billion budget surplus, compared to last year's deficit of \$44.4 billion. Key features included an increase to family payments, \$1 billion for the first stage of the Government's new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the shelving of planned cuts to company taxes and superannuation taxes on the rich, a reduction in defence spending, and a drop in foreign aid.

What's in

As well as \$3.4 billion in funding for Stronger Futures in the NT, which is expected back before the Senate next month, and the

Government's new \$1.5 billion remote jobs program, Indigenous budget initiatives included:

- \$11.8 million to extend the Cape York Welfare Reform Trial for 12 months;
- \$43.4 million for municipal and essential services in 350 remote Indigenous communities;
- \$21.2 million for infrastructure projects in the Torres Strait;
- \$63 million for SBS to establish a free-to-air Indigenous television channel, replacing National Indigenous TV (NITV) which currently airs on pay TV;
- \$55.7 million over three years for home-based parenting and early childhood programs;
- \$1.1 million over four years to vaccinate Indigenous kids against pneumococcal disease;
- \$14.3 million over three years to expand the Teach Remote program;
- \$4.8 million over three years to expand the Sporting Chance Program, specifically to expand into NSW the Clontarf academies, which use sport to engage Indigenous boys in schooling;
- \$30.6 million over four years for extra Indigenous aged care places;

- \$48.6 million for health care services in 10 regional and remote Indigenous communities;
- \$1.8 million to increase Indigenous employment in the Australian Public Service;
- \$6.4 million over two years to AIATSIS for digitisation of its collections; and
- \$10 million to build community awareness about proposed constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

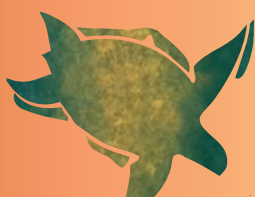
But ministerial media releases belied details contained in Budget Expense measures.

What's out

To fund its Stronger Futures in the NT package, the Government will:

- Scrap three pilot substance abuse programs, saving \$3.3 million over four years;
 - Scrap an intensive program aimed at closing literacy and numeracy gaps for 'underachieving' Indigenous students, saving \$56.3 million over four years;
 - Suspend for four years the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP), which helps Indigenous students to finish Year 12, saving \$22.8 million;
 - Reduce by \$27.7 million over four years funding the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP), which supports Indigenous students to study at TAFE or University away from their communities;
 - Divert \$23.9 million over four years from Indigenous law and justice programs that fund expensive legal aid cases, family violence early intervention and prevention, and Closing the Gap in the NT law and order measures;
 - Suspend the Community Festivals for Education Engagement program for four years, saving \$10.7 million; and
 - Divert savings of \$19 million achieved over four years through the transfer of the National Native Title Tribunal's native title claims mediations function to the Federal Court of Australia.
- Sports Minister Kate Lundy issued a media release listing Budget 'highlights' for sport, including a \$2.5 million contribution to the establishment of 'a new home for netball in Melbourne'.
- But she made no mention of

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funding 'redirected'

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the fact, revealed in detailed expense measures, that the cost of this contribution would be met partly by reallocating funding from the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (ISRP) and the Job Creation Package Sport and Recreation Program within the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport.

The ISRP supports community participation in sport and physical recreation activities, important in helping to close health and life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and other Australians. The program has three elements: an annual funding round, a flexible funding pool and the Indigenous Sports Program, which is delivered through the Australian Sports Commission.

It's not known exactly how much of the \$2.5 million being chipped in to help build a specialised facility for Netball Australia, including a Netball Hall of Fame, will come from Indigenous sport.

The *Koori Mail* contacted Senator Lundy's office on Sunday and was told the ISRP component was 'minimal' (around 0.6 per cent) and consisted of allocated funding which organisations were unable to spend in the current financial year'. However, no actual dollar amount was provided.

In his Budget reply speech, Opposition Leader Tony Abbott referred to Indigenous Australians when he spoke of wanting 'more Australians to be economic as well as cultural contributors'.

"Welfare quarantining for long-term unemployed people should be extended from the Northern Territory to the rest of the country," he said.

"Where unskilled work is readily available, unemployment benefits should be suspended for fit people under 30 – as recommended by Warren Mundine, a former Labor Party national president."

Mr Abbott said he would continue to work with (Cape Yorker) Noel Pearson 'to help shift the welfare culture that's sapped Aboriginal self-respect and with (Andrew) Twiggy Forrest to get more Aboriginal people into the workforce'.

'Fudget'

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion dubbed the Budget 'a fudget' that lacked detail in areas such as primary health care and tackling alcohol abuse and committed only a small proportion of promised long-term funding for expenditure in 2012-13, with no amounts specified for some initiatives in subsequent years.

"Yet with no certainty in future funding, Julia Gillard, Wayne Swan and Jenny Macklin have taken the knife to current programs aimed at tackling substance abuse by scrapping three pilot programs to save \$9.5 million over 10 years," Senator Scullion said.

"The Labor razor gangs have also gutted education programs for Aboriginals, showing Prime Minister Gillard and Minister Macklin have little regard for the importance of education to helping Indigenous Australians towards a better future.

"This is a fudget Budget that fails to plan to help our First Australians to a brighter future, cuts funding to many important Aboriginal programs and shows Labor is full of empty promises it won't be able to keep."

The Australian Greens also railed against the cuts and lack of specifics on spending beyond 2012-13.

"We are very supportive of secure, long-term funding for the NT, but it should not come at the expense of existing national programs," said the party's spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, Rachel Siewert.

"It is also disappointing that this much-needed funding is being delivered through the flawed Stronger Futures program.

"...Cutting and suspending national programs to transfer funding is a poor outcome for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Reconciliation, equality and efforts to close the gap must continue at a national level and need new funding investments, rather than cuts to programs for one group of Aboriginal people to fund another group."

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said ten-year funding in the NT would mean greater certainty for Aboriginal community



NIGEL SCULLION



JENNY MACKLIN



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organisations and enable better planning and program continuity. But it was unhappy that the funding of Stronger Futures was at the expense of other Indigenous programs.

"We will talk to the Government to confirm whether Aboriginal specific programs are being cut to fund these basic services in the Territory," said Congress director Rod Little.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) was relieved to receive \$6.4 million over two years to help digitise parts of its vast and priceless audio, visual and print collections.

Many of those materials are at risk of irretrievable loss because of ongoing deterioration and changes in technology, with only a third of them having been digitised to date.

AIATSIS chairman Professor Mick Dodson said the Institute could now afford to keep employing more than 30 digitisation specialists but was still in the midst of a long-term funding crisis.

Lobby group ANTaR welcomed the long-range nature of some Indigenous funding commitments.

"This offers funding security for remote communities and will enable local community organisations to plan for the future," said the organisation's national director, Jacqueline Phillips.

But she said funding for positive initiatives such as Indigenous engagement officers in remote communities and programs to support governance and leadership sat uneasily with the Government's

Stronger Futures bills.

"Should these bills pass without major changes, ANTaR fears further long-term damage to relationships between many NT Aboriginal communities and governments."

Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) CEO Selwyn Button welcomed new funds to support health infrastructure projects for community controlled services in Queensland but was concerned about the redirection of some Indigenous funds towards Stronger Futures and 'punitive' income management.

"This presents a strong message for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that new resources to support improved outcomes will come at a cost," Mr Button said.

"The cost will be signing up to punitive measures which will be implemented alongside the new funding."

Mr Button said the Government should focus on delivering services for larger populations in urban areas, as well as strategies and funding for remote Australia 'where social impacts were publicly visible'.

"The Government will increase the gap in per capita spend for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for rural and remote areas versus the urban centres," he said.

"Urban populations will become the poor cousins as a result of these initiatives."

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What the Govt says it will do with \$3.4b

THE biggest component of the \$5.2 billion in Indigenous spending detailed in the 2012 Federal Budget was a major chunk of funding for health, education, justice and homelands services under the Government's Stronger Futures in the NT policy.

Here's the Government's breakdown of that \$3.4 billion:

● \$713.5 million over 10 years for better primary health care, and better access to allied health services;

● \$40.9 million over 10 years for food security;

● \$694.9 million over 10 years to improve the safety of communities and help communities tackle alcohol abuse;

● \$583.4 million over 10 years to continue to improve Aboriginal children's access to quality education;

● \$442.4 million over 10 years to strengthen the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal children, youth and their families;

● \$206.4 million over 10 years to support the continuation of basic municipal and essential services for up to 9000 Aboriginal people living in outstations and homelands;

● \$19.1 million to create 50 extra Aboriginal Working on Country ranger positions in remote NT communities over the next four years. In addition, up to 100 Indigenous traineeships will be offered;

● \$427.4 million over 10 years to place more local Aboriginal people in Indigenous Engagement Officer jobs, ensure local services are effective, support governance and leadership and local planning, and continue to support interpreting services;

● \$283.5 million to continue the Government's work to improve remote Indigenous housing, and remove asbestos from houses and community buildings.

● \$13.7 million to continue the family and social support services as part of the Alice Springs Transformation Plan which began in 2009 with over \$150 million investment.

Doctors have good news – and bad news

NT company accused of profits over protection



A MANGANESE mining company will face court in Darwin this month to answer complaints it desecrated an Aboriginal sacred site and kept mining there afterwards. OM Mining has been accused of choosing 'profits over protection', after an open cut pit at its

Bootu Creek Mine north of Tennant Creek collapsed, splitting the Warramangu people's 'Two Women Sitting Down' sacred site in two.

It's alleged the company continued mining in the area even after the site was devastated, and has broken a promise to 'remediate' the area.

The complaints were laid against OM Mining in November last year by the Aboriginal Area Protection Authority (AAPA) under the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act (1989)*.

The case is important because there's never been a successful prosecution of 'desecration' made under Australian law.

If the complaints are proved, the company faces a maximum penalty of \$270,000 for damaging a sacred site and \$130,000 for breaching restrictions of protected sacred sites.

OM Mining began mining manganese on Banka Banka cattle station, about 170km north of Tennant Creek, in 2005. Its Bootu Creek operations consist of open-cut pits, small tailings dams, a haul road and camp accommodation.

The 'Two Women Sitting Down' site is of great spiritual and cultural importance to the Warramangu people. Located in a prominent rocky outcrop and surrounded by mining activity, its collapse in July last year is said to have caused the traditional owners, especially the site's custodians, considerable distress and anguish.

The site collapse totalled 17,000 cubic metres of ore, soil and vegetation – equivalent to about 400 loads of a road train with two trailers, according to the AAPA.

In papers lodged with the NT Magistrate's Court, the authority alleged that in February 2011, OM Mining increased the angle of mining in the Masai pit immediately adjacent to the sacred site from 36 degrees to 55 degrees.

AAPA maintains the company did so without permission, to maximise production, and without reference to its Aboriginal Liaison Committee or engaging external consultants to conduct geo-technical assessments of possible damage to the site.

According to the AAPA, on 7 July 2011 OM Mining detected cracks in and around the sacred site but did not advise the AAPA. These cracks widened as mining continued.

The AAPA alleges that mining continued after the detection of the cracks and after the collapse of the sacred site itself.

"Despite the imminent collapse of the site, an explosive blast was set off on 21 July at a depth of 26 metres below ground-level and near the base of the site," the AAPA said. "The next day, the rocky outcrop containing the sacred site collapsed, splitting the site in half. Staff members were removed from the pit but sent back to continue mining only two hours later."

The AAPA said OM Mining's own investigation report of 23 July 2011 stated that mining staff were aware of the impending collapse of the site long before the incident.

OM Mining made the choice of 'profit over protection' by a deliberate commercial decision to continue mining, the authority said, and had not completed the remediation of the sacred site as they had said they would.

By CHRISTINE HOWES



AUSTRALIAN Medical Association (AMA) Queensland president Dr Richard Kidd and one of the state's first two Indigenous GPs, Dr Noel Hayman, have returned from a visit to

far north Queensland with some good and some bad news.

And they've made an impassioned plea for more to be done about making fresh food affordable to families, warning that health and life-expectancy gaps faced by the region's population could widen otherwise.

The good news was that, in some places, community-controlled health services were making substantial contributions towards 'closing the gap' in conditions such as low-birth rates and managing diabetes.

The bad news was that problems accessing fresh fruit and vegetables because of high costs haven't improved since the mid-1990s, when Dr Hayman first visited the Torres Strait.

"We're seeing an explosion of young people becoming obese, with Type 2 diabetes in children as young as eight and nine on Thursday Island and on Cape York in the remote communities," Dr Kidd said. "This is very worrying."

"This is a preventable thing and it breaks my heart to see this happening. We really need to do something about it."

"One of the things I saw very clearly on Thursday Island was that, despite us having the healthy eating messages, that's actually really difficult to do when you pay \$7 for a fairly ordinary cauliflower or \$20 for a 5kg bag of rice and yet the price of chicken and chips is still the same as they are in Cairns or Brisbane."

Dr Hayman said the problem of diabetes in younger children was problematic because they were yet to see the consequences 'down the track'.

"Over in Canada, the Indigenous population has seen that and, by the time they're in their 20s and 30s, they're actually on renal dialysis and going blind from diabetes complications. It is so important to put in intervention early to prevent that from happening."

"We really need to get on a platform where we can start with young kids and work with them. The main risk factor is obesity."

Dr Hayman said it was important to him personally to find a way for kids to grow up having equal opportunity to access all the things people take for granted, especially fresh fruit and veges.

"I worked in the Torres Strait in 1992-93 and it was very much the same then," he said.

"I was paying probably two or three times what I would pay in Brisbane for a loaf of bread and a bottle of milk, and things haven't changed."

"Maybe it is worthwhile and cost effective to give subsidies for fruit and veges in remote areas because we know that if we don't do something about it chronic diseases are just going to increase."

However, both doctors also said their trip to the Torres Strait, Mossman Gorge



Wuchopperen board members Richard Link and Cilla Preece (far left) listening to Dr Noel Hayman and Dr Richard Kidd talk to media in Cairns.



At the Mossman Gorge Clinic, standing from left, Frank Hollingsworth, Dr Noel Hayman, Dr Richard Kidd and Apunipima Cape York Health Council CEO Cleveland Fagan. Seated, from left, Julie Salam, Sharyll Ellington and Melissa Ryan.

and Cairns had not gleaned all bad news.

"Dr Hayman and I have seen some really wonderful examples of how things could improve," Dr Kidd said.

"At Mossman Gorge I was really impressed to see just about all of the people there were local Indigenous health workers and that over the past few years they have been able to achieve some results around low birth weight babies."

Improvements

"Over the past two years there has been no low birth weight babies, and that has been a real problem in the past."

"They are also showing some significant improvements in the management of diabetes."

"Another thing I saw at Mossman Gorge was the maternal child health workers were able to provide vouchers to pregnant mums and they could get cheap fresh fruit and veges with them."

"I think that's something we could roll

out to Indigenous families throughout the remote communities."

"One way or another, we need to get them fresh fruit and veges at a price which is affordable to them."

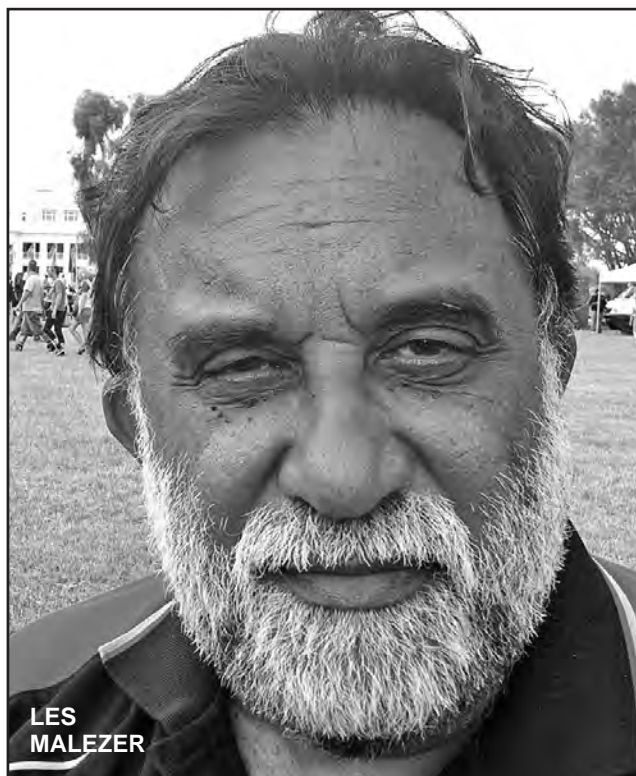
Dr Hayman said the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), of which he was secretary for ten years, was working to get more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into medicine.

"Currently we probably have nearly 200 students across Australia, and probably about the same number of graduates," he said.

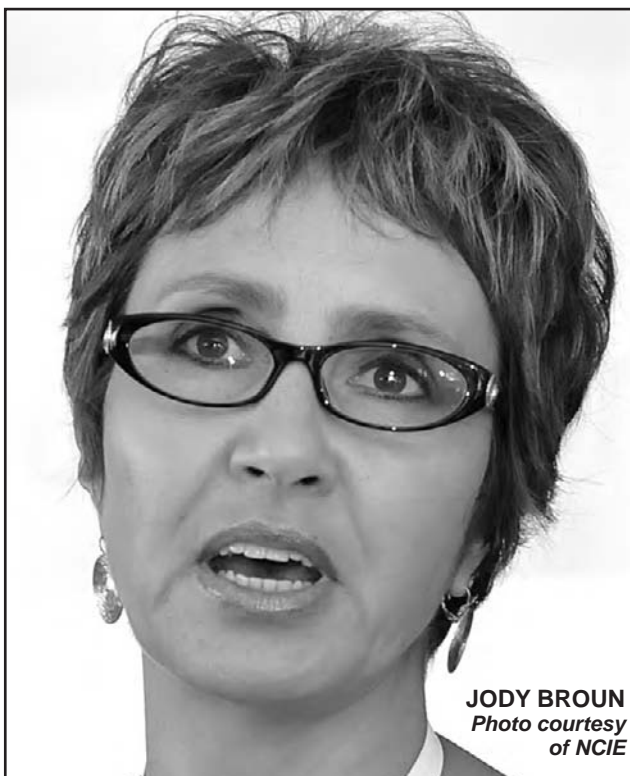
"The good thing is the second generation. My daughter is currently studying medicine, as are the children of some of my friends, and to me it's very exciting to see that."

"It's hard work, but Indigenous health to me is everyone's responsibility and with everyone working together I'm sure we can see improvements over the years."

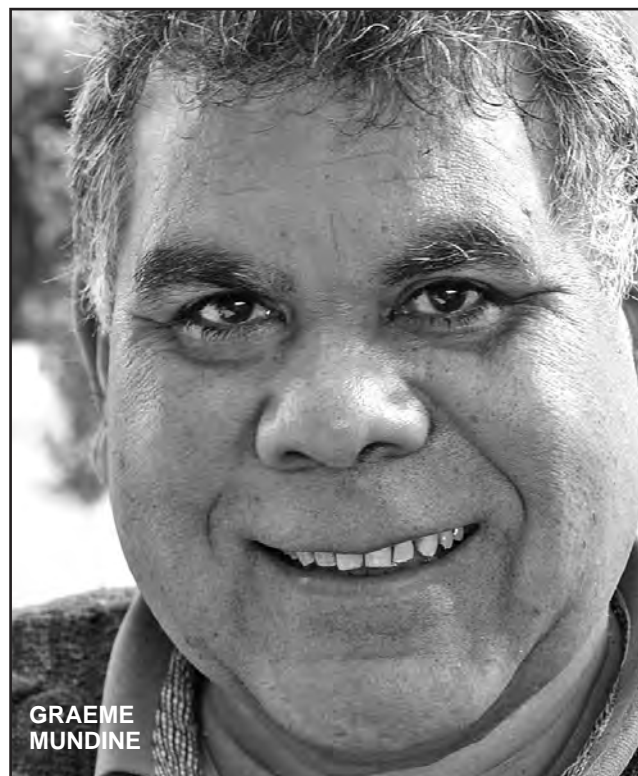
Spotlight on Stronger Futures legislation



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Senators adjourn debate until June

By DARREN COYNE



THE Senate has adjourned its debate on the controversial Stronger Futures legislation, which would extend the Northern Territory intervention for up to another ten years.

The legislation was listed for debate last Wednesday but has now been deferred until at least 18 June after being overshadowed by the Federal Budget, which has earmarked more the \$3.4 billion over 10 years to fund health, education, justice and homelands services in the NT.

The deferral of the legislation follows intense lobbying in recent weeks from Indigenous groups and opponents of the legislation. Despite that opposition, opponents are fearful that the legislation will have bipartisan support, albeit with possible amendments from the Coalition and the Greens, when it next comes up.

The legislation includes alcohol restrictions and a controversial program that cuts the welfare payments of parents whose kids skip school, known as the student enrolment and attendance measure (SEAM).

The bills also include an expansion of income management for people on welfare, with trial sites in Bankstown, NSW, Playford in South Australia, Shepparton in Victoria, and Rockhampton and Logan in Queensland.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said it



Members of the Yolngu Nations Assembly have written to the Prime Minister, enclosing signatures from all over East Arnhem Land, calling for the Stronger Futures legislation to be scrapped.

would continue to oppose the proposed laws because they had not been tested for human rights violations, and were opposed by Aboriginal people across the NT.

Congress co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer said more and more Aboriginal people were calling for the laws to be scrapped, most recently the Yolgnu Nations Assembly, which represents 8000 traditional owners in west, central and east Arnhem Land.

"Here is another significant group of our peoples, directly

affected by the laws, who are actually calling this legislation 'racist' in their letter to the Prime Minister," Mr Malezer said.

Ms Broun said that while there had always been support for the Government's commitment to additional services and infrastructure, the Congress would use domestic and international human rights forums to apply further pressure.

The Congress has established an electronic letter campaign to encourage Australians to protest Federal Government plans to

extend the NT Intervention for a decade. The campaign (at www.nationalcongress.com.au) encourages people to write to their local Federal parliamentarian to do what they can to have the bills withdrawn and Aboriginal people consulted properly.

Meanwhile, in the letter to the Prime Minister and other party leaders, the Yolngu Nations Assembly (YNA) warned that unless the laws were dumped they would refuse 'participation in land lease negotiations with the

Federal Government and approval for any exploration licences'.

Signed by YNA spokesperson Rev Djiniyini Gondarra, the letter also called for a review of the relationship between land councils and government, and reform of local government to provide a more locally based and accessible form of government.

They called for homelands to be recognised as equal to communities that were former missions and government settlements, and for the scrapping of the NT Government's compulsory teaching in English for the first four hours of the day policy.

They also called on other NT Aboriginal leaders to adopt the same tactic of refusing to negotiate leases, and approve exploration licences.

Mathew Dhulumburk, a Gupapuyngu Elder from Ramininging, was part of the Yolngu Makarr Dhuni, YNA, which issued the statement against Stronger Futures.

"We do not want another decade of discrimination here at Ramininging," he said.

"After five years, it feels like the water level has climbed up to our neck. Another ten years will bring it way over our heads.

"The Government is drowning us slowly and wonders why twice as many of our young people are attempting suicide.

"There is no valid reason to discriminate against Yolngu in this way."

Former Liberal prime minister Malcolm Fraser, the Catholic Church and the Uniting Church

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Stronger Futures debate adjourned

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have also backed the Elder's stance, and more than 36,000 people have signed the Stand for Freedom campaign petition against the laws.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney Diocese executive director Graeme Mundine said the statement by the YNA could not be any clearer.

"The Yolngu have consistently asked for partnership and self-determination, not intervention and discrimination," he said.

"The Yolngu peoples do not want disempowering relationships with Government."

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) also called on the Government to listen to the concerns of the YNA.

PHAA vice-president Vanessa Lee said the lack of negotiations and the tight timeframe of community consultations demonstrated a lack of community ownership and a breakdown in government relationships with communities.

"There is no evidence of community ownership in the legislation," she said.

"This will make it difficult for the Australian Government to achieve the Council of Australian Governments' broader objectives.

"There is also an underlying issue in relation to the ongoing abuse of trust by government services which continues to undermine community governance and create a sense of disempowerment amongst these people.

"The PHAA is concerned about the violations of human rights that are inherent in the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

Strong evidence

"The legislation also contradicts the strong evidence that self-determination – and being fully engaged as partners in decision-making – are critical factors to improving the health of populations.

"In Australia, every major report published in the last decade or more supports this approach.

"Even the latest Productivity Commission report has as its first finding and recommendation the need for the power to make decisions to be in Aboriginal hands.

"All the key reports have identified the importance of respectful partnerships.

"And there is strong evidence to support the relationship between these partnerships and improved health and well-being outcomes across all fields of social development."

As well, musicians including Paul Kelly, Archie Roach and Neil Murray rallied against the legislation at a memorial concert for singer Jimmy Little at Sydney's Opera House.

They dedicated the song *Blackfella Whitefella* to the Stand for Freedom campaign.

Weeks before he died, Mr Little wrote an open letter to the Government calling for the legislation to be scrapped.

"It is time for Australia to listen to the wisdom of Aboriginal Elders who best understand the needs of their community," Mr Little wrote.

He urged the Government to go back to the drawing board and develop a respectful plan of action with Indigenous people.

Meanwhile, in Bankstown, the Say No to Government Income Management Campaign Coalition is organising a major seminar on 26 May to discuss strategies for stopping the implementation of income management.



Tracker editor Amy McQuire and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney Diocese executive director Graeme Mundine at the launch of a book based on consultations in the Northern Territory.

'True voices' in new book



A NEW book has been launched that gives voice to the views of Aboriginal people living under the Northern Territory intervention.

The book, *NT*

Consultations Report 2011: By Quotations, is based on ten different consultations carried out in June and August 2011 as part of the Federal Government's proposed Stronger Futures in the NT legislation.

Those bills have passed the Lower House and *Tracker Magazine* editor Amy McQuire and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney Diocese executive officer Graeme Mundine launched the book in Chippendale, New South Wales, on 4 May.

The book is a sequel to *This Is What We Said and Walk With Us*, which also detailed consultations in Aboriginal communities during earlier stages of the NT intervention.

The group Concerned Australians organised the book launch.

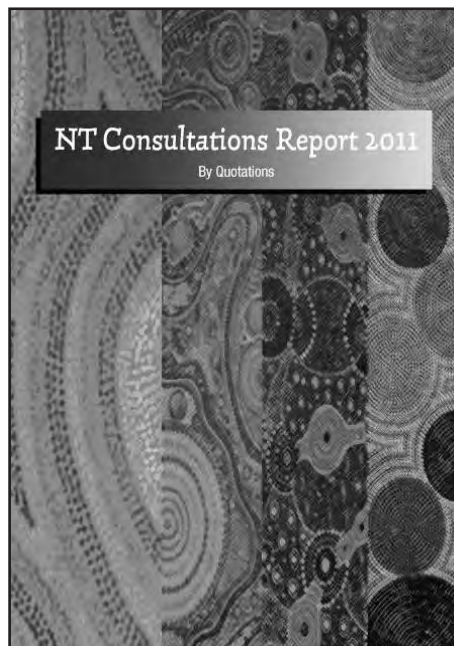
Organisers said that between June and August 2011 the Federal Government conducted Stronger Futures Consultations in Northern Territory communities.

"These were held with the stated purpose of finding out what worked and what didn't work under the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER), commonly called the Intervention," they said.

"The Government then proposed 'Stronger Futures' legislation which purports to reflect the wishes of Aboriginal peoples as expressed through these consultations.

"No official recordings were taken of those consultations.

"*NT Consultations Report 2011: By Quotations* is a record of what was said by Aboriginal people at the consultations.



The cover of *NT Consultations Report 2011: By Quotations*

"It is based on 10 consultations from different parts of the Northern Territory – Mutitjulu, Kintore, Alice Springs Town Camps, Yuendumu, Bagot Community, Maningrida, Galiwin'ku, Yirrkala and two public meetings in Darwin and Alice Springs.

Understanding

"There is surprising consistency of views across all the transcripts, giving us a direct understanding into what Aboriginal people have asked of Government, including their desire for an end to the Intervention.

"The related bills have passed through the Lower House and are now before the Senate."

Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney

representatives Cathy Gill and Sabine Kacha welcomed the book, saying in it 'we hear the true voices of Aboriginal people calling out to be heard'.

"Each page speaks volumes about their frustration and despair at the failure of Government to listen," Ms Gill and Ms Kacha said.

"Every quotation contains a clear expression of the participants' thoughtful responses to the issues faced by their communities.

"The reader cannot fail to be moved by the deep commitment of the community members who gave their time yet again to engage in consultations with the Government.

"This commitment was given despite the betrayal of having their voices ignored in previous consultations such as were documented in *This Is What We Said*.

"Though these quotations are short they provide insights into the cumulative impact of the NTER laws from 2007.

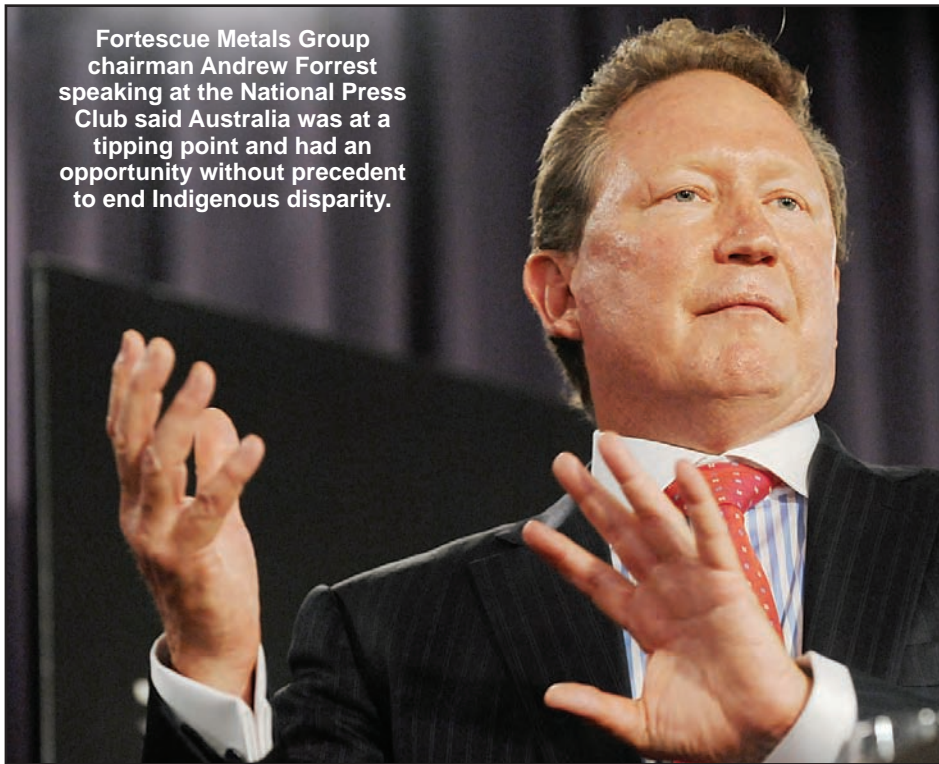
"The responses are presented under various topics such as feelings about the consultations, requests for the return of control over communities, support for homelands and the importance of education, including the restoration of bilingual programs."

Also addressed are job losses, confusion about the constant change of government policies, lack of promised housing, the unaffordability of healthy fresh food and, as well, the fact that 80 per cent of Homelands were 'dry' before the Intervention started.

"Within these quotations are thoughtful solutions which would not be difficult for the Government to implement if only they were 'really' listening," Ms Gill and Ms Kacha said.

The full transcripts have also been made public at www.concernedaustralians.com.au

Forrest on the attack over jobs programs



Fortescue Metals Group chairman Andrew Forrest speaking at the National Press Club said Australia was at a tipping point and had an opportunity without precedent to end Indigenous disparity.



Aboriginal leaders Marcia Langton, Dr Sue Gordon and Warren Mundine at the National Press Club in Canberra on 2 May. They believe the Government should back Andrew Forrest in his bid to end Indigenous disparity. AAP images

By DARREN COYNE with AAP



NOT one dollar more should be spent on Indigenous training and employment programs unless they are attached to real jobs, according to billionaire mining magnate Andrew

Forrest. Speaking at the National Press Club, Mr Forrest attacked the Federal Government for failing to provide specific training to enable Indigenous people to take up jobs promised under the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC).

Mr Forrest said the AEC had created 10,000 jobs since it was established in 2008, with 330 companies pledging 61,000 jobs.

Many of those promised jobs remained unfilled, however, because of a lack of job-ready Indigenous applicants.

"We no longer have the excuse that Australian companies don't want to employ Aboriginal people," Mr Forrest told the gathering.

"But with the continuation of current policies, the targets won't be achieved.

"Before the Covenant we didn't have the jobs, but now we have them employer-specific training becomes urgent."

Mr Forrest called on the Government to establish 25 training centres similar to the one established in the Pilbara region of Western Australia to train workers for his Fortescue Metals Group mining operations.

The training centre utilises the Skills and Training for a Career: Vocational Training and Employment Centre policy (VTEC), launched by the GenerationOne campaign in January.

"We need training with a purpose, training with a promise," he said.

"Employers report that for every one job, two go unfilled."

Mr Forrest said more than 1000 people had been trained by Fortescue, with a job retention rate around 70 per cent.

"The Government's system (of training) only gets 40 per cent retention at three months ... so spare a thought for the Indigenous people who are churned and burned for that spin," he said.

Mr Forrest argued that if the Government were to adopt and support job-specific training it would not only result in more Aboriginal people in employment, but would also save money. "If Aboriginal men and women were

able to achieve equality then the Government could save \$6.5 billion a year," he said.

Mr Forrest said the 'poison of welfare' was threatening the progress of Aboriginal people.

"My strong recommendation to the Government is that not one more dollar be spent on Indigenous training – including job service agencies and Indigenous employment programs – unless attached to a real job commitment by a participating employer."

Federal Indigenous Economic Development Minister Julie Collins said she agreed with Mr Forrest that training should be relevant and have a direct link to a place of employment wherever possible.

But she said the training centres being proposed by Mr Forrest were just one of many training models, and that the Government could not commit any further funds until a proper evaluation had been carried out.

"The evaluation will consider outcomes for Indigenous Australians and the value for money represented by the different models," she said in a statement.

Meanwhile, former magistrate Sue Gordon, an unpaid adviser to the AEC, backed Mr Forrest's plan, saying the Government was refusing to support it because it wasn't its idea.

"We've got these pledges and we can't get a government to commit to the real training," she said in Canberra.

Aboriginal scholar Marcia Langton said Mr Forrest was not asking for

more money to set up the centres but wanted the Government to stop wasting money on ineffective schemes.

Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce chairman Warren Mundine, who is joining GenerationOne next month as its chief executive, said it was easy for people to say billionaires should pay to train Indigenous people, but taxpayers were also footing the bill.

"As taxpayers we're spending billions. As a taxpayer person don't you want to see results?" Mr Mundine asked reporters in Canberra. "It is massively frustrating. The evidence is there, we've got 40 years of evidence about what works and what doesn't work, but government after government make the same mistakes."

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'We've got these pledges and we can't get a government to commit to the real training'

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THE Marist Youth Care organisation is planning to open skills development centres across Australia this year to provide employment and training for hundreds of young Aboriginal people. The first centre is due to open next month in Blacktown, western Sydney.

The centres are part of the organisation's commitment to employing Aboriginal people as a partner organisation to the Australian Employment Covenant.

That commitment was recognised with an award, when organisations signed to the covenant gathered for the AEC Employers' Business Breakfast in Sydney on 3 May.

AEC founder Andrew Forrest presented the award to Marist Youth Care for being the partner organisation that had most exceeded its commitment to employing Aboriginal people in the past 12 months.

Marist Youth Care chief executive Cate Sydes said her organisation had been able to double its commitment because it had introduced a range of training and employment programs that offered targeted opportunities for Aboriginal people to build the bridge between education and employment.

Annual intake

"Our Aboriginal Trainee Support Worker Program, which has completed its third annual intake of ten local Aboriginal people, has an overall long-term retention rate of 81 per cent," Ms Sydes said.

"This program provides an opportunity for Aboriginal trainees in Western Sydney to obtain 12 months' on-the-job experience and mentoring while completing a Certificate IV in Community Services."

Ms Sydes said the Affordable Housing for Life Program and the Alkira Young Mums' Program had employed eight and five Aboriginal young people



Marist Youth Care chief executive Cate Sydes receives the Australian Employment Covenant Award for 'most committed' from Andrew Forrest and Rhonda Parker. Photo from Bennett Photography

respectively during 2011.

She said the development of the skills centres would continue the good work.

"This year Marist Youth Care will launch an exciting initiative. We will open skills development centres across Australia which will provide employment and training centres for hundreds of Aboriginal young

people seeking job-specific employer directed training," she said.

"Prior to the training, Marist Youth Care will identify job vacancies through linkages with national employers including Blue Scope Steel, Rheem, CSR, James Hardie, Beaumont Tiles, Hagemeyer, and Schneider Electric."

Meanwhile, Mr Forrest said the AEC had already resulted in more than 300 employers committing to roll out 61,890 jobs across Australia.

He has been critical, however, of an alleged lack of support from government in delivering industry-specific training to Aboriginal people.

Mundine in top job at GenerationOne



BUND-JALUNG man Warren Mundine has a new job and it's a big one – ending the disparity between Indigenous and other people in one generation.

As the replacement for outgoing chief executive Tim Gartrell, Mr Mundine will next month take over the reins of the GenerationOne campaign, which was founded by billionaire West Australian mining magnate Andrew Forrest.

Although in New York and unavailable to speak to media, Mr Mundine released a statement saying he was looking forward to the challenge of working with business, Government and Indigenous communities across Australia to deliver real jobs.

And the way to do that,

according to Mr Forrest, is to concentrate on holding the Federal Government to its 2008 promise to provide the training necessary to deliver jobs committed under the 50,000 jobs campaign.

"More than 330 employers have now made commitments of over 61,000 jobs," Mr Forrest said at the National Press Club in Canberra on 3 May.

He said 10,000 of those had been filled but the Government needed to deliver industry specific training.

"The Skills and Training for a Career: Vocational Training and Employment Centre Policy (VTEC) launched by GenerationOne in January, was developed after a year of research and case studies," Mr Forrest said.

"It provides the best model for meeting the varying needs of long-term unemployed people as they



Incoming GenerationOne CEO Warren Mundine.

move off welfare and into work. Warren has a long history in Indigenous employment, through his

involvement in the setting up of the AEC, as chairman of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce and

working with some of Australia's largest corporations."

Mr Mundine, who is also a former national president of the Australian Labor Party and more recently chief executive of NTSCORP, which assists native title claimants, said he was looking forward to the new challenge.

"I'm excited and honoured to be taking up this new role and look forward to cranking up the campaign and getting the VTEC policy implemented," he said.

"There is only one way to tackle welfare dependency in Indigenous communities and that's to give people the best alternative – a career.

"The Government must deliver on their commitments. If they do, the disparity between our people will be made redundant."

Meanwhile, Mr Forrest thanked outgoing chief

executive Tim Gartrell for taking the GenerationOne campaign from its launch to 250,000 supporters and driving the development of the VTEC policy.

Mr Gartrell will soon start a new role as campaign director for Reconciliation Australia, and will concentrate on the campaign to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution.

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to use my campaign skills to do my bit for Constitutional recognition," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's a big challenge but it's a worthy challenge."

Mr Gartrell also praised the appointment of his successor.

"It's a great outcome for GenerationOne. Warren will do an outstanding job and it's good to see an Aboriginal person in that position," he said.

Sapphires to shine at Cannes



THE big screen – and the big time – beckons for *The Sapphires*.

The highly anticipated film adaptation of a stage musical by Aboriginal playwright Tony Briggs has been selected for the 2012 Cannes Film Festival, which starts today.

The film will receive a special Gala Screening Out of Competition at The Palais and is the only Australian feature film selected for this year's festival.

Directed by Wayne Blair and starring Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy, Chris O'Dowd and introducing Shari Sebbens and Miranda Tapsell, *The Sapphires* is about four talented singers from a remote Aboriginal mission who are discovered by an unlikely talent scout.

Plucked from obscurity and branded as Australia's answer to The Supremes, *The Sapphires* grasp the chance of a lifetime when they're offered their first real gig – entertaining the troops in Vietnam. For the girls, a whole new world of sex, war, politics and soul opens before them.

The Sapphires was inspired by Tony Briggs' mum, Laurel Robinson, and her family.

Shot in Albury, Sydney and Vietnam, the film was the feature directorial debut from Wayne Blair, who was chuffed with the Cannes development.

"It's a beautiful position to be in," he said. "Getting into Cannes is a great reward for our team's hard toil."

The film is expected to hit Australian cinemas in August, on release from Hopscotch Films/Entertainment One.



The big screen *Sapphires*, from left, Kay (Shari Sebbens), Cynthia (Miranda Tapsell), Julie (Jessica Mauboy), Gail (Deborah Mailman). Photo supplied. LEFT: On location in Sydney late last year, the women who inspired *The Sapphires* are interviewed by NITV's Daniel Bourchier. From left, Naomi Mayers, Laurel Robinson (mother of playwright Tony Briggs), Beverly Briggs and Lois Peeler. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Police to 'crush' protest



SOME of the activists who have flown to Broome to picket against Woodside Petroleum's controversial Browse gas hub development are 'professional protesters', West Australian Premier Colin Barnett says.

Mr Barnett's comments came at the weekend as the Wilderness Society claimed more than 100 WA police had been sent to Broome to 'crush' opposition to the project, which has divided the local Aboriginal community.

ABC Radio reported on Friday there were plans to station more than 100 police indefinitely at the James Price Point project site, in anticipation of an influx of environmental activists because the company had resumed work now that the



Traditional owners stood defiant against police sent from Perth to Broome to arrest protesters in July last year. File photo by Julia Rau

wet season was over.

Mr Barnett said he hoped there would not be a repeat of ugly scenes from last

year when police clashed with protesters.

"I am aware that a significant number of protesters have flown into the area from around Australia, including what I might dub professional protesters," he said. "I think that is very unfortunate."

Wilderness Society Kimberley campaign manager Glen Klatovsky said it was a waste of resources and money to send police 'to crush the Broome community', which had already been traumatised by last year's heavy-handed use of law enforcers and Woodside's own private security force.

Many local protesters, including elderly Indigenous people, were hauled away by police last year and locked up, Mr Klatovsky said.

"The Wilderness Society calls on the project joint venture partners to adhere to their corporate social responsibility

principles and speak out publicly against any rash and anti-democratic actions," he said.

Mr Barnett again defended his insistence on James Price Point being the site for the project.

Those opposed to the location, including the Greens, have repeatedly called for Browse Basin gas to be piped south to Woodside's existing North West Shelf facilities in the Pilbara region.

"I understand the differing points of view but I again state the WA Government, through long negotiations conducted in good faith, reached agreement with the Kimberley Land Council ... the Aboriginal people who legally represent that area according to the Native Title Act and the Federal Court," Mr Barnett said.

— With AAP



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SNAICC seeks deputy kids' commissioner



THE Gillard Government's decision to appoint a National Children's Commissioner has been met with praise by social service organisations.

But the organisation that looks after Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is urging the Government to go further and create a deputy commissioner to specifically address the serious issues facing Indigenous children.

Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon said the new commissioner would operate within the Human Rights Commission and advocate for the human rights of children and young people in the development of Commonwealth policies and programs.

He or she will promote public awareness of issues affecting children, conduct research and education programs, consult directly with children and representative organisations, and monitor Commonwealth legislation, policies and programs that relate to children's rights, well-being and development.

Secretariat of National Aboriginal Islander Child Care (SNAICC) chairperson Dawn Wallam said the creation of a Children's Commissioner was a 'hugely positive step forward to protect and promote the human rights of children and young people in Australia, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children'.

"SNAICC urges the Government to go one crucial step further and create a national deputy children's commissioner with a specific focus on our children and young people – the most vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians," she said.

Discrimination

"Our children continue to experience systemic discrimination and disadvantage in health, education and housing. While considerable amounts of resources are being invested in responding to this disadvantage, such as closing the gap, attention is required to ensure these initiatives address the underlying causes and that they are tackled in a manner that achieves results.

"Experiences with state children's commissioners highlights a need for a specific mandate for our children and young people.

"In the area of child protection, the



Attorney-General Nicola Roxon.

deputy commissioner could well be the much-needed circuit-breaker to address the alarming over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in child protection systems across Australia.

"It is a crisis that is threatening to become a calamity if urgent action is not taken."

Ms Wallam said if it was not possible to create a separate deputy commissioner position, SNAICC would be keen to work with the Government to ensure the National Children's Commissioner had a clear mandate, specific functions and adequate resources to engage on the issues facing Indigenous children.

NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People Megan Mitchell said figures on young offenders justified a rethink on juvenile justice.

Data released by the NSW Commissioner showed an alarming rate of recidivism, with 80 per cent of 10-17 year



SNAICC chairperson Dawn Wallam.

olds who had been convicted of a crime in 1994 convicted of another offence in the next 15 years.

"On an average day in NSW in 2009/10, 165 children aged 10 to 17 were in sentenced detention representing a steady increase over the previous five years. Aboriginal children and children from far western or north-western NSW were over-represented," Ms Mitchell said.

Another 219 children were in unsentenced detention and just under 50 per cent had had a parent in prison.

Troubling figures

"These troubling figures sourced from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research highlight the need for fundamental reform of our approach to juvenile justice," Ms Mitchell said.

"We have to acknowledge that the children and young people who come into contact with the criminal justice system are

some of the most vulnerable in the state, and that their experience in the system is not making the difference we would hope for."

For children already at risk, Ms Mitchell said it was desirable to use family-focused programs delivered in the community, including education, mentoring, and programs targeting specific behaviours or groups, as well as programs that engage the child's support and family networks.

Families Australia CEO Brian Babington said the new commissioner should focus on child abuse, the increasing number of children in out-of-home care and the over-representation of Indigenous children within the child protection system.

UnitingCare Australia national director Lin Hatfield Dods said the decision should give a stronger voice to all young people, but particularly to the most vulnerable, and could create the opportunity to drive systematic reform.

"Individual states and territories have struggled to meet the needs of children living with poverty and disadvantage," Ms Hatfield Dods said.

The Government will soon call for expressions of interest for the position. Legislation for the commissioner will be introduced later this year and the new commissioner is expected to take office by the end of 2012.

Funding for the establishment of the Children's Commissioner will be offset from savings across the Attorney-General's and the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolios.

Meanwhile, Victoria has committed about \$336 million to overhaul the State's child protection system, including \$3 million to establish a Commission for Young People and a commissioner for Aboriginal children in state care.

The Victorian Government pledged in February to spend more than \$61 million to employ 19 extra child protection workers, expand family support services in areas of extreme demand, and establish three new centres where police, child protection officers and counsellors will work together to address child sex abuse.

A further \$275 million has been provided in the Federal Budget over the next four years. – **With AAP**



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Further Information

Information on how to register, payment option details, and more on the program can be found on the BIC website at (www.bicgroup.com.au). For anything further you can also email info@bicgroup.com.au call Trevor direct on 0400 361 044 (mob), or contact the BIC Office on 02 4351 0910.

Peninsula heritage deadline missed



THE Federal Government has missed a major deadline to nominate Cape York Peninsula as a World Heritage area.

The Government plans to nominate Cape York next year after consulting local Indigenous people and native title holders. But in order to do so, the Government needed to have lodged an application to put the area on UNESCO's Tentative List before February this year. The missed deadline has pushed the World Heritage process out beyond the next Federal election.

Talks between the Government and Indigenous groups stalled last year, which led Environment Minister Tony Burke to inject \$20 million to revive them. The Coalition and some Indigenous leaders have spoken out against the World Heritage proposal, expressing fears it will stifle development on the cape.

Last Wednesday, Queensland's new Environment Minister Andrew Powell revealed he'd stopped the talks, in an effort to combine them with consultations on the Government's bio-region plan for the cape.

Mr Burke said he remained committed to pushing for the World Heritage listing. – **AAP**

Tas land to be handed back

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Government says two important areas of land will be returned to the Aboriginal community.

Speaking last Thursday, Premier Lara Giddings said it was an historic day and a tangible step on the path to reconciliation.

"It's been seven years in the making, we are in the final stages of getting the title in our hands," Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) chairperson Clyde Mansell told the *Koori Mail*.

"We'll get excited when we can stand up at larapuna with that title in our hands."

Mr Mansell expects amendments to the *Aboriginal Lands Act* to enable the returns to pass through the Tasmanian Parliament this month and hopes that the titles for larapuna and Rebecca Creek will be handed over before the end of June.

Larapuna (or Eddystone Point) is a 10ha area on the north-east tip of Tasmania. Currently classified as Crown land, it is under a 40-year lease to the Aboriginal community.

"It's one of the key locations for our traditional linkage to land, I'm pretty excited," Mr Mansell said.

"Land is so crucial to the continuance of Aboriginal people and our cultural identity. We've been trying to get this finalised since we got the lease in 2005."



Larapuna (or Eddystone Point) on the north-east tip of Tasmania.

Mr Mansell said a plan was being developed for an upmarket eco-tourism experience, featuring cultural walks and historic lighthouse tours.

"Tourists are crying out for something that gives them the environmental and cultural connection stuff, and larapuna is perfect for that. We're hoping it will seasonally employ eight to ten Aboriginal people," he said.

Rebecca Creek, in the north-west, is home to the only known source of spongolite; a distinctive stone that was quarried and traded by Aboriginal people to make tools.

Mr Mansell said the 148ha area, saved from destruction by logging when the State Government bought it in 2009 from a private owner, would be protected and managed for its cultural significance.

He expects the ALCT budget

will be increased accordingly to cover management costs.

He said ALCT, the statutory body created through the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995* to act as a custodian of parcels of land returned to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, will continue pursuing negotiations with the current and future governments to return Mt William, Rocky Cape and other significant sites on the west coast.

Negotiating

He added that they are looking to continue negotiating the possibility of land return as part of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement process, which was initiated to end the state's long-running division over logging.

Ms Giddings said discussions on land return were ongoing. "Let's hope it doesn't take

another seven years and I don't believe it will," the Premier said.

"Because there is real willingness in this Government to work very co-operatively with the Aboriginal community around the issue of land returns.

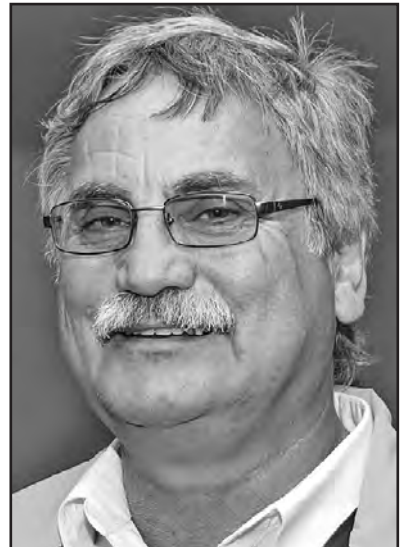
"These lands do belong to the Aboriginal community and we have some way to go on the road to reconciliation

"When we talk about land returns we must acknowledge that these lands were stolen from Aboriginal people at the point of a gun over two centuries ago, that an entire people was dispossessed, driven from their land that belonged to them for tens of thousands of years."

Ms Giddings thanked members of the Aboriginal community for their patience and co-operation with the land return process.



LARA GIDDINGS



CLYDE MANSELL

Palm eyes grog plan

By ALF WILSON, with additional reporting by AAP



THE new Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council will seek total community input before presenting a proposal to the

Queensland Government which is reviewing the controversial Alcohol Management Plan (AMP).

The plans have been in place in 19 Queensland Indigenous communities since 2002 in a bid to reduce violence.

AMP laws were amongst the topics of discussion when new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes met far north Queensland mayors in Cairns on 5 May.

Mr Elmes asked the far north Queensland mayors to get back to him with new plans to manage alcohol in their communities.

"If they come back to me with a plan as to how they will treat the sale and consumption of alcohol in their particular community and it fits what they can achieve, then if it comes to lifting the plan then we will lift it," he told AAP.

Sly-groggers were profiting from the despair of people in dry communities, Mr Elmes said. Alcohol abuse and related domestic violence and child neglect weren't limited to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, he added.

Mayor Alf Lacey told the *Koori*



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes, far left, and Assistant Minister David Kempton, far right, with Cook mayor Peter Scott, Napranum mayor Philemon Mene, Kowanyama mayor Robert Holness, Wujal Wujal mayor Clifford Harrigan, Hope Vale mayor Greg McLean, and Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey.

Mail on Friday that he'd met the previous day with Palm councillors Mislam Sam, Eddie Walsh, Frank Conway and Roy Prior about the AMP. Cr Sam, Cr Conway and Cr Prior stood as candidates in Mayor Lacey's team.

"We want to take this to the community to let them have their say. That will involve some community forums, a public meeting or residents can submit in writing what they think about the AMP to council," Cr Lacey said.

He said somebody from outside Palm Island could be brought in to oversee the consultation process.

"Once we have all of the thoughts of the community we will then present a proposal to Minister Elmes," he said.

Cr Lacey campaigned heavily against AMPs in the lead up to the local government elections late last month, in which he easily defeated fellow candidates Raymond Sibley, Obadiah Geia and Delena Foster.

He said AMPs were not working

and discriminated against Indigenous communities.

Despite making history as the only Palm Island mayor to be returned for a second term and now with a big mandate from residents, Cr Lacey said it was important that all in the community were heard.

After the Cairns meeting, Minister Elmes spoke separately with Cr Lacey, Napranum mayor Philemon Mene, Kowanyama mayor Robert Holness, Wujal

Wujal mayor Clifford Harrigan, and Hope Vale's Greg McLean about the AMPs.

Under Palm's current plan, residents are only allowed to bring one carton of mid-strength or light beer on the ferry that travels from Townsville four times a week.

All spirits and full-strength beer are banned, and more than 800 Palm Islanders have faced court for breaches under the AMP.

At the local Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill, which is open for four hours six days a week, patrons are allowed six cans of mid-strength beer before they must switch to light ale, which they describe as 'green death'.

They're allowed to buy six cans of mid-strength beer on leaving the bar.

Many residents travel to the mainland by ferry paying a \$57.80 return fare and bring a carton of mid-strength beer back to Palm.

The *Koori Mail* understands that one of the proposals in front of Palm residents will be the Coolgaree Bar and Grill being allowed to sell patrons one full-strength carton of beer and six UDL cans, saving them the ferry fare.

The *Koori Mail* asked Cr Lacey who his deputy would be on council.

"It looks likely that the four councillors will serve as deputy mayor for 12 months each on a rotation basis. Mislam Sam will be deputy for the first year," he said.

WA law plan sparks fears

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



NOONGAR people have protested against proposed anti-association laws in

Western Australia, declaring them a grave threat to justice.

Traditional owners and Elders of the Whadjuk people united with motorcycle clubs, unionists, civil libertarians, church and community groups outside Parliament House in Perth on 3 May to rally against the *Criminal Organisations Control Bill*.

Glenys Collard welcomed protesters from a range of groups to Noongar Whadjuk country, saying it was time for Noongar and wadjella people to work together.

She said she hoped that, together, the group could achieve a good outcome.

Robert Eggington, of the Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, started the rally by observing a minute of silence for all those who had died 'as a result of a brutal and a violent system'.

After reading a list of those who had died in custody, and colonial massacres suffered by Noongar people, Mr Eggington described the impact of the 1905 *Native Welfare Act*. "The Act consisted of many laws that gave the Government the right to forcibly remove Aboriginal people from their traditional lands and disinherit our people from their religious and cultural practice," he said.

"It forced Aboriginal people to denounce tribal customs to ascertain citizenship rights. It legally allowed the diabolical and evil legalities to forcibly remove the children from their parents and place them in Christian-run missions across the south-west."

Mr Eggington went on to cite a list of WA laws that he said had had a disproportionate and unjust effect on Aboriginal people in recent years and had been enforced by police in a discriminatory and degrading manner.



Speaking out ... At the anti-association rally held outside Parliament House in Perth on 3 May are Dumbartung's Robert Eggington, Glenys and Helen Collard and Iva Haywood-Jackson. Photo by Richie Rodriguez, Outlaw Photography



UMCWA's Craig Brown and former Kimberley MP Carol Martin. Photo by Derek Hobbes



At a media conference about the impending laws were Rev George Davies, of the Perth Inner City Youth Service, Rev Paul Christie, from the Prison Fellowship Chaplains Motorcycle Club, and the Noongar Tent Embassy's Marianne MacKay. Photo by Derek Hobbes

"The Djida Boodjar Aboriginal People's Movement, with the Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, stands in solidarity and unity with the UMCWA (United Motorcycle Council of WA) to fight strongly against the proposed Bill... known as the anti-association laws," he said.

"These laws... will

ultimately be used aggressively and assertively against the Aboriginal community as are all the laws that control and disempower the human rights of our people."

Mr Eggington expressed concern the laws would be used arbitrarily – and target Aboriginal people – to deny requests to attend funerals

and to prevent attendance at rallies, protests and cultural events. "These laws have the power to divide and separate our families as did the previous laws of the Stolen Generations," he said. "We must not let these laws pass into legislation."

"If these laws of anti-association were directed at white collar crime there wouldn't even be a Parliament to pass them, and there is no doubt that the bigger the politician, the bigger the lie."

"The real crimes of society thrive in the halls of these Parliaments... there are many Aboriginal traditional people incarcerated in prisons across the south-west who do not even know or understand the laws which have imprisoned them."

Several of the speakers and protesters at the rally have experienced first-hand anti-association restrictions enacted through bail conditions or control orders issued under last year's exceptional Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) law.

Despite claims the restrictions were intended for 'bikies', the people subject to anti-association-type restrictions so far in WA have almost exclusively been activists, and the 160-page bill does not mention organised crime or motorcycle clubs once.

More NSW meetings scheduled for August



A SECOND round of community consultations is being planned as the NSW Government seeks a new Aboriginal affairs strategy for the state.

The move follows the first round, which Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said involved more than 1700 people and attracted 200 written submissions and 4000 individual comments.

He said contributors to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs review included Aboriginal community organisations, non-government organisations, local Aboriginal land councils, schools, businesses and individuals.

"This illustrates there is a real appetite for change," Mr Dominello said.

"I would like to thank everyone who took part in this process, which has helped the taskforce to obtain a strong understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal communities."

Mr Dominello said common themes raised at the 14 community meetings across the state included the need to work in partnership with community members and for organisations to ensure that those on the ground are able to take the lead on issues in their communities.

"Time after time the message to me was clear – imposing 'top down' solutions doesn't work and we need a different approach," he said.

"Effective solutions will come from the 'bottom up'."

"There is also a strong demand for proper accountability so communities are not over-served yet 'under-delivered', with effective co-ordination to prevent duplication of government and non-government services."

Reports on the issues raised at 14 community meetings across the state are available at the Aboriginal Affairs NSW website –

www.daa.nsw.gov.au

Taskforce member Maydina Penrith, who gives a voice for Aboriginal youth and women on the taskforce, said she was pleased with the level of community engagement.

"The taskforce is the first time that Aboriginal community representatives and Government ministers have sat side-by-side at the same table to work together on issues facing our communities," she said.

"I feel very positive that so many people around the State have taken the time to have their say and make their views known to the taskforce."

Mr Dominello said the second round of consultations, set for August, was an opportunity to check that the report validated issues raised during the initial consultations.

"The development of a new Aboriginal affairs strategy is part of a long and sometimes complex journey towards strengthening Aboriginal communities," he said.

"Our focus is on improvements in education outcomes, employment outcomes and service delivery."

"While we don't claim to have all the answers, we do have a deep commitment to genuine partnership with Aboriginal communities and their representatives as part of the process."

More information on the second round of community consultations, including dates and locations, will be available closer to August at the website www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce or phone (02) 9219 0702.



VICTOR DOMINELLO



MAYDINA PENRITH

Senior Yolngu woman passes on



TRIBUTES have flowed for a respected artist and senior women's leader for the Yolngu people who died this month.

Mrs Yunupingu passed away at her home in Gunyangara (Ski Beach) on the Nhulunbuy Peninsula of Arnhem Land.

Her art was respected worldwide, and among many honours she won

the 21st National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award for a piece titled 'Garak, The Universe'. Her work is exhibited in the National Gallery of Australia.

Mrs Yunupingu was respected for teaching cultural knowledge to the young as well as helping the sick and needy.

NT Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy said she was an outstanding ambassador for her people, teaching

non-Yolngu people about her culture and world view and in doing so breaking down barriers and racism.

Mrs Yunupingu was born in the 1940s at Biranybirany, in north-east Arnhem Land.

She is sister of former Northern Land Council chair Galarwuy Yunupingu, and Mandawuy Yunupingu, the singer from music group Yothu Yindi and 1992 Australian of the year.

Mayors irate over funding



BUREAUCRATS' salaries and duplicated projects are eating into millions of dollars in welfare funding earmarked for Cape York communities, the region's mayors say.

Hope Vale mayor Greg McLean says out of \$110 million in Federal Government welfare reform money, his community saw just \$2 million.

The money was to be split between four Indigenous Cape York communities over five years to close the gap between disadvantaged Aboriginal and other communities.

"If I had any idea (where the money went), I would have put a lot of that money into Hope Vale," Mr McLean said.

"I think it's being spent or filtered between Canberra and our communities, in the employment of people that don't even come to our communities."

Cape York mayors and council representatives argue they should have a greater say in how about \$200 million in annual government funding is spent, saying local government is best positioned to give the advice.

Cooktown Mayor Peter Scott

'I think (the money) is being spent or filtered between Canberra and our communities, in the employment of people that don't even come to our communities'

– Hope Vale mayor Greg McLean



says money goes to numerous non-government and quasi non-government organisations, and services can be fragmented or duplicated.

"For example, there's over 50 primary health-care providers in Cape York, which is just ludicrous," he said.

"We seem to have an awful lot of people doing the same thing."

The executive director of Cape York non-profit organisation Balkanu says it receives less than \$1 million

per year from the Federal Government.

Gerhardt Pearson, brother of Indigenous leader Noel Pearson, says Balkanu consults on and advocates for a range of projects to help Indigenous Cape Yorkers.

He cited an arrangement for 35 full-time Indigenous rangers to oversee national parks in Cape York as one example.

"We believe we're delivering value for money in the kind of outcomes that we have," Mr Pearson said. – AAP

Anti-nuclear group welcomes move



AN ANTI-NUCLEAR group has welcomed moves to build an interim storage facility at Lucas

Heights in Sydney to store radioactive waste due to return from overseas.

The group says the plan is much better than trucking the waste thousands of kilometres to a proposed dump at Muckaty in the Northern Territory 'with a couple of security guards posted at the facility door'.

The Beyond Nuclear Initiative (BNIO) said the application by the Australia Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) showed that the push for a dump site at Muckaty was losing ground.

BNIO spokesperson Natalie Wasley said the proposed storage facility at Lucas Heights was a better option to pursue while a comprehensive and long-term management plan was considered.

"Successive Federal governments have tried forcing a remote radioactive dump on unwilling Aboriginal and pastoral communities through a 'decide-announce-defend' approach," she said.

"They have been met with fierce resistance from targeted communities and their representative state and territory governments.



NAT WASLEY

"A series of road and rail accidents in the NT over the past few years also highlight the risks of transporting radioactive waste to a remote site.

"The NT Chief Minister is on the record stating that the Port of Darwin 'does not have the resource capacity (expertise or equipment) to respond to a radioactive incident'."

Ms Wasley said ANSTO representatives had repeatedly said the organisation had the capacity to manage the waste it produced on-site.

"The majority of long-lived intermediate level waste is currently at the facility and should stay there," she said.

"Environment and health groups, trade unions and other stakeholders have consistently called for the Government

to drop its search for an expendable postcode and initiate a process of radioactive waste management through an independent national inquiry that considers all management options.

"The time afforded by interim storage at Lucas Heights should be spent undertaking an inclusive process rather than continuing the current divisive tactic of pursuing the contested Muckaty site."

Ms Wasley accused Minister Martin Ferguson of being bullish and arrogant in his contempt of Territory Government opposition and his refusal to meet with traditional owners opposed to the waste dump.

"Traditional owners have launched a Federal Court challenge and the NT Government and supporters around the country have all have pledged to oppose the Muckaty plan for as long as it takes," she said.

"It is time the Australian Government looks to examples overseas where governments are engaging with communities to discuss radioactive waste storage options.

"The key principles should be waste minimisation, robust science and informed community consent for management options.

"The current Muckaty plan fails all of these benchmarks."

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Monday, 28 May 2012

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Reform of NSW Aboriginal Culture And Heritage Invitation To Attend Feedback Forums

Following Phase 1 of the Reform of NSW Aboriginal Culture and Heritage community consultation workshops held between October and December 2011, a series of 11 feedback forums are being held across NSW to provide feedback on the outcomes from the workshops.

Workshops will occur at the following locations

Date	Venue	Time
June 5	Rooty Hill RSL – 55 Sherbrooke St, Rooty Hill	1:30pm – 3:30pm
June 7	Yamuloong – 71 Prospect Road, Garden Suburb Cardiff	1:30pm – 3:30pm
June 13	Nowra School of Arts – 12 Berry Street, Nowra	1:30pm – 3:30pm
June 15	Queanbeyan, The RB Smith Centre – 262 Crawford Street	10:30am–12:30pm
June 26	Tamworth Coledale Community Centre – 2b Kenny Drive	1:30pm – 3:30pm
June 28	Coffs Harbour Ex Servicemen's Club – Vernon Street	1:30pm – 3:30pm
July 10	Dubbo RSL Club – Corner of Brisbane and Wingewarra Streets	1:30pm – 3:30pm
July 12	Walgett District Sporting Club – Montkeila Street	1:30pm – 3:30pm
July 17	Griffith Ex Servicemen's Club – Jondaryan Avenue	1:30pm – 3:30pm
July 19	Bourke PCYC Club – Wilson Street	1:30pm – 3:30pm
July 26	Broken Hill Musicians Club – 276 Crystal Street	1:30pm – 3:30pm

Check the OEH Aboriginal culture and heritage reform webpage for details of the reform process
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/achreform/index.htm>. The following Phase 1 feedback documents will be posted to the website shortly.

1. NSW Aboriginal culture and heritage legislation reform 2011 – 2012 Phase 1 Consultation – Summary of responses report
2. Aboriginal heritage legislation in NSW – How the Aboriginal heritage system works in New South Wales
3. Aboriginal heritage legislation in NSW – Comparing the NSW Aboriginal heritage system with other Australian Systems

For further information on the workshops please contact your local OEH Country Culture and Heritage Office.

Office Location	Contact Number
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Queanbeyan	6229 7096

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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
- Investment decision making - identifying local/regional funding priorities and opportunities, and monitoring the success of investments in these priority areas
- Socio-economic impacts of NRM decisions and actions
- Established local/regional Aboriginal community networks

For further information

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Fears over water use in Top End



IN the same week the National Water Commission (NWC) released a position statement on sustainable water practices,

Aboriginal traditional owners from the Top End have expressed concerns that the mining industry is operating outside of planning processes.

The NWC's statement calls for Australia to 'draw on its experience and knowledge to protect and sustain the unique water resources in our north'.

However, the Mataranka Traditional Owner Water Allocation Reference Group (MTOWARG) said the mining industry did not come under the *Northern Territory Water Act* and therefore was not considered in NT Water Allocation Plans.

Traditional owners affected by the Tindal Limestone Aquifer (Mataranka) Water Allocation Plan made a written submission and DVD to the NT Government, outlining their concerns with Government water planning processes.

The submission was prepared on behalf of participating traditional owners by the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA), the Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA).

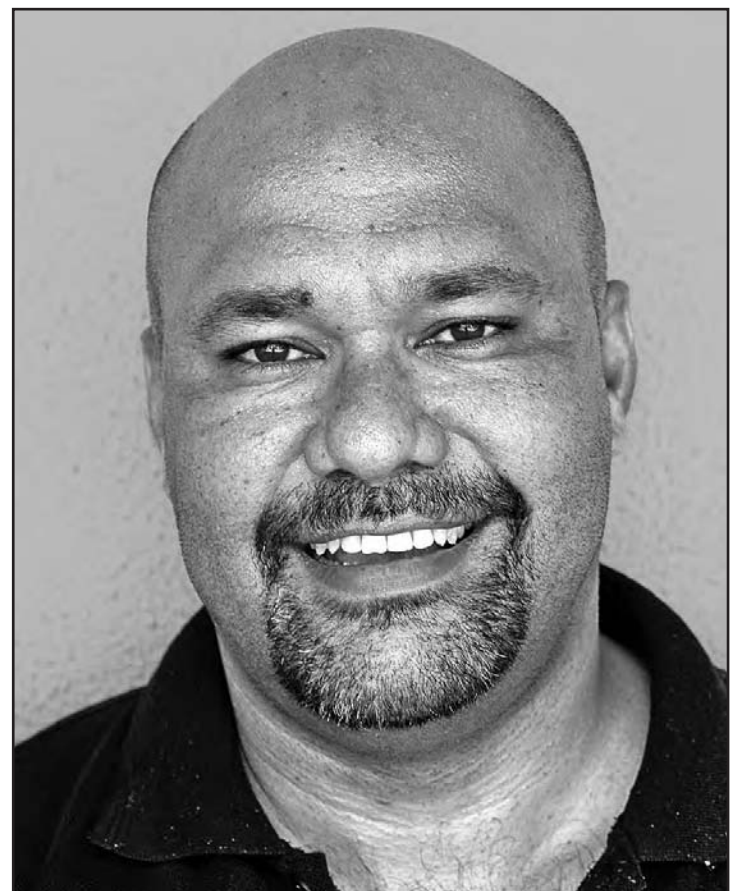
NLC CEO Kim Hill said the NT Government's Mataranka water allocation planning process highlighted the need to better engage Aboriginal peoples in all water management reforms.

"As First Australians, Aboriginal peoples have expertise in managing water resources and a vested interest in managing their traditional lands and waters, which has not been acknowledged by the Northern Territory Government water planning process to date," he said.

The Water Commission's position statement outlines five principles to support the sustainable management of water resources, including recognising Indigenous interests in water planning and management.

"The National Water Initiative (NWI) requires that Indigenous interests and aspirations be factored into water planning; all the more important in northern Australia where Indigenous Australians make up a large percentage of the population and are significant landholders," the statement says.

MTOWARG co-chair Alan Maroney said the group was concerned about the impact of over-extraction on sacred sites,



NAISMA CEO Joe Morrison, who is urging the NT Government to better include Indigenous people in water planning processes (file photo).

particularly that water used by the mining industry did not come under the *NT Water Act* and subsequently was not considered in the plan.

"We need to make sure that water extraction does not affect sacred sites within that plan area," he said. "Mines must be made accountable for their water use in all water planning."

NAISMA CEO Joe Morrison urged governments to consider a Strategic Indigenous Reserve (SIR).

"The SIR is a great opportunity for governments to seriously consider the future economic development of Indigenous communities in all water plans across the north of Australia and for Indigenous communities to develop their economic aspirations to benefit future generations," he said.

Approach

MTOWARG co-chair Marjorie Hall said a collaborative approach to water planning was needed.

"We should be working together... consult each other, come into one voice and talking together," Ms Hall said. "Getting agreement, not just putting us aside."

"We own this land, we own this country. We must participate in water planning with government."

NWC acting chair Stuart Bunn

encouraged the NT and WA governments to enact legislation consistent with the commission's National Water Initiative.

"The commission believes that Northern Australia's water resources can be developed in a culturally, socially, ecologically and economically sustainable way by pursuing these principles and associated actions," Mr Bunn said.

"Because the diverse hydrological and ecological systems in our north differ so much from other systems, development in northern Australia presents inevitable challenges for water management.

"We now have a historic opportunity to make sure that these largely undeveloped water systems support productive and healthy ecosystems, vibrant communities and rich Indigenous cultures.

"Transparent and inclusive water planning that balances development aspirations with environmental and cultural water requirements will be critical to building community confidence in decisions about how we share resources."

To watch a short version of the MTOWARG submission, 'Making Our Submission Our Way', go to www.nailsma.org.au

To view the full position statement from the NWC, go to www.nwc.gov.au



Australian Government

Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee

Expressions of interest for appointment

The Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee (PBRAC) is established under the *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994* to provide technical and administrative advice to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education and to the Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights.

PBRAC membership reflects a cross section of the interests involved in the plant breeder's rights (PBR) system. The Committee consists of:

- the Registrar of PBR (or her delegate) who acts as Chair;
- two members who can represent breeders, and likely breeders, of new plant varieties;
- a member who can represent users, and likely users, of new plant varieties;
- a member who can represent the interests of consumers, and likely consumers, of new plant varieties or of the products of new plant varieties
- a member who can represent conservation interests in relation to new plant varieties and the potential impacts of new plant varieties
- a member who can represent indigenous Australian interests in relation to new plant varieties and the source, use and impacts of new plant varieties
- two other members possessing qualifications or experience that are appropriate for a member of the Advisory Committee.

A large part of its work involves providing advice to the Minister and the Registrar on the PBR system. The PBRAC also conducts reviews into various aspects of the PBR system at the direction of the Minister or the Registrar. Reports from these reviews make recommendations that ensure that Australia's PBR system benefits all Australians.

Further information on the PBRAC's activities can be found at

<http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/regulatory-and-advisory-bodies/pbrac/>

Expressions of interest are invited from persons who wish to be considered to serve on the PBRAC. The Government is seeking individuals with a sound knowledge and experience in plant breeder's rights – including those who can represent users, breeders or consumers of new plant varieties and those who can represent indigenous Australian interests or conservation interests in relation to new plant varieties. The Government is also interested in hearing from persons with sound knowledge and experience in the law related to plant breeder's rights.

The Government aims for gender and geographic diversity on the PBRAC. Appointments are part-time—usually for three years. The PBRAC meets twice per year in Canberra, and may form working groups for particular tasks, which meet as required. Members receive a daily sitting allowance and reimbursement for travel, accommodation and related expenses.

Expressions of interest should include relevant biographical details and a statement to indicate your experience, expertise and interest in the field of plant breeder's rights, including indigenous interests.

Expressions close on Friday 1 June 2012, and should be sent to:

**The Secretary
Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee
PO Box 200
WODEN ACT 2606**

or to

pbrac@ipaustralia.gov.au

Additional information may be obtained from the Secretary, Ms Paulette Paterson on (02) 6283 2749.

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Big Win celebrated

Woolworths withdraws plans for Moree site

By RUDI MAXWELL



ACTIVIST Lyall Munro Snr has described stopping a major supermarket and variety store chain from building on top of an Aboriginal burial site in the northern New South Wales town of Moree as one of the biggest achievements in his life.

A Kamilaroi man, Mr Munro initiated several court actions on behalf of the Murri Taskforce, with the assistance of the NSW Environmental Defenders' Office, against Moree Plains Council, the NSW Government and Woolworths.

After eight years of legal proceedings in train, all court actions were withdrawn before reaching the hearing stage.

The Taylors Oval site has both an Aboriginal land claim and a Gomeroi native title claim over it. The Murri Taskforce has also placed a federal heritage claim over the site, which is yet to be decided.



Lyall Munro Snr. File photo by Joseph Mayers

On 26 April, Woolworths announced that it was withdrawing its plans to develop a Big W store on the site, saying that it had become 'financially unviable'.

"We stood up to a lot of powerful people, took them on and won," Mr Munro said soon afterwards.

"We had a lot of support behind the scenes. We've come under a lot of criticism

but we've worn it on our shoulders like true Aboriginal people and kept up the fight.

"I'm a bit disappointed that some Aboriginal people failed to recognise it as a burial site and the mayor (of Moree Plains, Katrina Humphries) wasn't too happy, but it's a very big achievement.

"Black people have finally got a voice thanks to the Murri Taskforce."

Tent Embassy founder Michael Anderson congratulated Mr Munro and other Gomeroi representatives on their 'victory against a big transnational corporate development'.

"Woolworths are withdrawing because of the Gomeroi's steadfast opposition to the store's expansion, which would have seen a rugby league oval demolished and a significant Gomeroi cultural site, where human remains have been located, totally disturbed and possibly destroyed," Mr Anderson said in a statement.

'Overt racism'

"Moree is well known for its overt racism against Gomeroi people.

"The Moree success is a great example of what we as peoples can achieve if we stand up and say 'No'.

"Our people are now seeing through the imposed Aboriginal leadership and are now taking things into their own hands with their own hopes and aspirations in mind.

"The Moree example represents the type of success that we can all experience."

Moree Reconciliation Group chair Glen Crump, a Gamilaroi man, said now that the development had been withdrawn it was time for cohesion, rather than argument.

"There have been a lot of stones thrown about who did what, all different opinions, and it could have been sorted out if they'd found another location," Mr Crump said.

"Nobody in Moree was against it, it was just the location.

"All the stone throwing in the town, I think people should stop and realise it was Big W's decision, and they could have continued the battle if they wanted to."



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A Yarn With...



Leilla Penrith

Retired, aged 68, and living in Glebe, Sydney

Favourite food?
Anything except tinned fish.

Favourite bushtucker?
I've only ever tried goanna and kangaroo – and never again!

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite music?
The late Jimmy Little and the late Whitney Houston.

What are you reading?
Not much lately.

What's your favourite place?
Back home at Wallaga Lake, near the water.

What are you watching?
Bones and *Castle*.

Favourite movie/s?
Westerns.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My friends Lola Edwards (who has passed away), Elaine Randall and Nayda Ward.

What do you like in life?
Getting out and about.

What do you dislike in life?
Being cooped up at home. I worked in convalescing homes for a while and I don't like being stuck indoors unless I'm sick.

What would you do to improve things for Indigenous people?
I'd do more for our kids. I'd teach them stuff like beading and crocheting.

Quote



'The Government must deliver on their commitments. If they do, the disparity between our people will be made redundant'

– Incoming GenerationOne chief Warren Mundine

● See Page 12

Unquote

A budget that's a bit too rich

Ahhh, Federal Budget time. It's a period of tense anticipation for many Australians, a big snooze for others, and an occasion for the occupants of our national parliament to have their two bob's worth on how Australia's coffers should be managed for another year.

In the lead up to elections, the incumbent government – no matter how popular they are – always tries to claim underdog status. "We don't take any votes for granted; it'll be a tough fight but we care about Australians," they inevitably pronounce. Similarly on Budget Day, the incumbent government always talks up big what they hope will be vote winners and talks solemnly about the tough choices they've had to make, for the good of the nation. And it's the job of opposition parties to put the government's figures and all of the accompanying spin through the ringer.

And so it has been this year, with Treasurer Wayne Swan presiding over a regime of cuts and deferments to deliver a budget just slightly in surplus.

Of course, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are affected by most of it, whether it's through taxes, road funding, or the kind of bottom line that (hopefully) makes it easier for the Reserve Bank to cut interest rates.

However, Indigenous spending has been a bit of a surprise, given how brazenly the Government has cut existing Indigenous programs to fund what are deeply unpopular measures in many Indigenous communities.

Some might think the way the Government has interwoven long-yearned-for and much needed long-term



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funding for some health, education, justice and homelands services with its controversial Stronger Futures in the NT policies is inspired. But, in Indigenous quarters, it is regarded as more than a bit rich – and not in a financial way.

It puts many people in the difficult position of potentially accepting funding linked with policies that go entirely against their principles and philosophies.

The Australian Greens continue to oppose the Government's Stronger Futures bills but with Labor and Coalition members of a Senate Committee that reviewed the bills largely backing them, they're almost certain to get up.

The Government has a fight on its hands to get its proposed 'Schoolkids Bonus' through the Parliament.

Putting the merits or otherwise of the bonus aside, the irony of the Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin's huffy comments on Opposition leader Tony Abbott's position on the bonus will be lost on few who have followed the debate about welfare reform in Indigenous communities through income management. It was insulting, they said, to suggest that Australian parents didn't know how to look after their kids.

Er, hello!?

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

FOR Nunga woman Ali Cobby Eckermann, being billed as one of Australia's leading poets alongside the likes of David Malouf at a prestigious Sydney Writers' Festival poetry reading was definitely a compliment.

But when she discovered the event clashed with the official launch of her latest book at the Wordstorm festival in Darwin, the pull of the Top End proved too strong, and she made the tough decision to cancel her Sydney appearance.

Having lived in the Territory for nearly 30 years, she says she relishes the chance to go 'home', hang out with mob, and catch up with other Indigenous writers – both established and up-and-coming.

Cobby Eckermann's poetry reflects her journey to reconnect with her Yankunytjatjara/Kokatha family after being 'tricked away' at birth.

While she'd always been 'a scribbler', and kept the odd journal, it wasn't until 2001 that she embarked on a creative writing course at Batchelor Institute in Alice Springs, something she describes as 'a profound time' shared with her fellow Aboriginal classmates – empowering and healing.

It was a pivotal time in her life, as it was the year she was reunited with her son Jonnie.

"I was writing very emotionally," she said. "He was 18-and-a-half when I met him at the Alice Springs airport. Everybody in my class shared a bit of that. I couldn't hide it. I was bursting at the seams.

"That was one of the really big changes in my life, getting Jonnie back. I used my writing to calm myself down and get life into perspective."

Cobby Eckermann had met her birth mother Audrey just four years earlier.

"I was 'tricked away' from my birth family, and adopted into the Eckermann family," she said.

"My uncle and aunty came for me and were told there was no baby. They thought that I had died. That was in 1963, and 20 years later I wasn't allowed to keep Jonnie.

"The trickery just comes in different forms, just like the Intervention."

Cobby Eckermann had an older Aboriginal adopted brother, and coincidentally when they went looking for their families they both found they had ties to the Koonibba Mission, outside Ceduna (South Australia). Her adopted brother found his family, but as a 17-year-old, Cobby Eckermann's information was all 'locked up'.

"He was a bit more persistent and allowed people to read his face," she said. "I didn't have any patience. I was wild by then, and I took off. I had to go on a big journey.

"I went to Ooldea along the Nullarbor track. I didn't know it at the time, but that was my mother's birthplace. I was on a journey, but I was on a journey with land, and I lived out there for nearly two years."

Cobby Eckermann said groups of old people used to come from nearby Yalata by truck, to catch the train for business, and she would go out and take them water and sit with them while they waited.

"I had no idea that was my family," she said. "I've caught up with people (later on) who were out there and they said it was really obvious that I belonged to that mob. But I had no idea."

Self-funded journey

Cobby Eckermann said that while Link-Up assisted her to meet her mother and her son, she then spent five years on a self-funded journey travelling the countryside meeting up with her uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

She feels lucky that her family was still connected with the traditional elements of culture, which made it easy for her to slot back into the kinship system.

"I was grandmother the next day," she said. "I was in the supermarket and all these teenagers were calling me 'nanna'. I was only 35. Traditional people are so good at fitting people into the kinship system."



Ali Cobby Eckermann.
Photo by Juno Gemes.
Inset: Her latest book

Journey reflected in poetry

Cobby Eckermann said that without a doubt, the bush people and traditional speakers she encountered in the NT and Central Australia saved her life.

"They welcomed me and loved me from the first minute, and overwhelmed me with knowledge," she said.

"They taught me to grieve. All the pain that I had been carrying around, all those years. Everybody celebrated my tears... Without the healing that they gave me I wouldn't be here today."

When the NT Intervention rolled out in 2007, Cobby Eckermann was working as an art centre manager at Titjikala, but finding the impact of the Intervention 'too depressing' returned to South Australia and bought the old General Store at Koolunga, which she has been working to turn into an Aboriginal writers' retreat.

"I only lasted nine months after the

Intervention rolled out," she said.

"It was too depressing and punishing. Those people who were being punished were the ones who saved my life and put some value back into it.

"We need to educate beyond what's happening at the moment.

"My writing is like a defence. Poetry for me can go beyond politics. It can reach people's emotions and promote empathy.

Healing hopes

"With all my writing using the poetic style, my hope is to get into schools and community groups and open up the dialogues about Stolen Generations and massacres, to allow healing on both sides.

"I think until we see a bit more healing in Australia we are a little bit stuck."

Cobby Eckermann's writing career has been on a stellar trajectory since her first book of poems, *little bit long time*,

came out in 2009, selling out within months.

She's been invited to appear at every Sydney Writers' Festival since then, which she says 'is always a privilege', and will be featured on two panel discussions in 2012.

Her poetic memoir *Too Afraid to Cry* is due to be published later in the year.

But as for being described as one of Australia's 'leading poets', she takes it in her stride.

"For me, in my life, that is not the truth," she said.

"That is just someone's opinion. Yes, it's complimentary, but for me, Rosemary Plummer from Tennant Creek is a better poet, and a couple of song people out of Pipalyatjara, near my grandmother's country (on the APY Lands near the NT/WA border) are better poets.

"There are so many poets and writers and song people with better skills than me."

Cobby Eckermann is 'really excited' about her new verse novel, *Ruby Moonlight*. It's her fourth book, and she considers it to be her best work.

She said *little bit long time* and her first verse novel *My Father's Eyes* dealt with the Stolen Generations and issues of dislocation from family, of which she has personal experience.

"This one (*Ruby Moonlight*) deals with a massacre and racism back in first contact times, which is why I consider it to be my best writing," she said.

"It's more removed from me, so it's more challenging for me as a writer."

The subject matter was inspired by the two years she spent working in remote areas as part of the See My World Indigenous youth literacy project.

She said every time she went to visit community Elders before starting work with the young people, she always got told the massacre history of that area.

"Every time," she said. "That's opened my heart and my eyes, to listen to those stories, but also to listen to the land, because the stories are trapped in the land... The story of Ruby Moonlight was given to me by the land, so my journey with the land continues."

Passionate

Cobby Eckermann feels passionate about inspiring and encouraging new Indigenous writers, but also developing a broader Indigenous readership.

She believes there's a whole new genre of Indigenous writing coming up from the grass roots – combining two worlds.

"It's writing to counteract the politics, because it's sparsely written," she said.

"It's honest and it can't be argued with. It's such strong writing.

"I find that with some of the young writers I meet... their simplistic way of talking about country, family and feelings can't be changed. It just stands strong.

"In Aboriginal language they didn't have the meaning for 'or' – everything just was. So there's not much room for argument.

"The law was strong and the custom was strong, and you knew if you did wrong.

"Today it's all complex. People can take a bit from here and there and make a bit of an argument. If they are a good intimidator they can run over the truth."

Cobby Eckermann believes the new emerging genre will prove successful 'because people are sick of the bullshit'.

"The new genre is written by people who really expose things," she said.

"You know it's the truth. It's Aboriginal people really writing for Aboriginal readers. It's not being written by outsiders who have gone into remote areas and had a lovely experience and saved a house deposit. It's people who are living the joys and lows every day.

"And there's more joys than lows in my experience, and the media really misrepresents that. They paint a picture that everything is dismal and crap."

● Ali Cobby Eckermann's *Ruby Moonlight* was set to be launched at Wordstorm in Darwin last Sunday. She will also be appearing on two panel discussions at the Sydney Writers' Festival tomorrow (17 May).

Interpreters set to benefit



Jacqueline Phillips, from the Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS), interprets for Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin during a meeting at Maningrida last year.



MORE than 370 Aboriginal interpreters now have the opportunity to have their skills recognised with tertiary qualifications.

An agreement signed on 3 May between the Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) is aimed at strengthening the training and professional development of Aboriginal interpreters.

The Memorandum of Understanding is designed to increase training and career opportunities for interpreters,

according to NT Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy.

"The Aboriginal Interpreter Service is one of the largest employers of Aboriginal people in Australia and this is a great boost to their career development," Ms McCarthy said.

Professionalism

"The AIS and Batchelor Institute have been working collaboratively for more than 10 years to improve the professionalism of Aboriginal interpreters through focused training and development including lectures, seminars and on-the-job training.

"Now some of the training and development provided by the AIS will be formally recognised by BIITE as a credit towards a Diploma of Interpreting.

"The MoU will also enable the sharing of educational resources, venues, training and testing materials and lecturers/trainers between BIITE and AIS.

"The MoU is an outcome of the 2011-13 Partnership Agreement between the Government and BIITE."

Aboriginal Interpreter Service offices are located across the Territory in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Wadeye, Maningrida, Yuendumu, Nhulunbuy and Groote Eylandt.

Answers to our Edition 525 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

1. Geebung
3. NSWALC
5. Blues
7. Top End
9. Gammin
11. Circuses
14. Waters
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Our brain-teasers

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Cape York Land Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO ALL NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
OF

MUNGKAN KANDJU NATIONAL PARK and ARCHER BEND AREA,
ROKEBY ACCESS ROAD, CAPE YORK PENINSULA.

Monday 21st May & Tuesday 22nd May 2012 - COEN.

Any person who claims to hold native title over Mungkan Kandju National Park and the Archer Bend area are invited and urged to attend a meeting convened by the Cape York Land Council and Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation. Mungkan Kandju National Park, the proposed resources reserve and the Archer Bend area are described as Lots 1, 4, 5 & 22 on SP241397 and Lots 23, 25 and 26 on SP241398, Cape York Peninsula. Mungkan Kandju National Park is accessed by the Rokeby Access Road, from the Peninsula Development Road. Mungkan Kandju National Park stretches from the McIlwraith Range foothills and is bounded by the west-flowing Archer and Coen Rivers

On Monday 21st May 2012 in Coen a meeting will be held to :-

Authorise the making of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the State of Queensland.

The ILUA will provide for:

- the grant of Aboriginal land under the Aboriginal Land Act to the Land Trust;
- the dedication, use and management of a national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) over the current area of Mungkan Kandju National Park;
- entry into and complying with an Indigenous Management Agreement;
- entry into and complying with a Conservation Agreement providing for the declaration, use and management of a Nature Refuge over part of the Archer Bend area; and
- dedication, use and management of a Resources Reserve over areas for gravel extraction for roads.

Date: 9.00 am Monday 21st May 2012 (lunch included)

Venue: Wunthulpu Cultural Centre, Coen.

On Tuesday 22nd May 2012 in Coen will be the Transfer Ceremony.

Date: 10.30 am Tuesday 22nd May 2012 (lunch included)

Venue: Wunthulpu Cultural Centre, Coen.

If you need assistance with transport to these meetings please call Toni Hodges at Balkanu on (07) 4019 6225 or email toni.hodges@balkanu.com.au. For all enquiries about the proposed ILUA contact Ryan Ellis at CYLC on Freecall 1800 623 548.

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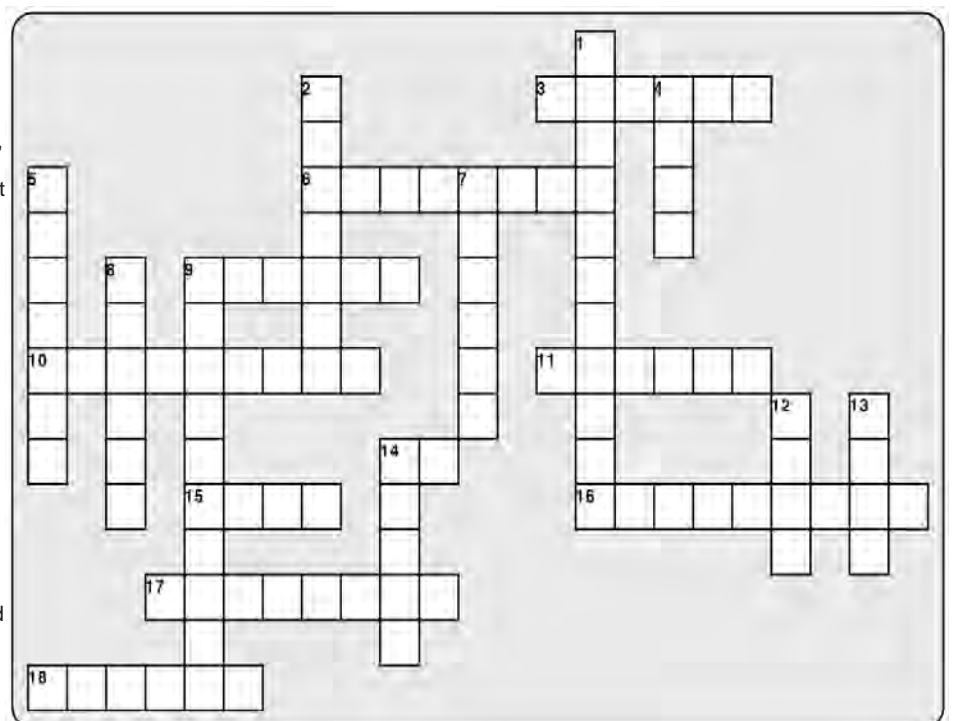
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ACROSS

3. Colloquial term for northern Australia (3+3, no space)
6. Unsung heroes of the Australian pastoral industry, Aboriginal
9. Name of Aboriginal people in Tasmania (6)
10. Another name for Dreaming tracks (9)
11. Acronym for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services umbrella body (6)
14. The state where you'll find Kalumburu (2)
15. Former Olympic gold medallist, ...Peris (4)
16. Stage production and now film based on four Aboriginal women singers in the sixties, The ... (9)
17. Youth dance and music festival, being held at Inala in Brisbane on 26 May (5+2, no space)
18. Chosen sport of Reggie Palm Island (6)

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1. Delicious scone-like treat, often cooked in coals (6+5, no space)
2. Popular Indigenous film festival, ... Sticks (7)
4. Aboriginal groups around Sydney belong to this nation (4)
5. Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) President, Ray ... (7)
7. First name of Victorian Aboriginal singer and Stolen



Generations advocate, ...Edwards (6)

8. Aboriginal word for 'ears', common to several northern

NSW languages (6)

9. Surname of Doris, author of award winning book, Rabbit Proof Fence (10)

12. Best part of the kangaroo for many (4)

13. Occupation of National Reconciliation Week (NRW)

2012 ambassador, Stephanie Alexander (4)

14. Torres Strait Islander drum (5)



Fighting for our identity

WE as bearers of this land should listen to one another as mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and nieces suffering the pain for nine months carrying a new generation in our wombs.

This is a blessing for our women who haven't had a child; they've been blessed by rearing and watching them grow.

So I say to the educated mob 'Our children will forever follow in your footsteps down the same path – fighting for our land, freedom of speech and most of all our identity'.

If we don't identify as a black fellow, what do we identify as? Don't you just get sick of being called a 'wannabe'? I don't think that is in a dictionary; black fellow book yes.

We know where we were born. If you lived on a mission like me that is where I believed you came from in my days. There were no names of a tribe mentioned. If so, it was kept private. In the 1967 referendum, no names of tribe were mentioned.

My point is why do we, as women of our motherland, have to still identify what tribe you come from?

My grandmother and mother, whom I love and respect with my heart and soul, were born in different places.

Why should we as Goori, Koori and Murri identify as wannabe?

On my birth certificate, I come from the place I was born and stated declared on this day. This is legal, so what is the problem? We are proud of our old fellows.

Wake up you mob.

NOELINE HOLTEN
Bankstown, NSW

Rock art concern

I'M writing regarding the news article 'New research into rock art' (*Koori Mail*, 18 April).

It's fantastic that the tens of thousands of Aboriginal rock art treasures on the Burrup will be researched, catalogued and promoted by University of Western Australia (UWA) and mining, but the report misinformed *Koori Mail* readers that Woodside's liquefied natural gas plant had recorded the Burrup rock art in a positive way when in fact they recorded the rock art as it was removed from their development area, then left face down in the dirt with a fence around it for the past 30 years.

Your report also didn't include the fact that the Main Roads Department of WA is going to remove and potentially damage more rock art as it widens the road for the transportation services of future industrial development on the Burrup Peninsula.

Your report also didn't include the recent approval of an ammonium nitrate plant next to Burrup Fertilisers, a volatile combination amongst such a historical and culturally significant site.

The people campaigning to save the pristine Kimberley coastline at James Price Point, north of Broome, should be promoting existing infrastructure at Port Headland rather than Karratha – the Burrup Peninsula – as an alternative Pilbara site for industry.

LINDA DU BOULAY
Orelia, WA



Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula, home to thousands of Aboriginal rock art treasures.

POETRY

Yorta Yorta Man – a tribute to Jimmy Little

(My father believed in love;
which is why he sang love
songs' – Frances Little)

*I was born on the banks
of the Murray...*

My totem is the long-necked
turtle.

*Yorta Yorta is the name
of my clan.*

'Yorta Yorta Man' is for my
parents and for my country.

*I'm her son, but my
father's name I carry...*

The river: it finds its way to
me.

*As I walk through this
great ancient land.*

I write a few songs...

*My spirit will go back one day
to my mother...*

I write a few songs, from time
to time...

*And to my father like the
boomerang.*

Today, in the bush and in the
city, Australia weeps for you,
Yorta Yorta Man.

Boomerang tears fall
down a girl's cheek as she
sings with you in spirit.

There's Archie and Yunupingu
and Anu and Donovan and

Pigram and Maza Long and
Sultan and Morris... yeah!

Do you hear Uncle Jimmy's
country guitar?

Listen to the sound that the
sea-shell makes...

Here we all are, together.

Centre-stage, beneath the
rising sun:

Sing with all your heart and

Don't let go...

Jimmy Little, 1 March
1937 – 2 April 2012

Uncle Jimmy, cocoon our mob
with your voice: your songs
teach us we are butterflies...
The mission not long ago.

By TIM SLADE

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Sebastian 'Sibby' Rioli back in his playing days.
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NT football legend was a pioneer

A CHURCH service to commemorate the life of former footballer Sebastian 'Sibby' Rioli will be held at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral in Darwin on 25 May.

Sibby Rioli died of a heart attack at Royal Darwin Hospital on 3 May and will be buried on the Tiwi Islands at Garden Point on 28 May.

Mr Rioli was regarded as a pioneer footballer, being the first Aboriginal player to move from Darwin to the South Fremantle Football Club in Western Australia during the 1970s.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson paid tribute to Mr Rioli, saying he was saddened to hear news of his passing.

"Sibby was much loved by the Tiwi people and by many in the broader Darwin community and will be missed tremendously," Mr Henderson said.

"He was a champion footballer and a genuinely good person. He worked tirelessly for many years in the education sector.

"I express my sincere condolences to all the Rioli family, particularly his wife Cheryl and his sons, Bradley, Dean, Clinton, Shannon, Benjamin and Sebastian Jr.

"We are thinking of you all, and on behalf of the NT Government I express my sincere condolences on your profound loss."

AFL Northern Territory issued a statement describing Mr Rioli as an NT football legend.

"Sibby Rioli enjoyed a highly decorated career in Territory football, winning the 1967/68 Under 16 Hickman Medal and 1968/69 Under 18 Abala Medal for the competition's fairest and most brilliant player," the statement said.

He was a member of the 1971/72 St Mary's senior premiership side in their classic one-point victory over Darwin Buffaloes and played 54 games for WAFL club South Fremantle in the mid-1970s including the 1975 WAFL grand final with his brother, the late Maurice Rioli.

He then returned to the Territory to coach NTFL club Waratah in 1993/94.



A more recent photo of Sebastian 'Sibby' Rioli. Courtesy ABC

AFLNT chief executive Tony Frawley said it was a very sad day for Australian football.

"The Sibby Rioli story is one that characterises the wonderfully unique product that Territory footy offers," Mr Frawley said.

"Sibby enjoyed a lot of personal and team success during his time with St Mary's and South Fremantle and his contribution not only to Australian football but also to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities leaves a remarkable legacy of which we are immensely proud.

"A most skilful and balanced footballer, he was equally proficient both sides of his body and in many ways was the most gifted player of the Rioli family.

"In total, five Riolis played league football for Souths including Maurice, Willie, Cyril and Sibby's son Dean.

"Between them they played 296 games and have left an indelible impression in the hearts and minds of Bulldogs supporters."

Mr Rioli was the brother of the late VFL and Territory football star Maurice Rioli, who died in 2010 while celebrating Christmas with his family.

St Mary's coach Damien Hale told the *Koori Mail* that Sibby, and indeed the entire Rioli family, had been 'huge' in football in the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Since his return to Darwin, Mr Hale said Sibby Rioli was 'always around the club' offering guidance and support to young players, despite struggling at times with his dialysis regime.

He said it was tragic that Mr Rioli died at 58 years of age, saying it was an example of the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

'A most skilful and balanced footballer, he was equally proficient both sides of his body and in many ways was the most gifted player of the Rioli family'

"We extend our deepest sympathies to the Rioli family and know that the entire football and wider community have you in their thoughts at this very difficult time."

The South Fremantle Football Club said the club was saddened by the loss of Mr Rioli. "Sibby, the first of the pioneering Aboriginal footballers from Melville Island, set the football world alight in 1972 when he made his league debut for the Bulldogs.

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Where: The Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

When: Thursday 31 May

Time: 11am

All are welcome to this family friendly service.

For more details see www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous

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Young men 'very lucky'

THE young men who drove a car through Kings Cross in Sydney and ended up crashing via various factors are very lucky they were not on Australian Indigenous tribal lands, because they would have suffered a more violent punishment from Indigenous Elders.

I have seen Indigenous Elders' punishment with my own eyes on a young man guilty of a similar incident, and the Elders make the Kings Cross police look like soft puppies compared to tribal justice.

Sure, we don't live on tribal lands in Sydney, but my point is that these young men would have received a worse punishment from our own mob.

So why do we condemn police actions that are the same as tribal punishment, but softer?

Has it become a case of black vs white here?

No, but I am not going to be misled by politicians and bleeding hearts calling for inquiries into this, because if they do, would tribal Elders need inquiries into their actions on criminals in their communities? I believe there are some brownie points scoring by bleeding hearts and certain political groups in the community who are avoiding the real issue which is that these young people could have ended the life of

innocents due to their own selfish actions.

In fact, I commend the police actions.

How utterly stupid for these young people to do such a thing amid rising drive-by shootings in Sydney.

Am I Indigenous? Yes, but that doesn't matter.

What is important is that I am a citizen and I want my society to be free of such dangers.

It's my right, and not the right of anyone, to put my life in danger.

JESSE JAMES
Sydney, NSW

Increase the Peace

Why is it that equality is such a big ask
I really can't see why it's such a hard task
Just turn off the lights and you'll see
You can't see the difference between u and me

We all bleed the same blood and walk the same walk
It really shouldn't make a difference if we don't
look or talk the same talk
Cause when you break it down we're simply all human
All breathe the same air, can't live without it, it's true man

We should all come together, put our differences aside
Cause then we can work against our problems,
take it all in our stride
Cause when you think about it we're our own enemies
Fightin' against each other, brothers it ain't the way to be

We gotta all come together for once and for all
It is then that you'll see we will truly stand tall
Then we'll stop dying and start living and make something of life
Be no worries about drugs and drinkin', there won't be no strife

We'll all come together and unite as one
You see just taking the first steps is how it is done
Then you'll see bit by bit we'll make it to the top
And you know once we get there we won't be able to stop

We'll strive on for more, our eyes open wide
Our lives full of compassion, will power and pride
So get up my people for we are all one
We can come together and live in peace under the sun.

By **AMBER CAMPBELL**
(Amber passed away in 2007, aged 17. This poem was found by her mother, who sent it in.)

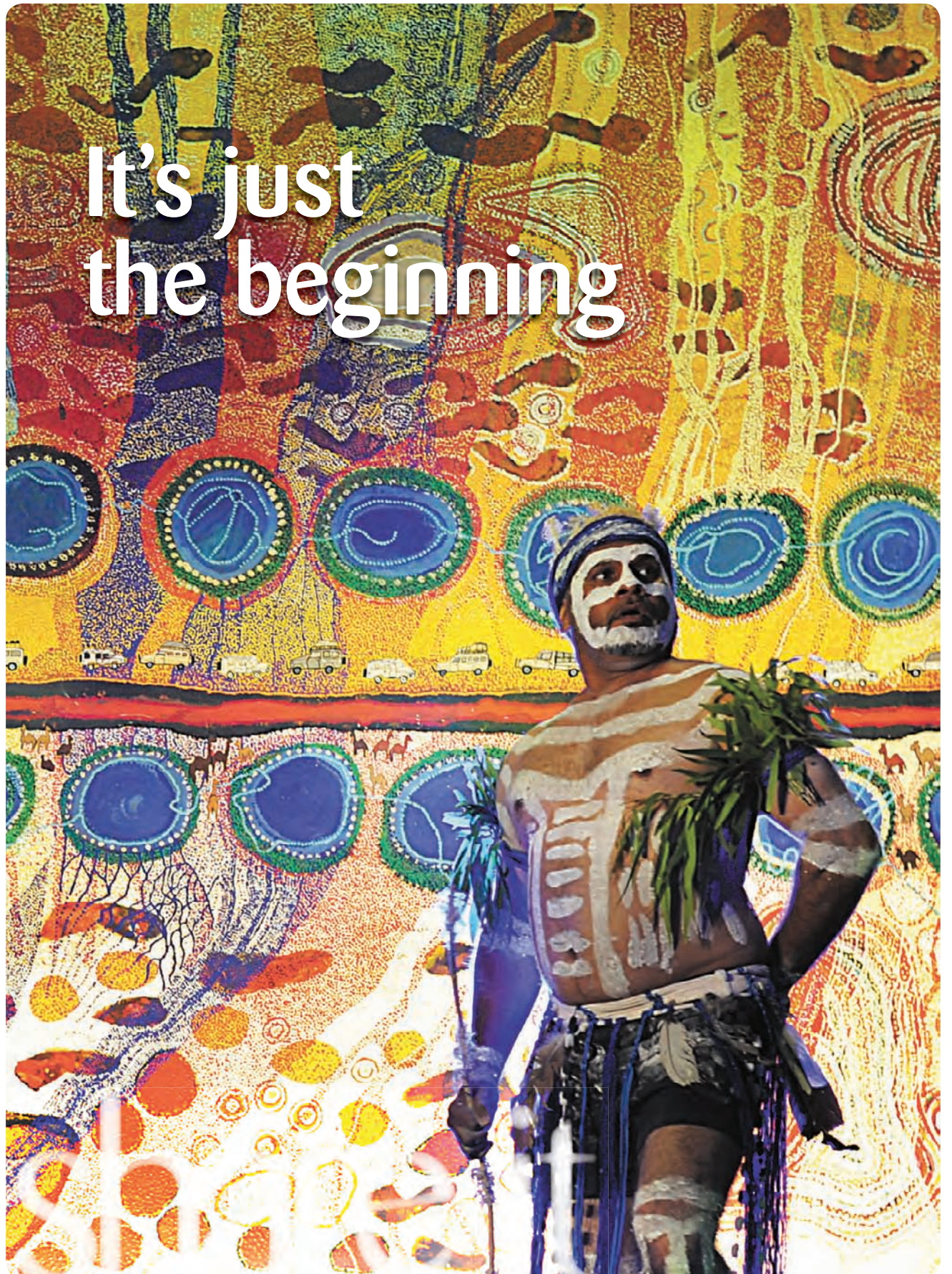
Thanks for the paper

CONGRATULATIONS and thanks for your newspaper, the *Koori Mail*. It is an interesting paper and a joy to read, especially the positive, success stories. Many articles I would love to respond to (but) time is a small factor, and no address to people's article is a bigger factor.

Continue with blessings to give interest and news with love and care. You have my gratitude.

F M KINSELA
Parkes, NSW

It's just the beginning



In 2006, Aboriginal artists, elders and youths travelled the Yiwarra Kuju, also known as The Canning Stock Route, to finally tell their people's story. And tell it they did. The collection of art, film, dance and personal testimonies they created inspired WA audiences when the exhibition opened its doors in 2011. And the legacy continues. You played your part thanks to the Lotterywest games you play.

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES

That this House establish a Select Committee to investigate and report upon land arrangements for primary production (agriculture, viticulture and horticulture), mineral resources and regional development focussing on planning for farming sustainability and improving farming practices that promote the sustainable use of our State's natural resources, a clean, green food supply for South Australia and report on advantages that this promotion may bring to the South Australian economy.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions, in writing, are invited and should be received no later than 25 May 2012. Submissions received after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

Submissions to be sent to:

The Secretary
Select Committee on Sustainable Farming Practices
Parliament House
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Inquiries to: Ms Lauren Tester (Secretary), ph (08) 8237 9220, fax (08) 8237 9213 or email: lauren.test@parliament.sa.gov.au

Terms of reference, Membership of the Committee and other details are available on the Parliamentary Website under 'Committees' - 'Select Committees' at www.parliament.sa.gov.au

While all submissions will be considered, the Committee reserves the right to determine which witnesses will be invited to give oral evidence.

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Aboriginal Heritage

Princes Highway upgrade – Dignams Creek

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek, to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:
Agnes Donovan (RMS Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor) on 02 4221 2767.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **30 May 2012. Existing stakeholders will not need to re-register.**

A preferred corridor for the upgrade was announced in December 2010. The preferred corridor is now being reviewed due to community concerns and project costs. The new area being investigated is shown below.



The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime Services:

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

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NT grog law plan queried

By RUDI MAXWELL



NORTHERN Territory legislation expanding the Government's alcohol reforms targets the 'poorest of the poor' and is unlikely to help make meaningful change, according to the

head of a key traditional owner organisation.

The Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (LNAC) has questioned the Government's use of statistics in a nine-month report on the Territory's Banned Drinkers' Register (BDR).

NT Minister for Alcohol Policy Delia Lawrie said the legislation would 'further target anti-social behaviour and strengthen the powers of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Tribunal' (AOD).

Under the laws, police can issue infringement notices to people drinking in a public place within 2km of licensed premises and causing a nuisance to other people.

"While it is still early days, the police are saying the BDR is the best tool they have had to tackle alcohol-related crime, and the data clearly shows the BDR is making a difference, with more than 12,000 refusals of sale to banned drinkers," Ms Lawrie said.

But LNAC CEO Ilana Eldridge says the Government is effectively attacking the poorest of the poor.

"While they are citing 12,000 refusals, how many of those people have gone to their mates and said 'Can you buy me a drink?'" Ms Eldridge said.

"The NT Government's data doesn't prove anything; they're grasping at straws, doing the wrong research or not being honest about the general efficacy of these laws."

The LNAC recently released its own 'Message in the Bottle' report into the effects of the NT legislation on homeless

Aboriginal people in Darwin, which found people with alcohol dependency could not be forced to give up drinking, needing instead to choose it for themselves.

The NT legislation means that people who have been issued three infringement notices can be required to attend the AOD Tribunal and placed on the BDR. If a person misses their tribunal hearing orders can be made in their absence requiring them to attend rehabilitation.

"The AOD Tribunal is given the power to make orders managing the income of welfare recipients on the BDR, quarantining their income until they complete treatment," Ms Lawrie said.

"More tools for police and the tribunal means more problem drinkers out of our public spaces and into treatment, turning their lives around."



Aboriginal people gathered in a Darwin park.

But Ms Eldridge said the Government seemed to be attempting to massage the numbers to suit its agenda.

"What really offends me most is there's been no effort put into encouraging sensible drinking, and it's not harm minimisation when all the research says that's the best way to go," she said.

"The alcohol reform package is intensely political and not really intending to deal with the underlying problems.

"One of the issues is the lack of rehabilitation facilities available. We have, to my knowledge, three rehab facilities in Darwin, all with significant waiting lists, and all with pretty significant restrictions about getting homeless people in.

"Everyone who enters rehab needs to do a police check, which costs \$90, so even if you were dealing with members of the community who felt happy walking into a police station, the expense is still out of range for many homeless people.

"Rehabilitation works when someone has a deep commitment. Being forced into rehab just doesn't work.

"People are going out of rehab straight back into drinking and it's silly to think that won't happen if they've been forced into rehab."

The 'Message in the Bottle' report

found many of Darwin's homeless Aboriginal people who drink would be more likely to use rehabilitation services if they were close to their community of origin so they could have contact with family.

"Our research found many drinkers see rehab as a rest from drinking and a chance to get healthy again, then maybe people return to drinking or not, but you need to have services close to remote communities," Ms Eldridge said.

"It's pretty clear that in remote communities reducing supply works, but here in Darwin where there are multiple liquor outlets and a majority non-Aboriginal population

that doesn't work.

"It would be political suicide to suggest non-Aboriginal people should drink less, even though it's clear there is much more rampant drinking in white communities than black, but most people are housed so the drinking's not so obvious.

"You cannot reduce the supply in Darwin but paradoxically reducing the supply in remote communities has meant sections of the population have been moving to urban centres."

They dared ... and won



SEVEN schools have been recognised for excellence in Indigenous

education. They competed against more than 5000 schools nationwide to take out the 2012 Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education Awards, announced by School Education Minister Peter Garrett on Friday.

Kirwan State High School and Rockhampton State High School in Queensland and West Australian schools

Wagin District High and Yule Brook College received High Achievement Awards, while Achievement Awards went to Giralang Primary School in the ACT, Hume Public School in NSW, and Urundangi State School in Queensland.

The awards recognise schools which have close ties with local Indigenous communities, show exemplary leadership and which have improved results among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Mr Garrett said the winning schools were fantastic examples of the positive

changes that could be made in schools through high quality teaching and strong community engagement.

"Receiving a Dare to Lead Award is a wonderful achievement, with only a handful of schools selected each year, out of the more than 50 per cent of Australian schools who sign up for the program," the Minister said.

"The prizes were awarded for initiatives that showed impressive results, such as Queensland's Urundangi State School, which created a close community partnership

that lifted the attendance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from 60 per cent in 2009 to more than 90 per cent last year."

The awards are judged by the Dare to Lead panel of Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators and are organised by the Principals Australia Institute and Dare to Lead team.

Each recipient of the Higher Achievement Award will receive \$6000 and a commemorative plaque, while the winners of the achievement awards receive \$1000 and a certificate.



● Above: Members of the IPO delegation at the UN forum in New York.

Groups travel to UN forum



INDIGENOUS organisations from across Australia are represented at this month's United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues meeting.

The 11th session of the Permanent Forum is being held at the United Nations headquarters in New York until Friday.

This year's theme focuses on the 'Doctrine of Discovery: its enduring impact on Indigenous Peoples and the right to redress for past conquests (articles 28 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)).'

Australia's campaign is being spearheaded by the Indigenous Peoples Organisation Network Australia (IPO), a broad coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and individuals

who participate in UN mechanisms and frameworks that negotiate, design and develop international standards on Indigenous rights.

This year's forum also includes agenda items relating to

'The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at the forum clearly demonstrates how seriously we view the declaration...'

Indigenous peoples' right to food and food sovereignty, as well as stopping violence against women and children.

IPO co-chairs Janine Gertz and Brian Wyatt have assisted in co-ordinating the Australian delegation.

"Indigenous peoples across the globe view the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for member states of the UN to engage us in the implementation of the declaration and rather than viewing it as an inspirational document," Mr Wyatt said.

"The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at the forum clearly demonstrates how seriously we view the declaration and our desire for the Australian Government to ensure their action plans in addressing Indigenous disadvantage follow the principles outlined in the declaration."

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12:00 Living Strong 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 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
8:30 Mojo Working PG (Documentary)
9:30 No Apologies PG (Documentary)
10:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 17TH MAY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Black Pearls 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 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Documentary)
11:00 No Apologies PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Mojo Working PG (Documentary)
1:30 Black Pearls 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 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
9:30 Navajo Springtime PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 18TH MAY

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 Black Pearls 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 More Than Legends G (Entertainment)
11:00 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)
12:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy PG (Documentary)
2:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (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 Hotere PG (Documentary)
10:00 Mojo Working PG (Documentary)
10:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 19TH 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 The Road to St Andrews PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)
1:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
2:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
4:30 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 No Apologies PG (Documentary)
7:00 True Heart PG (Drama)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Shifting Sands M (Drama)
11:00 Ngati M (Drama)

SUNDAY 20TH 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 Yeyekerte G (Series)
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)
4:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
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 Mojo Working PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Whale Dreamers PG (Documentary)
11:00 Deadly Funny M (Entertainment)

MONDAY 21ST MAY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Black Pearls 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 Beyond The Dreamtime PG (Documentary)
11:00 When Colin Met Joyce PG (Documentary)
12:00 Big Girls Dont Cry PG (Documentary)
12:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc Series)
1:00 Sisters Pearls & Mission Girls PG (Documentary)
2:00 Up In The Sky 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 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
9:30 Last Call Indian 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 22ND MAY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary 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 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
10:30 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)
11:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)
1:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Stone Country 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 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 RHEF Live 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)

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary 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 Ailain Kores G (Documentary)
11:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
1:30 The Forgotten 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 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Bigfella PG (Documentary)
8:30 The Pearlers PG (Documentary)
9:00 Wanja PG (Documentary)
9:30 Black Magic PG (Documentary)
10:30 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 24TH MAY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary 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 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
11:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
1:30 The Golden Cord 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 Searching for God 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 (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 25TH MAY

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary 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 Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
11:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Norforce 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 Searching for God 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 Last Call Indian PG (Documentary)
9:30 Dreamkeeper PG (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 26TH 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 My Mother My Son PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
1:00 2011 NSW Koori Knockout PG (Doc)
2:00 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)
2:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Doc)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Black Magic PG (Documentary)
7:00 Edge of America PG (Drama)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)
9:30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
10:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Doc)
10:30 The Tracker M (Drama)

SUNDAY 27TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)
11:00 Life of the Town PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 2011 Lightning Cup 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)
7:30 Going Bush Series 2 PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Blackfellas M (Drama)
11:30 Wind PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 28TH MAY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary 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 The Habits of New Norcia PG (Documentary)
11:00 Here's My Hand PG (Documentary)
11:30 Walking Through A Minefield PG (Documentary)
12:30 Island of Lies PG (Documentary)
1:30 Sisters Pearls & Mission Girls 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 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Strong In the City PG (Documentary)
8:00 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
9:30 Grab 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 29TH MAY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Searching for God PG (Documentary 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 Welcome to Wapos Bay TV Movie G (Kids)
11:30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
12:00 Vote YES for Aborigines PG (Documentary)
1:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
1:30 Confessions of a Headhunter PG (Documentary)
2:00 Island Music PG (Entertainment)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Searching for God 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)



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Sandra Onus and Brouss Ngunanti Chambers at the Portland Tent Embassy.

Protest goes on at Portland

By RUDI MAXWELL



AN Aboriginal protest in the Victorian city of Portland, west of Melbourne, has entered its 11th week, with its lead protester maintaining her call for more dialogue on key Aboriginal issues within the state.

"We are not happy with native title outcomes, it hasn't delivered and there are social services not being met in this community," grandmother Sandra Onus told the *Koori Mail* last week, speaking from what's been dubbed the Portland Embassy.

"Traditional owners don't get any real say, we get outnumbered in our area.

"Since the clan system was broken up there's been an endeavour to put everybody in the one canoe and not address traditional owners.

"Non-traditional owners look after our country, look after all the sites and there is nepotism, no different to any other communities."

Ms Onus said she hoped to sit down with State officials and talk about concerns with clan culture.

"We've been fighting for so many years, our family has mostly been busy with the land rights struggle, but most people were not involved in the fight, everything's been given to them, including clan country," she said.

Ms Onus said the local prescribed body corporate in charge of land and culture, the Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation, had 'locked the gates to the old mission and you can't get in'.

"It's just not good enough," she said.

"There is no light at the end of this tunnel here, so we would like the State to step in and listen to our grievances. We are only asking for our cultural rights.

"There is no money available for economic development for Indigenous people. Programs are not run properly. There are problems with police, hospitals, schools; nothing is told about the holocaust, it's all hidden.

"Children should be learning about



Portland Tent Embassy protestors are calling for protection of sacred sites.

real history, about the way we were counted one rung above beasts and thought to have hide not skin."

Ms Onus said another important issue was whale pots still being displayed near the Convincing Ground, the site of a massacre of Aboriginal people by whalers.

"People might not like stories about Aboriginal people being put in whale pots during a massacre but that's what happened, it's history," she said.

Broke down

"To have these things displayed... one man broke down howling when he saw them and the police assumed he'd had a drink because he was crying and locked him up."

Ms Onus would like more dialogue. "I'm sitting in a park in a tent embassy when I've got grandkids I could be looking after, because there is very little opportunity afforded us here, not only because of Indigenous nepotism and

cronyism – this is about stopping what I call the attempted genocide of the clan system," she said.

"I know there's a lot of confusion in our community, and arguments (but) this mission mentality's got to stop.

"I've got no problem with people who want to be assimilated, most of us are to a degree, but our culture has to be respected."

The Portland Embassy is supported by the Dindima Inaar Yinaar (Strong Black Women, Strong Black Girls united under the starlight of the seven sisters) National Council of Sovereign Aboriginal Women.

"We're a very respectful embassy and gaining momentum as people are starting to understand what we're on about, and also, of course, the sovereignty movement," Ms Onus said.

At the time of going to press the Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation had not returned calls and the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell was on leave.

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MEETING NOTICE YUPAGALK PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM (VID6004/00)

DATE: Saturday 26 May, 2012 commencing at 10am and concluding by 5pm

LOCATION: Best Westlander Sundowner 100 Stawell Rd Horsham.

PURPOSE:

This meeting has been organised by Native Title Services Victoria Ltd to discuss matters relating to the Yupagalk People Native Title Application (VID6004/00). In particular NTSV will seek authorisation to withdraw the claim from the Federal Court.

All people who hold or may hold native title in the area identified in the map and description below are invited to attend.

Travel assistance may be available in line with NTSV policy. Contact Rhonda Dye at NTSV on 1800 791 779 for more information and to RSVP.



Traditional Boundaries

The traditional boundaries of the Yupagalk People are generally described as follows:

1. from the township of Speed;
2. Southwestward to Lake Coorong;
3. Southward following Yarriambiack Creek to its junction with the Wimmera River;
4. Southeastward following the Wimmera River to Glenorchy and Campbells Bridge;
5. Northeastwards to Kanya and Beazley's Bridge;
6. Northeastwards following the Avon to the point where the Marnoo – St Arnaud Road crosses the Avon River;
7. Northwards to Donald and Lake Buloke, Birchip and Sea Lake to the inlet of Tyrell Creek into Lake Tyrell;
8. Northwards to Donald and Lake Buloke, Birchip and Sea Lake to the inlet of Tyrell Creek into Lake Tyrell;
9. Westwards to the township of Speed.

'Middle years' kids 'need help'

By DARREN COYNE



A WEST Australian seminar has been told that service providers and programs often ignore the needs of Aboriginal children during their 'middle years', from ages nine-14.

Organised by the West Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott, the seminar at Armadale's Champion Centre attracted more than 50 Aboriginal parents, carers and community workers.

They heard from Lyn Worsley, an internationally renowned psychologist who developed 'the resilience doughnut', a learning tool to help parents and others build on the strengths in children's lives and help them cope better.

Ms Worsley told the *Koori Mail* that, to do that, it was important to enhance strong relationships with mentors, family, school groups and community groups, which brought out the best in the young person.

She said young people in those age groups often had shifting priorities – school and friendship groups were becoming more important – and they were trying to develop their own individual strengths.

The trick was to identify those strengths and provide services and programs that catered to their positive development.

According to research, almost



Lyn Worsley (centre) with, from left, the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Aboriginal adviser Leah Bonson and South West Mental Health Service Aboriginal mental health workers Gail Hill, Ernie Hill and Tessa Grimshaw at the middle years seminar in Armadale, Western Australia.

one quarter of Aboriginal children and young people aged between four and 17 are at high risk of clinically significant emotional and behavioural difficulties – considerably higher than the 15 per cent at risk in the general population.

Ms Scott said the seminar provided an excellent opportunity for people attending to share their views and examine what support existed, and areas where more work needed to be done.

"We need to be better

informed about what our middle years children need, what supports already exist and where we are falling short," she said.

"To do this, we need to involve and acknowledge all children and young people, their families, schools and the wider

community in these discussions.

"An emerging body of research confirms that the middle years is a critical stage in children's development; a period in which major changes occur at multiple levels of a child's life.

"It is also a time during which many children engage in various risk-taking activities, and when established symptoms of mental health disorders begin to emerge.

"This is particularly true for Aboriginal children and young people who are at greater risk of poor life and developmental outcomes than children and young people in the general population."

Champion Centre co-ordinator Jodie Clarke told the *Koori Mail* there was a gap in programs for middle year children.

"There's a gap where the children are younger but they are still often dealing with adult-based issues," she said.

"Unfortunately we've got kids metro-wide who are doing things they shouldn't be doing. Things like alcohol, drugs, burglaries ... these are normally adult activities but it is children who are having to deal with them."

Ms Clarke said the Champion Centre would investigate what programs were available elsewhere and, if none were suitable, would concentrate on developing its own.

"This is the area we need to now concentrate on and the feedback from the seminar was very positive," she said.

Security for airport

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



HORN Island Airport in the Torres Strait is one of 21 regional airports around Australia where state-of-the-art security screening of passengers will start by 1 July.

Horn Island is regarded as the gateway to the Torres Strait and is where passengers disembark before they travel by ferry across to the Torres Strait business centre of Thursday Island, which has no airport.

A Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport spokeswoman told the *Koori Mail* that the Government had dedicated \$32 million to support the introduction of security screening technology at regional airports as part of its \$200 million Strengthening Aviation Security Initiative.

"Horn Island is one of 21 airports which will start to screen passengers by 1 July this year. Three airports – Geraldton, Emerald and Gladstone – have already started," she said.

The measures involve only airports servicing aircraft above 20,000kg, such as the Q400 series, which flies to Horn Island.

"A combination of technologies will be rolled out including walk through and hand-held metal detectors, X-ray machines for carry-on baggage and explosive trace detection," the Government spokeswoman said.

"A further \$4.9 million has also been made available for regional airports to assist with building and infrastructure works associated with the introduction of aviation security screening for regional airports."



The approach to Horn island airport in the Torres Strait, left, and passengers at the airport, which services the whole region.



The spokeswoman said departmental staff were working with airport operators to help them prepare for the change.

"Each airport must have the screening arrangements they have made approved by the department before screening starts," she said. "We understand there are particular challenges with some airports due to remoteness and the department is working very closely with those in the lead up to 1 July and beyond."

The other airports are Barcaldine, Blackall, Bundaberg, Cloncurry, Longreach, Moranbah, Roma and Weipa (Queensland); Tamworth and Wagga Wagga (NSW); Devonport (Tasmania); Port Lincoln and Olympic Dam (South Australia); and Busselton, Esperance and Ravensthorpe (West Australia).

Weipa airport is where many Indigenous people who live at the Aboriginal communities of Napranum and Mapoon leave for travel to Cairns.

Torres Shire Council owns the Horn Island Airport and is recruiting and training aviation security screening officers to help passengers comply with the new requirements.

Screening

Torres Shire mayor Pedro Stephen told the *Torres News* the council was currently contracting to install a temporary facility for passenger screening and a permanent extension to the existing terminal for checked bag screening. "The council is working toward ensuring that the Horn Island Airport is ready for 1 July," he said.

Mr Stephen said the council had been implementing a planned upgrade of the airport to international standard over the past decade.

"The staged works included a new parking apron for aircraft, the strengthening and lengthening of the runway, and the construction of a new terminal building," he said.

"However, the security changes had come two years earlier than expected. There will certainly be some cultural and protocol considerations and deliberations between the council, community and Canberra."

Once the changes come into effect, passengers will need to be at the airport at least one hour before their flight is scheduled to depart, Mr Stephen said.

APY Lands to benefit from new programs



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SOUTH Australia's remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands are set to benefit from major new government programs.

More than \$2.8 million has been allocated for new family support, mental health and financial management services in the APY region.

Funding has been set aside for a new arts centre and language program at the community of Mimili.

And in a major boost for Fregon, the army has been called in to provide better infrastructure and complementary health care services at the northern SA community.

The new programs were detailed by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, who visited the Lands this month.

A total of \$400,000 has been allocated for new intensive family support services, designed to improve the well-being of local children.

"This will provide for additional social workers and Aboriginal family support workers, who will work with parents in their own homes to build their skills and knowledge about how to best meet the needs of their children including in health, nutrition, and education," Ms Macklin said.

"We will work closely with the local community through the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council to determine where the needs are highest for these services."

Up to \$500,000 a year has also been allocated for a new APY family Mental Health Support Service.

"This service will help us build capacity to respond early to the needs of children and young people at risk of mental illness, working with families and community organisations to offer intensive practical assistance and early intervention," Ms Macklin said.

"It will be largely focused on Ernabella, Fregon, Kenmore Park and surrounding communities and will develop close links with schools to identify children who may require intensive support."

A cross-border family violence information and intelligence initiative, based in Alice Springs, will also be established.

And \$1.22 million over three years has been allocated for a Financial Wellbeing Service in Amata and Mimili.

The South Australian Government has also allocated funding to assist with programs.

At Fregon, military personnel will use their skills to help the local community under the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program.



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin (file photo).

"Through this program, we will work closely with the Fregon community to determine and deliver projects specifically tailored to the needs of residents," Ms Macklin said.

Other Indigenous communities have benefitted from upgraded infrastructure, such as roads and sewerage, as well as improved health, under the program.

is in danger of being forever lost. It is estimated that there are less than 300 remaining speakers," Ms Macklin said.

"The language preservation project will document senior Yankunytjatjara men and women telling stories about growing up on Yankunytjatjara country, develop literacy materials in

Yankunytjatjara for use in Anangu schools on the APY Lands, and develop an interactive website with stories about growing up on Yankunytjatjara country."

Fregon's youth are expected to benefit from a new gymnasium, which has attracted

Federal funding of \$35,000.

The centre, which has been a priority for the local council, will offer sports facilities as well as special meeting areas.

"This project is also providing valuable Indigenous job opportunities, with local community members being trained and employed to help build the gymnasium," Ms Macklin said.

'We will work closely with the local community through the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council to determine where the needs are highest for these services'

Soldiers will also provide vocational training to local residents.

Mimili Maku Arts will build a new centre on a new block with fresh Federal funding.

And \$41,000 has also been allocated to help save the local Yankunytjatjara language.

"Yankunytjatjara, one of four Indigenous languages spoken in Mimili,



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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Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

**La Perouse Mission Church,
46 Adina Avenue, La Perouse**

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 25 June 2012.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534 or tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au

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

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

The Captain Thunderbolt Sites, Uralla

Newcastle Civic Precinct – Comprising Newcastle City Hall, 290 King Street and the Civic Theatre Building, 373 Hunter Street

Hambledon Cottage – 47 Hassall St, Harris Park

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of their heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of any of these places. Please post written information to the address below until 13th June 2012.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing

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Congress holds Brisbane forum



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples took its quest to gauge its members' views on proposed constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people to Queensland earlier this month.
The Congress held a 'First Peoples of Australia in the Australian Constitution Forum' in Brisbane on 2 May, with the recommendations of an expert panel on the subject put to the audience.

Co-hosting the event at the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association building were 98.9FM general manager and broadcaster TIGA Bayles, who was expected to broadcast an edited version of the forum on his national program *Let's Talk* this week.

● **Pictured: Congress forum panel members, from left, Brisbane Elders Mary Graham and Lilla Watson, National Congress co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer, and broadcaster TIGA Bayles, who MCed the event.**



PUBLIC NOTICE

DARUMBAL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The Darumbal People have made two applications to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD6131/98; QUD6001/99) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

THE DARUMBAL PEOPLE are currently described as the following descent groups, each of whom can trace their ancestry from an apical ancestor, and contains the descendants of that apical ancestor as well as those who may be born, adopted or married into these groups:

- McPherson-Bowman Descent Group (apical ancestors Minnie and John McPherson) (but not Edgar Hatfield, or Ray Bauman's children from his first marriage)
- Hector Descent Group (apical ancestors Jim Hector and Kathleen Hector nee Reid)
- Hayden-Rutherford Descent Group (apical ancestor Clara Hayden nee McKenzie)
- Naylor Descent Group (apical ancestor Ada Naylor nee Thompson) (but not the descendants of Dina Naylor)
- Ross-Roma Descent Group (apical ancestors Mary and her husband Tommy of Stoodleigh aka 'Mundabel')
- Lea Descent Group (apical ancestors George and Tommy Lea and their sister Tilly Lea)
- Landers Descent Group (apical ancestor Maggie of Rockhampton aka Maggie Mitchell)
- Ross-Richards Descent Group (apical ancestor Kanomie Richards nee Ross)
- Level Descent Group (apical ancestor Nellie Level)

Authorisation Meeting #1

This Notice INVITES all members of the Darumbal People native title claim groups as described above to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 2 June 2012
Venue of Meeting: Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton (Parkhurst) Queensland
Time of Meeting: 8.30am (for 9am start)

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #1 is to:

1. Authorise an amendment (as depicted in the map below) to the Darumbal People claim QUD6131/98 to contract the sea boundary, including excluding the Keppel Island Group and adjacent marine area(s).
2. Authorise an amendment to the claim group description for each of the two claims to take into account research conducted by the consultant anthropologists.

If authorised, the **amended Darumbal People claim group description** will be:

The descendants of deceased persons who are recognised by the Darumbal People as having been Darumbal People from whom the living Darumbal have descended, including the following deceased persons:

Jack Naylor (Jnr)	Maria McKenzie	Clara Hector
Mundabel	Mary Jones	Yorky
Maggie (Mitchell)	Kitty Mulway	Pompey of Stannage
Kate Reid and James Hector, and the children of Clara McKenzie who were grown up by Kate and James Hector's son Alf Hector		Brothers John McPherson and Harry Bauman

Authorisation Meeting #2

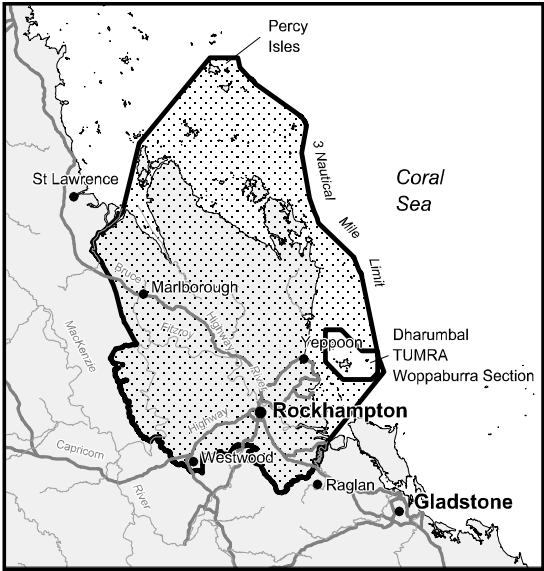
Depending on the decision made at Authorisation Meeting #1, a further authorisation meeting will be held for those people who fall within the amended Darumbal People claim group description.

This notice invites all members of the Darumbal People **as newly described** to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 2 June 2012
Venue of Meeting: Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton (Parkhurst) Queensland
Time of Meeting: Not before 11am

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #2 is to:

1. Authorise an Applicant (which may include reappointing members of the previous Applicant) for each of the Darumbal People claims in accordance with section 66B of the Native Title Act.
3. Authorise an amendment to combine the Darumbal People and Darumbal People #2 claims. Combining the claims means that the Darumbal People claim will be amended to include the area covered by the Darumbal People #2 claim. There will then be only one claim (Darumbal People – QUD6131/98) for the purpose of the Federal Court proceedings and one Applicant.
4. Authorise an amendment (as depicted in the map below) to the combined Darumbal People claim to contract the western area boundary.
5. Discuss and agree upon the extent of any part of the combined claim area where native title rights and interests are shared with persons known as the Yetimarala People.



QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

The area of the combined Darumbal People claim with the proposed amended seaward and western area boundaries would be depicted as set out on

All Darumbal People who fall within the claim groups as currently described and who will fall within the amended claim group description are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services (Allan Timms on (07) 3224 1200 or Communities Section on 1800 663 693) for further information and to register their intention to be present at the meeting.



NT group criticises program



THE Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory (APONT) have criticised the Federal Government's Remote Jobs and

Communities Program (RJCP) as not providing proper support to develop local economies or Aboriginal-run service providers and giving an unfair advantage to large non-government organisations.

"APONT supports the Government's intention to help people transition into available jobs with proper wages and conditions and to building sustainable communities," the group said in a statement.

"However, both of these outcomes require an innovative and flexible approach for remote Aboriginal communities in the NT."

APONT provided an alternative model, the Community Employment and Enterprise Development Scheme (CEEDS), which focuses on local enterprise development and 'providing diverse pathways for engagement in available employment and relevant skills development'.

Critical

"The most critical component of the model proposed by APONT, the provision of waged employment, has not been adopted in the Government's new scheme," the statement said.

"It is critical that service providers properly engage with the community and ensure that profits are reinvested locally.

"In remote communities in the NT, this means that Aboriginal-run service providers should be strongly supported to deliver employment services."

APONT said it welcomed the plan to commit to five-year funding, with an option to extend for another five years, but said the Government

needed to commit adequate funding towards building and establishing Aboriginal service providers.

"However, APONT notes that there is significant complexity associated with meeting tender requirements and administering such a program," the statement said.

"We are concerned that, by default, non-Indigenous commercial companies or NGOs may be at an advantage over local Aboriginal organisations in this regard... In regions where there are few remaining Aboriginal organisations, specific strategies will need to be developed to foster new organisations and slowly build their capacity."

Disappointed

APONT also said it was disappointed that the Government was phasing out the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme.

"The RJCP focus on participation through 'activities' is disappointing," it said.

"APONT has been advocating for the continuation of a waged scheme.

"The program has benefitted remote Aboriginal communities and economies' incentive-based job environment that is preferable to a welfare participation model.

"Importantly, with no immediate or medium-term prospect for significant jobs in remote communities, welfare participation will become a destination stepping stone to work. There is inadequate detail of how people transition from participation activities to 'real' employment.

"APONT is concerned about the inadequacies of the Government's participation approach. This includes the likely unintended consequences of the administered, as opposed to locally-administered, 'no show no pay' rule."

Top IBA officers cleared



INDIGENOUS Business Australia spent \$2000 taking 15 senior staff members to a Gold Coast theme park, but

an investigation has cleared senior officials of alleged wrongdoing.

Liberal senator Bill Heffernan used parliamentary privilege in March to read out parts of a whistleblower's letter alleging misuse of funds and conflict of interest at the governmental body which promotes Indigenous commercial development.

An anonymous staff member claimed chief executive Chris Fry had lied at a Senate estimates hearing in February about his knowledge and approval of the 'team activity' visit to the Movie World theme park.

The whistleblower also pointed to an alleged conflict of interest by IBA chairwoman Dawn Casey regarding the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns.

The centre received millions of dollars in funding, when independent advice found it was 'a marginal proposition at best'.

A report by independent forensic investigators from Deloitte, appointed to examine the allegations, was released by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin on Thursday.

Deloitte's report cleared Mr Fry and Dr Casey of wrongdoing but said the findings may have been different if the investigation had gone further.

"We have not spoken to the anonymous complainant, nor have we spoken to any person who has indicated support for these allegations," the report said.

Financial records showed IBA

spent \$1999 on Movie World tickets for 15 staff members for a three-hour 'team activity', during a three-day conference on the Gold Coast in October last year.

IBA said the visit was relevant to its involvement in redeveloping Tjapukai and other tourism ventures.

Deloitte was told Mr Fry had delegated 'overall authority' to assistant general manager Chris Smith, who was allowed to approve expenditure up to \$100,000.

Mr Fry had asked Mr Smith to be

mindful of costs and before the conference he had compared the budget for the Gold Coast conference against previous year's events, the report said.

Deloitte found no evidence Mr Fry had known about the Movie World visit until it came up at Senate estimates hearings.

In previous years, team activities had been 'Master Chef-styled cooking challenges' at a Townsville conference venue.

The report said Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise had offered to organise surfing lessons or a fishing expedition as last year's team activity, but Mr Smith had declined because of a workplace safety incident.

The report cleared Dr Casey of allegations that she had allowed her personal interests or those of others to influence her conduct at IBA.

It said Dr Casey was distantly related

to David Hudson, chief executive of Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns.

The decision to redevelop Tjapukai was not Dr Casey's alone, and before becoming chair of IBA she had not seen or spoken to Mr Hudson since 1992, the report said. — AAP



Cleared ... IBA chairwoman Dawn Casey and chief executive Chris Fry.

Lotterywest win for mobile playgroup

ABORIGINAL children in the Fitzroy Valley region of Western Australia will soon be playing with new toys following a grant from Lotterywest.

The \$31,022 Lotterywest grant,

presented by Premier Colin Barnett to the Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre, will buy toys and go toward the cost of a new four-wheel-drive vehicle for the centre's mobile playgroup.

The mobile playgroup is staffed by a trained 'play leader' and travels to communities up to 200km away, sharing fun and learning activities with parents and children.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PITTA PITTA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The Pitta Pitta People have made application to the Federal Court of Australia (*Neville Aplin & ors on behalf of the Pitta Pitta People v State of Queensland and Others QUD 6025/1999*) ("the Native Title Claim") seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

CURRENT CLAIM GROUP DESCRIPTION

THE PITTA PITTA PEOPLE are currently described in the Native Title Claim as:

The descendants of:

King Bob of Boulia
Linda Craigie nee Allen, Jacob Cameron, Joe Allen
Dinah Craigie

Please NOTE: If an amendment to the Pitta Pitta People claim group description is authorised at Meeting #1 then only the newly authorised claim group members may participate in Meeting #2

PITTA PITTA AUTHORISATION MEETING #1 – 26/5/2012 (Meeting #1)

This Notice INVITES all members of the Pitta Pitta People (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 26th May 2012
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30 am Meeting Open 10.00am
Venue: Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa.

The Purpose of MEETING #1 is for the current claim group:

- to **AUTHORISE** amendment of the native title rights and interests claimed in the Native Title Claim.
- to **CONSIDER** the outcomes of research into various individuals with affiliations to the Pitta Pitta claim area.

The individuals/family groups which QSNTS will provide advice on include:

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| a. King Bob 'Walpa Currie'; | g. Peter Craigie; |
| b. King Bob 'Wheelpoolie'; | h. Alice 'Wiyekari'; |
| c. Dinah Craigie | i. Pilot Jack; |
| d. Juno; | j. Joe Allen; |
| e. Geraldine/Cherida Craigie; | k. Jacob Tulikamali Cameron; |
| f. Donald Craigie aka Donald Bedourie; | l. Linda Junaburri Allen. |

- subject to 2 above, to **AUTHORISE** such amendments to the current claim group description in the Native Title Claim as Pitta Pitta People may decide.

The 'native title claim group **as amended**' means the native title claim group description as amended by the AUTHORISATION referred to at 3 above.

PITTA PITTA AUTHORISATION MEETING #2 – 26/5/2012 (Meeting #2)

This Notice INVITES all members of the Pitta Pitta People native title claim group as amended to an authorisation meeting at the times and date below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 26th May 2012
Time of Meeting: Registration opens following closure of PITTA PITTA AUTHORISATION MEETING #1 26/5/2012
Venue: Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa.

The purpose of Meeting #2 will be for the native title claim group as amended:

- to **AUTHORISE** an Applicant to bring the claim on behalf of the **Pitta Pitta People (being the CLAIM GROUP as amended at Meeting #1)**.
- to **AUTHORISE** the Applicant to agree to settlement of the proceedings on the terms of a proposed consent determination tabled at **Meeting #2**, including any consequential amendments to the Native Title Claim that are necessary.

PITTA PITTA AUTHORISATION MEETING #3 – 27/5/2012 (Meeting #3)

This Notice INVITES the following people to attend **Meeting #3 – 27/5/2012** at the time and date set out below:

- The **Pitta Pitta People** native title claim group **as amended** at Meeting #1;
And
- All other people who hold or may hold native title rights or interests in the proposed ILUA Areas (as defined below).

Date of Meeting: Sunday 27th May 2012
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30 am Meeting Open 10.00am – all attendees will be required to register
Venue: Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa.

The purpose of the Meeting #3 – 27/5/2012 will be:

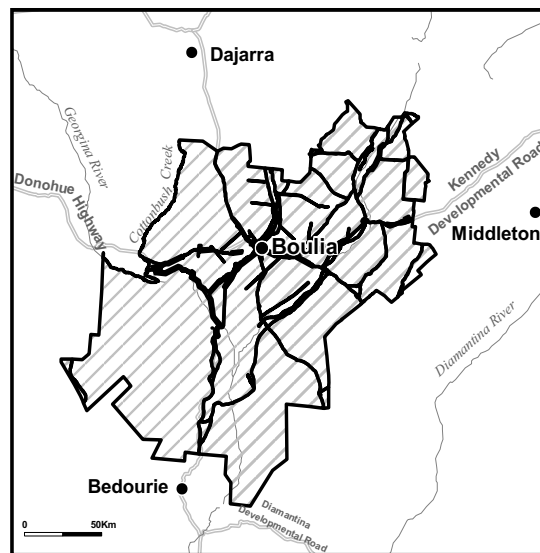
- to **AUTHORISE** entry into an **Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA")** between the Pitta Pitta People and the State of Queensland ('**State ILUA**'). The purpose of this ILUA will be to:
a) Resolve tenure issues in respect of parcels of land in the township of Boulia;
b) Provide benefits (in the form of land) to be transferred to the Pitta Pitta People.
- to **AUTHORISE** entry into an ILUA between the Pitta Pitta people and the following pastoral parties: Fran Stirling Blacket & Rahda Blacket; Leonard McGlinchey, Veronica May McGlinchey & Shayne Percival Brooke McGlinchey; Reginald Hasted Beauchamp & Vida Felicia Beauchamp; Victor Russell Jones; Eric Charles Britton and Ann Mary Britton; William Patrick Cluff and Kalinda Louise Cluff; Australian Agricultural Company Limited; Leonard Gordon Robinson; Adrian Joseph Wells and Vicki Ann Wells; North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd; Jersey Plains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd; Brendan Robert Curr and Theresa Louise Curr; M and M Campbell Pty Ltd; William Henry Cameron; John Maximilian Fegan; Elrose Channel Country Beef Pty Ltd; Ian Charles Campbell and Marianna Campbell; Athol Vincent Prince/Phillip Gregory Prince; Montagu Nominees Pty Ltd; Louis Charles Britton and Lynette Eileen Britton; John Harvey Treloar, Patricia Marshall Treloar and Graham Harvey Treloar; Scholefields Boulia Pty Ltd; Martin Jennings and Danielle Jennings; Andrew William Jesse Daniels, Samuel Donald James Daniels, Gabrielle Kennedy; Brett William Gundersen, Mari Louise Gundersen; Gladys May Elliott, Rodney Harold Elliott, Charles Samuel Werner Elliott; Dale Reginald Nielson; Phillip Gregory Prince and Sanela Pty Limited ('**Pastoral ILUAs**').

The purpose of these pastoral agreements is to:

- Provide for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Pitta Pitta and the pastoral parties in the Pastoral ILUA areas; and
- To establish arrangements for the exercise of the Pitta Pitta People's native title rights and interests on the pastoral properties in a manner that is not inconsistent with the pastoral lessee's rights and obligations under the pastoral lease.

ILUA Areas - The areas of each of the agreements to be authorised at **Meeting #3** are:

- State ILUA – 20 parcels of land within the township of Boulia, Qld being Lots 902 on Crown Plan ('CP') B2672; 903 on CP B2672; 904 on CP B2672; 7 on CP AP15903; 33 on CP AP9339; 1 on CP AP9339; 41 on CP B2672; 42 on CP B2672; 43 on CP B2672; 44 on CP B2672; 45 on CP B2672; 46 on CP B2672; 47 on CP B2672; 72 on CP B2672; 74 on CP B2672; 77 on CP B2672; 103 on CP B2671; 403 on CP B2671; 24 on CP W133; and 26 on CP W144; AND
- Pastoral ILUAs – those areas of the various pastoral leases held by the persons listed above that are contained within the external boundary of the Pitta Pitta claim area (**pictured below**).



INFORMATION SESSIONS

All Pitta Pitta People and interested persons are invited to attend information sessions regarding the matters listed in this notice at the following times and dates:

- Boulia Shire Hall, Herbert Street, Boulia – 24 May 2012 at 10:30am
- Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa – 25 May 2012 at 10:30am

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from each meeting/session or with accommodation costs. However, refreshments and lunch will be provided to participants at each meeting/session.

All persons intending to attend any of the above meetings or information sessions are requested to contact Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS), Communities Section on 1800 663 693 to register.

Support is vital, otitis media gathering hears

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



TWO experts at the Otitis Media Conference in Perth have outlined a need for greater support for mothers of children with ear disease.

Otitis media (OM) and the recurrent condition Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media, also called long-term glue ear, is unusually prevalent in remote and regional communities.

Northern Territory child psychologist Dr Damien Howard said that in Aboriginal communities, grandmothers and aunts had a pivotal role to play in identifying the symptoms of ear disease, and supporting mothers of children and babies with the illness.

"Unfortunately one of the outcomes of hearing loss for mothers is that they often get blamed for poor parenting, and they often feel guilty that they're not doing enough for their children," Dr Howard said.

"...Often it's grandmothers who have seen enough children grow up with hearing loss to see and understand the outcomes and they can play a very strategic role to support and inform mothers."

Children with ear disease are more likely to experience family violence, as a result of not being able to hear and communicate effectively with others, Dr Howard said.

Mistaken as cheeky or defiant, children with OM could also appear to hear well in some environments but experience difficulty where it was noisy, Dr Howard said, and that created a perception that sufferers were pretending.

Awareness of hearing loss could help prevent domestic violence by fostering more understanding in the home, and could also help prevent unfair blaming when communications go wrong, he said.

People with a hearing loss spoke too quietly or too loudly, but when they spoke too loudly it could be misconstrued as aggressive and other people reacted defensively, he added.

Australian research has linked the disease with juvenile crime rates, and 19 in 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates in NT have disease-related hearing loss.

Dr Howard said many of those inmates got into trouble as a result of family violence, which was similarly prevalent in those regions.

"That the areas where there are many Aboriginal people with hearing loss are also the areas where there is a lot of domestic violence is a connection that really needs



Senator Rachel Siewert, second from left, with Telethon Speech and Hearing's Deborah Lehman, Lorraine Sholson and Ruth Monk. Photo by Karli Corscadden

to be investigated," he said.

General Practitioner Dr Renee Shilkin, who also spoke at the conference, said mothers of children with glue ear shouldered unwarranted blame from others and struggled with guilt when their child was persistently ill, before diagnosis.

Mothers presented an invaluable front-line resource for children with ear disease, Dr Shilkin said, and early diagnosis and supportive doctors could mean the difference between hardship and harmony in a family.

Distress

"Until the diagnosis is made of the cause of distress in the baby, they (mothers) tend to label themselves, and people around them tend to believe that it is the mother who is causing the problem," Dr Shilkin said.

Negative explanations that mothers were typically given in the past included that they 'hadn't bonded with the baby', or 'the mother doesn't read the baby's signs well', and that the baby is 'difficult' or

'fussy', all of which Dr Shilkin said were unfair. She stressed the importance of family involvement in handling the complex social issues that arose from a child suffering otitis media.

"I quite like to have a grandparent at at least one of the interviews... Even if I am not talking to them directly, getting the message across to them that this problem is not the mother's fault," she said.

The constant distress shown by babies with OM could be very upsetting for mothers, and family and support networks were important to helping mothers to get enough rest and a break away.

Dr Ray Jones, of the Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service at Grafton in northern NSW, told the *Koori Mail* the nutrition program utilised in schools at Baryugil, northern NSW, had yielded positive results in ear disease-related social outcomes, which included reductions in hospital visits, family violence, aggressive episodes in class, and improved school attendance and students' concentration (see report below).



Amanda Leach, from the Menzies School of Research Darwin.

Photo by Karli Corscadden



DAMIEN HOWARD



Ruth Thornton from the University of WA and Tricia Elhard, from NACCHO.

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Medical innovations offer hope

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

THE Otitis Media Conference in Fremantle, this year saw a range of innovations set to reform the outlook for Indigenous communities, where ear disease is rife.

A new development in ear health that applies 'growth factor' to perforated ear drums, which occur frequently as a result of Otitis Media, is being trialled at Fremantle Hospital, and soon at Princess Margaret Children's Hospital.

Professor Gunesh Rajan, head of otolaryngology, head and neck surgery at the University of

Western Australia's School of Surgery, and a consultant at Fremantle Hospital, said perforated ears could condemn people to a life of struggle and poverty by robbing them of their hearing.

Australia's Indigenous population has one of the world's highest incidences of chronic ear disease and ear drum perforations, and the new technique could make surgery more accessible, regardless of where patients live, Prof Rajan said.

"The current conventional treatment... is frequently beyond the reach of developing countries as well as Australia's Indigenous

children in remote communities," he said.

The new method is simple, has a success rate of more than 90 per cent, and reduces surgery time from 35 to just five minutes. For adults, it can take place in outpatient clinics.

Students

Bulgarr Ngaru GP Dr Ray Jones told conference delegates that in 2000 when he worked with students at Baryugil School in northern NSW only about 40 per cent of the children had normal hearing.

The kids were always unhealthy, 'they had green snotty

noses, pus dripping out of their ears and skin infections, he said.

But after implementing a program that allowed the children to eat as much fruit as they liked, sick days, hospital visits, skin and middle-ear infections declined substantially and the number of kids with hearing problems dropped from 60 per cent to 20 cent.

The program also provided a good remedy for the many social issues stemming from ear disease, and disruptive behaviour in the classroom also dropped, while attendance rates rose.

Run on a shoestring, the nutrition-based preventative care

program created a model that was easy to apply and maintain, that treated chronic ear disease and improved social outcomes with one holistic approach.

The conference heard from former government policy advisers and lobbyists, as well as Greens senator Rachel Siewert, who outlined ways to have ear health issues, typically unpopular among government, examined with a view to funding and solutions.

Also presented at the conference was a giant inflatable ear, a creation by artist Evelyn Roth who specialises in inflatable installations to provoke discussion and raise public awareness.

Preventing prison



A CAMPAIGN aimed at persuading the New South Wales and other governments to spend less on

putting people in prison and more on prevention, early intervention and treatment for Aboriginal young people has been unveiled in Sydney.

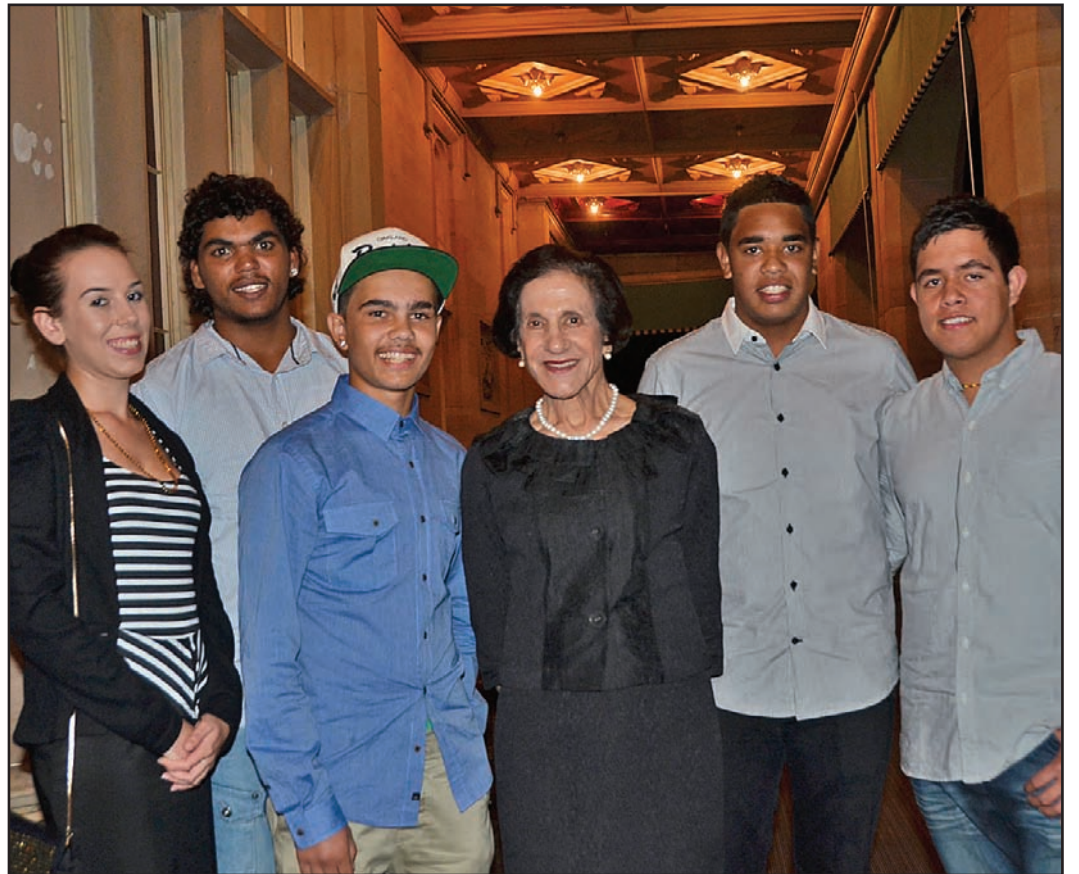
NSW Governor Her Excellency Marie Bashir launched the Justice Reinvestment Campaign for Aboriginal Young People at Government House on 2 May, telling guests it was time for governments to step up and prevent another Aboriginal generation being thrown away.

The campaign is being backed by heavy hitters in Indigenous affairs including Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, anti-smoking campaigner Tom Calma, 2009 Australian of the Year Mick

Dodson and National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) chairperson Assoc Prof Ted Wilkes, all of whom were at the launch, along with community members and state Liberal, Labor and Greens MPs.

Other campaign 'champions' include Sydney Swans captain and Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes, acting legend Jack Thompson, retired High Court Justice Michael Kirby, La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council chairperson Marcia Ella Duncan and former Federal Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus.

Highlights of the launch included speeches and performances by Aboriginal young people, including some involved in Weave, a Redfern/Waterloo-based organisation that supports socially excluded young people, women, children and families in the Sydney metropolitan area.



ABOVE: NSW Governor Her Excellency Marie Bashir with young Aboriginal people who attended the launch, from left, Jess Brown, 18, from Maryland, Raymond Button, 18, from Redfern, Kobie Duncan, 14, from Maroubra, and Beau Foster, 15, and Trei Stewart, 15, both from La Perouse. LEFT: 2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson and National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) chairperson Assoc Prof Ted Wilkes.



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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.

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For more information phone **1800 818 490** or visit **www.ilc.gov.au**



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One of the featured artworks ... *Narrbong*, 2010, by Lorraine Connelly-Northey, rusted iron and pipe.



Marilyn Nakamarra and Rachael Umbagai.



ANKAAA CEO Christina Davidson, left, and Janice Murray.



Aunty Agnes Shea gave the welcome to country and is seen here with her niece Margo Neale, from the National Museum.



Featured artist Maria Josette Orsto and her husband Greg Orsto from the Tiwi Islands.



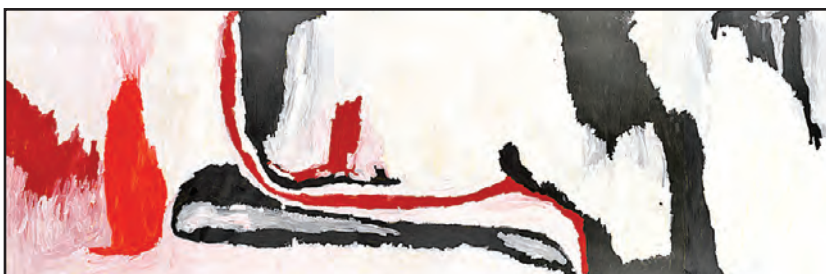
Bidjara photographer Michael Cook and Monika Selig in front of his *Broken Dreams* series, which was part of *unDisclosed*.



Featured artwork *Campsite V, Nookamka Lake*, 2008, by Nici Cumpston, inkjet print on canvas, hand-coloured with pencil and watercolour.



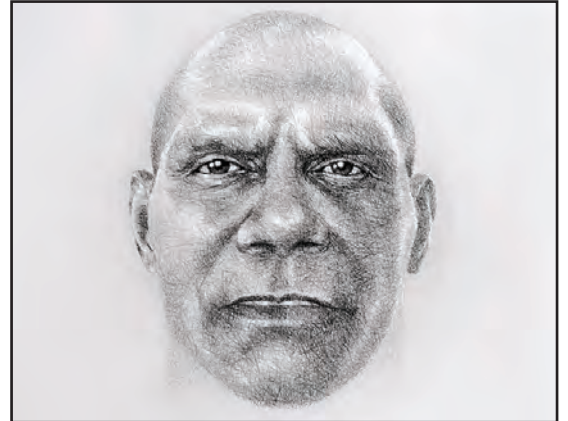
Travelling from north Queensland to support featured artist Tony Albert were, from left, his aunt Trisha Albert, Yvonne Canendo and Marcia Jerry who are seen here with Trisha's daughter Melissa Connors (right).



● Above: Featured artwork *Nyinyilki*, 2009 by Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori, synthetic polymer paint on canvas.



● Left: Badtjala artist Fiona Foley was one of the 20 artists featured in the Triennial, seen here with curator Djon Mundine.



Tall man, 2010, (detail) by Vernon Ah Kee.



Noongar artist Lindsay Harris with his work.



Ngaymil artist Gunybi Ganambarr, left, with chair of Yirrkalas Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre Yinimala Gumana.



Gumatj artist Nyapanyapa Yunupingu with her nephew Kevin Winunguj.



Featured artists Lena Yarinkura, left, and Bob Burruwal.

Indigenous Art Triennial



Artist Nici Cumpston, with Jon Gray, in front of her work at the National Gallery of Australia.



Featured artist Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori, front, with Amanda, Elsie and Brian Gabori.

National Gallery hosts top works

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



CURATOR Hetti Perkins paid tribute to the Tent Embassy and those who 'stood up and were counted' as she gave the opening address at last

Thursday's opening of *unDisclosed* – the second National Indigenous Art Triennial.

At the gala event at the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) in Canberra, Ms Perkins also paid tribute to all the artists who 'opened the doors to exhibitions like these'.

"I humbly acknowledge the passing of one of these artists, one of the torch bearers of our people," she said in reference to the news of the passing of internationally-renowned Yolngu artist Mrs Yunupingu – sister of Nyapanyapa Yunupingu, who is one of the 20 artists featured in *unDisclosed*.

"Our culture is something we take personally...as that great artist once said: 'It's our heart'.

She also reiterated the call for 'our own national cultural institution' – something she also spoke about at the official opening of last year's Telstra art awards.

Ms Perkins said looking around the room at all the 'wonderful' artists and



Hetti Perkins renewed her call for a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural institution during her official opening speech.

curators 'I can't understand why we don't have our own cultural institution, our own flagship, why (our art and culture) can't be acknowledged 365 days of the year'.

"It makes me think of the work of the Tent Embassy, and why the Tent Embassy was established in the first place...(we need to) maintain the rage, keep the fire in the belly and keep that spark burning."

unDisclosed guest curator, Kalkadoon

woman Carly Lane told the *Koori Mail* she also supported the idea.

"We don't need to take collections out of institutions, but we need an institution of our own, for our own peoples."

Ms Lane said Indigenous art was providing a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians 'in a society where we are marginalised'.

"Art is a great meeting ground, where people can talk about the Aboriginal experience, and Indigenous voices can take primary position – where we're talking *about*, not being talked to.

"We're telling it like it is – or the artists are – and I think that's invaluable."

Ms Lane paid tribute to the curator of the first Indigenous triennial, Brenda L Croft.

"She's the one that set it up, she did all the groundwork," Ms Lane said.

"Without her foresight in making this possible, the triennials may not have started when they did."

Ms Lane said all the artists selected to be part of *unDisclosed* were 'adding something new to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art'.

"These artists lead and redefine contemporary Indigenous art as we know it," she said.

● See Page 47 for more



NGA Indigenous communications co-ordinator Jirra Lulla Harvey, left, and *unDisclosed* curator Carly Lane.



Artist Richard Bell strikes a pose.



Featured artists Lorraine Connelly-Northey and Alick Tipoti.



From left, NGA senior curator Franchesca Cubillo, Helen Carroll from sponsor Wesfarmers, NGA assistant director Shanthini Naidoo and assistant curator Kelli Cole.



Daniel Walbidi, 29, was the youngest featured artist in the Triennial.



Vernon Ah Kee, right, was one of the featured artists and is seen here with fellow artist Bevan Skinner.

Big acts get ready to style up



TOP hip hop act The Last Kinection headlines this year's Stylin' Up festival on 26 May in the Brisbane suburb of Inala.

The award-winning act will be joined by local favourites and emerging artists including Kayemtee, Dizzy Doolan, AKA, Dem Fellas and Sacha Fearless in what organisers say will be the best festival yet.

Now in its 11th year, Stylin' Up has been hailed as Australia's largest hip hop, RnB and cultural festival.

"Through pride in self, pride in community and pride culture, Stylin' Up focuses on the opportunities for young up-and-coming Indigenous talents from communities across Australia to take to the stage and showcase their talents," organisers say.

"The event is a branch to a Stylin' Up regional program of community engagement and empowerment workshops for youth and community within Brisbane's south-west and remote south Queensland areas.

"Stylin' Up continues to grow as a local to national calendar entry for Indigenous youth and communities.

"Local Inala Elders and community people have worked in partnership with the Brisbane City Council to make this year's event one of the best yet.



Stylin' Up headline act The Last Kinection.

"Various workshops in music, writing, and arts will return as a regular feature of activities for all to participate in, along with an exciting showcase of traditional and contemporary dance from

local clan groups and troupes."

The drug- and alcohol-free event will be from 11.30am-6pm at the C J Greenfield Sports Complex, Inala. Further details are available on (07) 3027 5725.

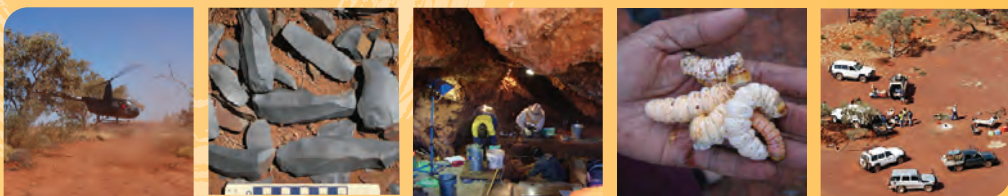


Kayemtee will perform at Stylin' Up this month.

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'Forgotten Australians' in spotlight



'FORGOTTEN Australians' are being asked to participate in research aimed at helping their future needs.

A Forgotten Australian is an Australian-born, non-Indigenous person, who as a child lived at some time in institutional out-of-home care within Australia before 1974. It is estimated there were as many as 500,000 Forgotten Australians.

Southern Cross University PhD candidate Gregory Smith, who is one of these Forgotten Australians, is seeking research participants

from around the country. He says all information will be confidential.

"If you were a resident of any form of out-of-home institutional care in Australia pre-1974, are an Australian-born non-Indigenous person, you are eligible to participate in this research," he said. Mr Smith is hoping his findings will be used by government to meet any special requirements of the group.

To participate in the study or to find out further information, Mr Smith can be contacted on (02) 6659 3151 during office hours or mobile 0401 083 462 and via email on gregory.smith@scu.edu.au

Malabar protection



ABORIGINAL cultural heritage at Malabar Headland in Sydney's south is set to gain protection.

Federal Minister and local MP Peter Garrett has introduced legislation into Federal Parliament to protect the area as a national park and public open space.

The introduction of the *Malabar Headland Protection Bill 2012* follows the transfer of Malabar Headland from the Commonwealth to NSW Government.

Mr Garrett said the proposed law would protect and conserve the 'significant environmental and

Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the site'.

"Malabar Headland is of enormous cultural and environmental significance, including features such as World War II structures, a rich Aboriginal heritage and the endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub," he said.

"The legislation will guarantee that the site is preserved and maintained for the benefit of future generations of Australians.

"It will prevent the site, or parts of the site, from being resold in the future to a third party for development rather than for use as a national park and public space."

Edgeware book 'is awesome!'



EIGHTEEN months of photography lessons has culminated in an inspiring book by a group of Aboriginal and other students in Sydney.

Last Wednesday, Edgeware School launched its 108-page book *Edgeware, A Photographic Learning Experience* at the Seaview Gallery in Sydney's Dulwich Hill. About two-thirds of Edgeware

School's students are Indigenous.

The entire group had been taught the ins and outs of the photographic craft by professional photographer and mentor Amanda James, whose work has also graced the pages of the *Koori Mail* on many occasions.

Powerful

"These are powerful images and hopefully this book will stand as a reminder to our students that they can achieve

great things," Edgeware principal Rod Clayton said.

The book was officially launched by barrister Charles Waterstreet (of ABC TV series *Rake* fame) but one of the students featured in the book, Gillian Roberts, also starred on the night.

"This book is awesome. It's very cool to see our photos in print and on the wall of a gallery," Gillian said. "I shoulda been on the cover though... but I did take the cover photo!"



Stick word and photo by Chanelle.



Charles Waterstreet, Edgeware School principal Rod Clayton, student Gillian Roberts and learning support officer Nathan McEwan at the launch.



Dallas by Stephen, one of the photographs in the book.

A taste of land care

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SIXTEEN Aboriginal high school students from around Tasmania have had a taste of a land

management and conservation career at a recent three-day pathway program on Bruny Island.

The program aims to raise awareness of land management and conservation issues from an Aboriginal perspective, and help students make informed decisions about their career pathway.

"There are so many opportunities within that field," Theresa Sainty, project officer for culture and curriculum with Aboriginal Education, explained.

"You could be a summer ranger, you could be an environmental scientist, or aspire to work at an Aboriginal organisation ... the sky is the limit.

"What you think land management might be and what it is is mind blowing.

"But it hinges on the education you get.

"It is important that we have young people skilled up in conservation and land management with the continuing land returns, areas, given there will be more and more returned – we hope."

During the program, the group collected traditional bush tucker and craft materials, created



Students Bill Wisely, Liam Slater-Brown, Chantelle Jones, Emarra Gower, Danny Johns, Tjumbu Hart and Allan Burgess collected a feed of werreners during the career pathway program.

traditional crafts, toured a mutton bird rookery, visited Aboriginal heritage places and participated in Gumnuts to Buttons, a cultural awareness activity.

Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) rangers also visited the group, including Aboriginal trainee ranger Jess Digney.

Ms Digney, in her first year of training, said she loved the variety and travel the job offered, and is looking forward to working independently once she is

qualified. She finished school in Year 12 and encourages students aspiring to be a ranger to stick at school and do the right work.

"If you look at it in small steps it's not hard," she said.

Pathways

A vocational education and training teacher also attended to explain options for further study and career pathways.

"Even if it might have shown

students it wasn't for them, the program was a success," Mrs Sainty said.

"Some of the students are now looking at the next step. One young fella is looking at doing an outdoor education program and another is looking at doing Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management – pursuing a career in that area."

Interested students will be offered 'shadow days' with a PWS ranger, to experience

a day in the life of a ranger.

The pathway initiative, a partnership between Tasmania's Education Department and Parks and Wildlife Service, is federally funded from the Working on Country program and is the first of its kind in Tasmania.

PWS currently employs five 'Working on Country' Aboriginal trainee rangers, and two Aboriginal field officers. The service has 12 other employees who identify as Aboriginal.



Aboriginal staff from the Education Department and PWS who worked with the students at Adventure Bay on Bruny Island. They are Jess Digney, Guy Grey, Kylie Dickson, Theresa Sainty, Melissa West, Paul Mabb and John Dickson (front).

Suicides targeted



● Above: Tony Cassidy from Wesley Mission, Member for Nhulunbuy Lyn Walker, Galupa Marngarr Suicide Prevention Group chair Gayili Marika Yunupingu and NT Minister and MP for Arnhem Land Malarndirri McCarthy at the gathering.

● Right: A men's circle discusses strategies to prevent youth suicide.



By DARREN COYNE



REPRESENTATIVES from remote communities across East Arnhem Land met at Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula last week to discuss ways to prevent unnecessary deaths through suicide, especially amongst young people.

About 150 people travelled by plane, troop carrier, taxi, car and foot to attend the conference 'Djalkiri ga rom Yolngu gunga'yunamirri' (which means 'Back to the Roots') last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gayili Marika Yunupingu, from the Galupa Marngarr Suicide Prevention Group, was the key local organiser of the conference, and Wesley Mission's LifeForce team supported her team.

Ms Yunupingu told the *Koori Mail* she was very pleased with how the gathering turned out.

"It made me so glad and happy that people from across the Top End flew in with open hearts. I was very happy to see them," she said.

The Back to the Roots conference was mainly conducted in the local Yolngu language, as community leaders discussed strategies to reduce the incidence of suicide in their community.

Ms Yunupingu said the conference highlighted the resolve of Aboriginal families.

Particular problem

She said youth suicide was a particular problem in the East Arnhem community, with the rate among young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men estimated to be three times that of other males.

She said people from other remote communities were keen to hear how her community-based group was helping to preventing youth suicide. She said communication was the key.

"It's because we walk the places when it's evening or night. We are talking to the people and the place has quietened down," she said.

"Me and my sisters and brothers talk to community people. We say, 'drink sensibly, don't have violence, don't disturb the community, have a shower and go to bed'.

"We call the night patrol if it's a really difficult situation.

"People in the community have respect for us because they have trust in us and they respect us because we don't drink.

"We do our cultural stuff like teaching our children to paint. We are teaching our kids to enjoy life."

Wesley Mission chief executive Rev Dr Keith Garner said his organisation was pleased to assist the community with resources.

"In the suicide prevention area, our community networking encourages activities which are developed and implemented specifically by and for local communities," he said.

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.

Second RAP expresses support



DISTRIBUTION company Corporate Express says it will actively support Indigenous-owned businesses and

employment as part of its second Reconciliation Action Plan.

The RAP, which was launched at the company's head office in Mascot on 3 May, details how the company plans to contribute towards reconciliation.

Corporate Express Australia/New Zealand president Jay Mutschier talked about the company's commitment to diversity, the reconciliation initiatives to date, and some of the key actions set out in the 2012 RAP.

The event also included a performance from Gemma Summerhayes, a featured artist in the 2011 NSW Schools Spectacular Show, remarks from Reconciliation Australia co-chair Dr Tom Calma, and the launch of the Corporate Express Indigenous employment strategy.

Corporate Express vice president of human resources Michael Knight said the launch of



At the launch of the Corporate Express RAP, from left, Michael West, cultural representative from the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council; Jennifer Levasseur, head of communications and corporate social responsibility at Corporate Express; Roderick McLeod, co-owner of AIMSC certified supplier Nallawilli Office Wares; Gavin Karro, COO of AIMSC-certified supplier Message Stick and Message Stick CEO Michael McLeod.

the employment strategy was a key milestone for the company.

"It's about finding and creating opportunities to introduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into real vacancies and encourages applications for genuine permanent positions," Mr Knight said.

He said Corporate Express's RAP included the company's commitment to supplier diversity by supporting Indigenous-owned businesses.

That included being a founding member of the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) and using and

reselling AIMSC certified products and services.

Mr Mutschier said by focusing on the company's strengths, warehousing and distribution, 'we can make a difference in Indigenous economic development'.

"By partnering with AIMSC-

certified Indigenous businesses, we can help get their products out to Australia, growing their business and therefore employing more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff," Mr Mutschier said.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong said Corporate Express's goal of creating diversity through their customers, workforce and suppliers had been particularly successful and was an achievement to be proud of.

"As a key supply chain player, Corporate Express is uniquely placed to make a difference in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development – and it's great to see another RAP partner successfully build an ongoing partnership with AIMSC," she said.

The RAP forms part of Corporate Express's corporate social responsibility strategy and cements a commitment to creating an organisation that is aware of, and integrates knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and cultures into our business practices.

Norman labours for recognition



FOR Aboriginal man Norman Miller, joining the Cairns Labour Day march on 7 May was about the next generation working to secure a place for Indigenous people in the future of our nation by constitutional recognition.

Also an artist, Mr Miller – known to many as Munganbana – marched carrying a large boomerang as a placard with the words ‘No Racism in Constitution’ written in black, red and yellow.

“Apart from the First Peoples, or Indigenous People, we are a nation of immigrants, from the First Fleet to today,” Mr Miller said.

“The states came together to form the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901 largely to keep out non-British immigration, and one of the first pieces of legislation was an Act to enforce this.

“Change to a multicultural society has been largely in the last 40 years and we have managed to forge this nation as a relatively cohesive nation in that time.

“However, when the founders of the Australian Constitution came together, they left the Indigenous people out. There was no recognition of prior occupation and custodianship of this land, no recognition of the rich culture and society within its



Norman Miller, on the right, with Seith Fourmile. Photo by David Anthony

borders, here since ancient times.

“...The amazing thing about this was that, prior to 1967, immigrants from overseas could make Australia home and become citizens, but Indigenous people could not.”

Mr Miller said that, 45 years on from the 1967 Referendum, Australia was taking another step forward. The Expert Panel on the Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians released its report in January recommending the removal of

sections 25 and 51 of the Constitution and recommending the inclusion of a new section 51A that recognises that the continent and its islands now known as Australia ‘were first occupied by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’.

“While the most glaring aspects of discrimination against Indigenous people were removed from the Constitution in 1967, there is still a need to eliminate racism from the Constitution,” Mr Miller said.

“For this reason, a proposed section 116A would say that the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory shall not discriminate on the grounds of ‘race, colour or ethnic or national origin’.”

Mr Miller said he believed there was still room for the proposal of the Expert Panel to allow laws to secure the advancement of Indigenous people.

With National Reconciliation Week and Recognition Day coming up, he said he would celebrate the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum by showing a DVD ‘Vote Yes For Aborigines’ at the Munganbana Aboriginal Gallery at 3/2 Aplin Street in Cairns, from 6pm on Friday 25 May.

The DVD describes the campaign for Aboriginal citizenship rights. RSVP to attend on 0407 128 199.

Marching for rights

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



THE rights of Indigenous workers to enjoy pay and conditions equal to those of all other Australians was highlighted during the Labour Day street march along Townsville’s Strand on 7 May.

Hundreds of people turned out, making it one of the biggest such marches held in the North Queensland capital for many years.

After the march there was a family gathering at Strand Park.

In recent years, the Queensland Council of Unions has been lobbying the Government to pay all outstanding stolen wages owed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

Maritime Union of Australia member Patrick Neliman, who is also on the ACTU’s Queensland Indigenous Committee, said stolen wages was an important matter.

Stand united

“It has been good to see so many Indigenous workers marching and others who have supported us. We all stand united for the equal rights of all Indigenous workers and the unions support us,” Mr Neliman said.

With Mr Neliman was his nine-year-old son TJ and his brother Moses.

“We want our younger people to know about this. Many of our people are still owed outstanding stolen wages claims and we call on the Government to pay them. Many are dying before they get paid,” he said.

Fellow Indigenous waterside worker James Tapau said he was proud to march on behalf of his people and all workers.

Teacher’s aide Judy Pedro marched with the United Voices Union, which represents a variety of workers.

“We are all teacher’s aides and it has been good to march,” she said.

The *Koori Mail* also caught up with Jai Cummings and Aicey Day on their way to Strand Park for the family day. The pair said they supported the Indigenous workers.

“We want recognition for the rights and fair payment of all Indigenous workers,” Mr Cummings said.



Judy Pedro holds a United Voices Union flag.



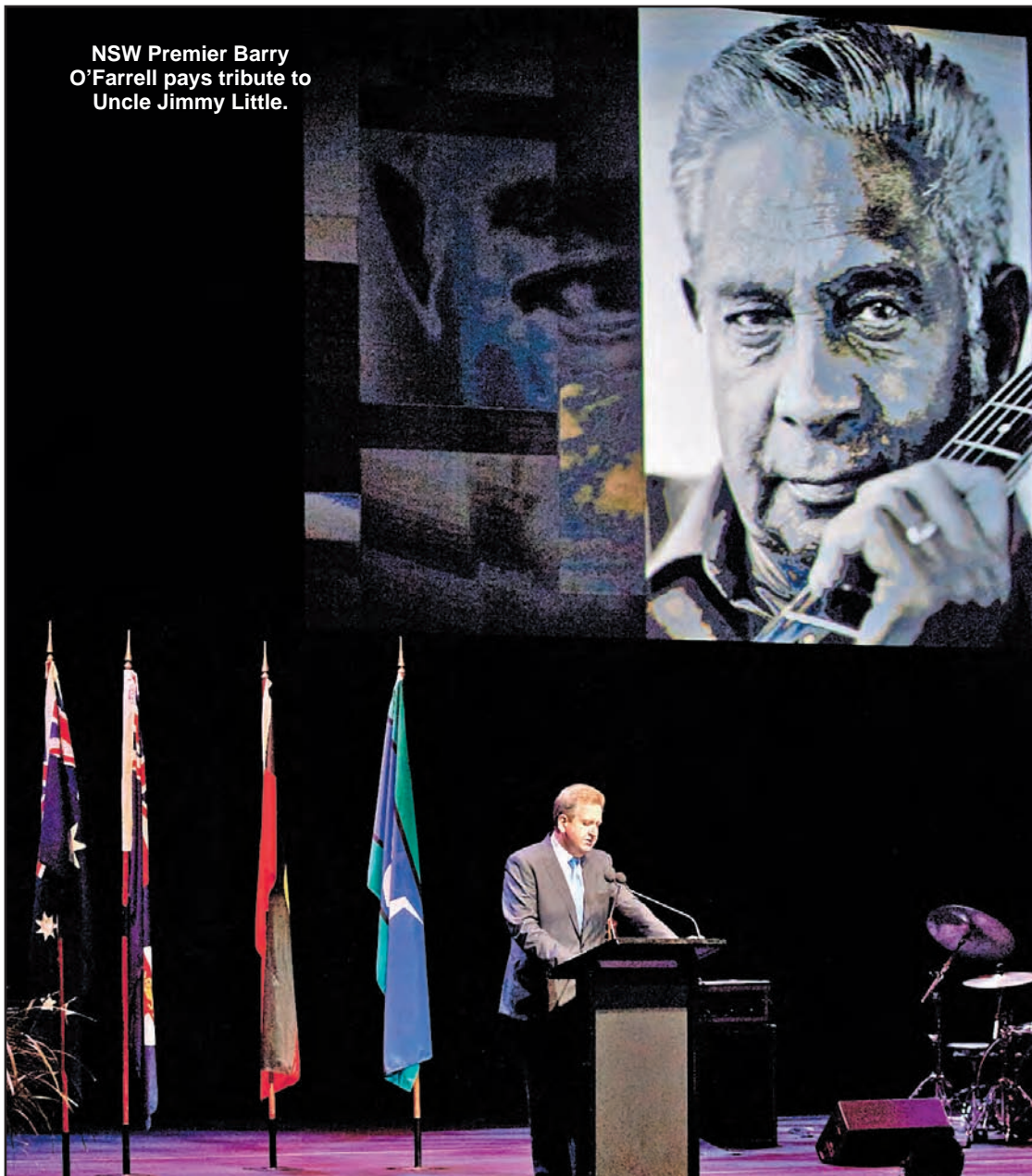
The Aboriginal colours featured on one of the banners during the Townsville Labour Day march.



Waterside workers Dave Dennis, James Tapau and Patrick Neliman, with TJ Neliman in front.

Praise for a legend

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell pays tribute to Uncle Jimmy Little.



Report by RUDI MAXWELL
Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



FROM all over Australia and all walks of life, people came to farewell Uncle Jimmy Little as he had lived: For family, with honour, integrity and generosity, through music and, above all, with love.

Through song and speech, family and friends took to the Sydney Opera House on 3 May to give shape to the legend of 'Gentleman Jim', a man whose kindness, talent and generosity of spirit touched all who knew him.

Following a smoking ceremony outside the Opera House, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell gave a speech about celebrating Jimmy Little's legacy, including recognising 'what was, is and always will be Aboriginal land'.

Frances Peters-Little spoke about the hard times of her father's early days on Cummeragunja Mission, where his parents had faced racism and discrimination.

"In spite of their grim circumstances, Jimmy's parents were able to raise him to believe in the good in all people and in the years that followed his capacity to constantly see the good in all people sometimes came under heavy criticism. His unfailing optimism in human nature was something that was not always understood," Ms Peters-Little said.

"But what he had learned was the gift of love, a gift that would never falter. And from those times Jimmy would go on to believe in human nature and to help others.

"My Dad had values that were irreplaceable and undeniably his own. "His quiet and gentle ways are still yet to be fully recognised for the strength they hold.

"The type of strength that Dad had allowed him to open more doors and cross more boundaries that most people will ever imagine.

"While on one hand he would sing *Royal Telephone* with great conviction,

he also enlightened us in his autobiographical song *Yorta Yorta Man* that some day he would soon return to his traditional Dreaming.

"What he had enormous faith in was the potential for human kindness. "My Dad's love seemed boundless and perhaps that is what makes him so unique and continues to be relevant in all our lives. ...I hope that we may all learn from him and strengthen our own faith in the goodness of humankind and love for this land, people, family and music."

Uncle Jimmy's grandson James Henry performed the classic *Yorta Yorta Man* with original Jimmy Little Trio members, Cyril Green, Tony Green and Doug Peters.

Musician Brendan Gallagher, who played on the 1999 album *Messenger*,

gave a snapshot of what it was like to perform with Jimmy Little, from the dramatic and well-timed entrances to the perfect finishes.

"He would engage the full power of his personal charisma, which was awesome," Mr Gallagher said.

"By the time he got to the microphone he would have the audience, then he would sing. By God, he could sing. Velvet smooth.

"Jimmy would summon all the magic in the room and take his adoring public out of itself, with him, to somewhere quite

beautiful. He could wow any audience, anywhere, any time."

Mr Gallagher said he believed Uncle Jimmy's legacy was not only as a good role model but he also lived what it meant to be a good human being.

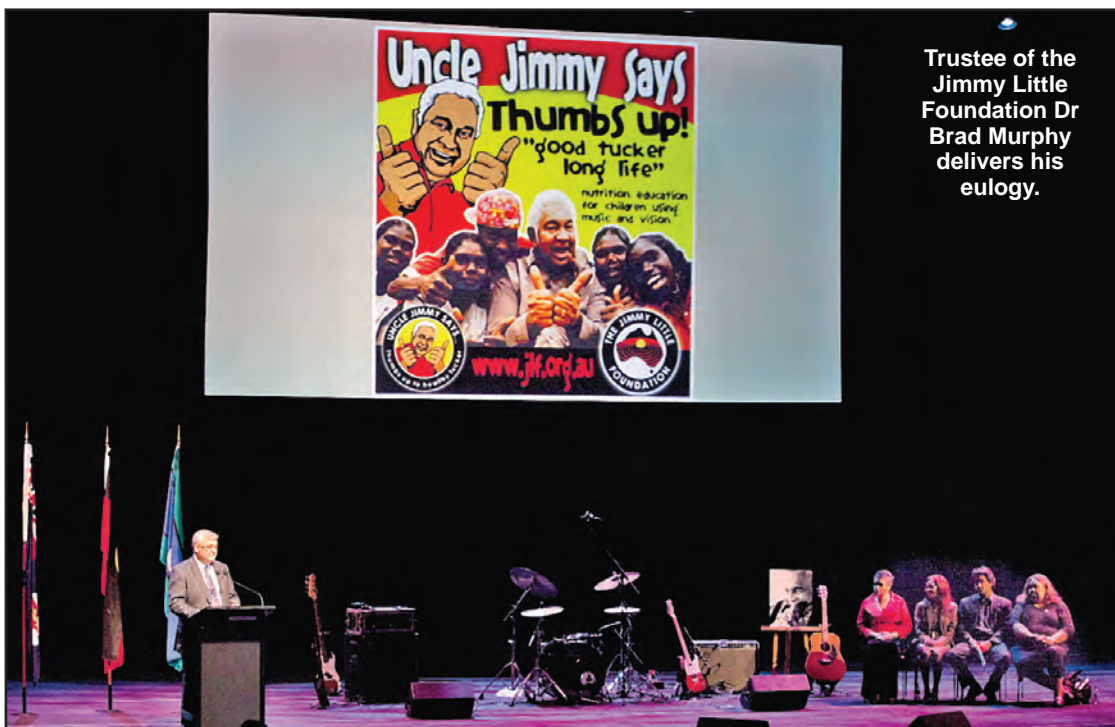
"Develop your talent, work hard, maintain fair dealings with all you encounter, do it with a smile and always keep your eyes on the prize," he said of Uncle Jimmy's philosophy.

Head of Indigenous programming at the Opera House Rhoda Roberts was also mentored by Uncle Jimmy and took the audience through his screen career, which began in 1960 with a role in *Shadow of the Boomerang*.

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Frances Peters-Little delivers a eulogy about her father.

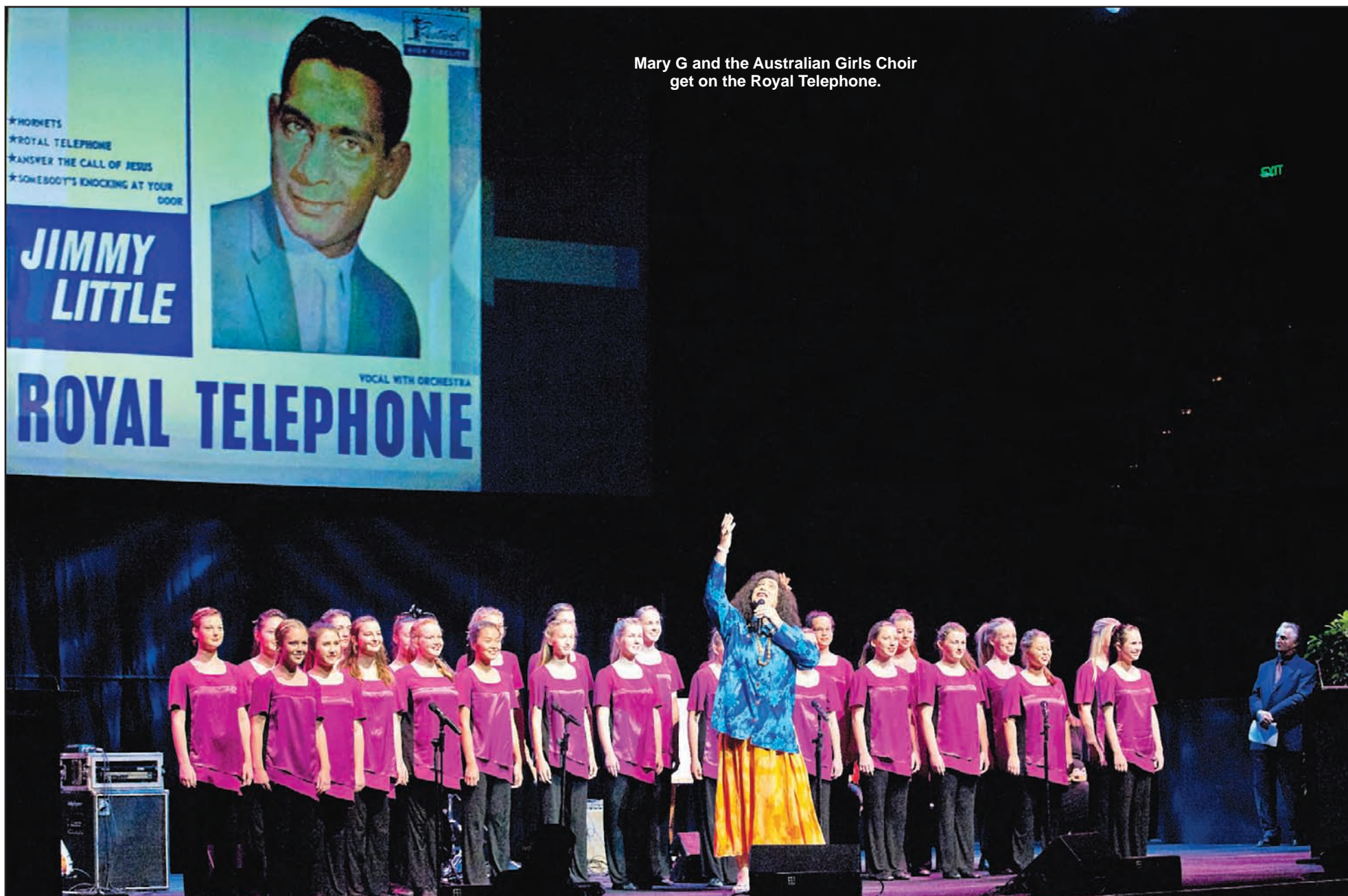


Trustee of the Jimmy Little Foundation Dr Brad Murphy delivers his eulogy.



Musician Brendan Gallagher gives the audience a snapshot of what it was like to perform with Jimmy Little, while Rhoda Roberts prepares for her speech about Uncle Jimmy's screen career.

Tribute to Jimmy Little



Mary G and the Australian Girls Choir get on the Royal Telephone.

'He was a pioneer...'

● From facing page

"That quiet dignity, he was a pioneer; that humanity and spirituality were things we truly learnt, he was a great mentor," Ms Roberts said.

"On those film sets in the early 60s, when he was not even a citizen in his own country, he sat and he talked about the struggle and he told of the inequalities for our people.

"He might not have gone on the marches but he did so much in the creative industries by just letting his fellow colleagues know about the state of Aboriginal Australia."

MC journalist Jeff McMullen highlighted one of Uncle Jimmy Little's final messages, saying he made the journey to Canberra not long ago because he wanted to be there for the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

"He urged the Government and all of us to listen to the wisdom of the Elders," Mr McMullen said.

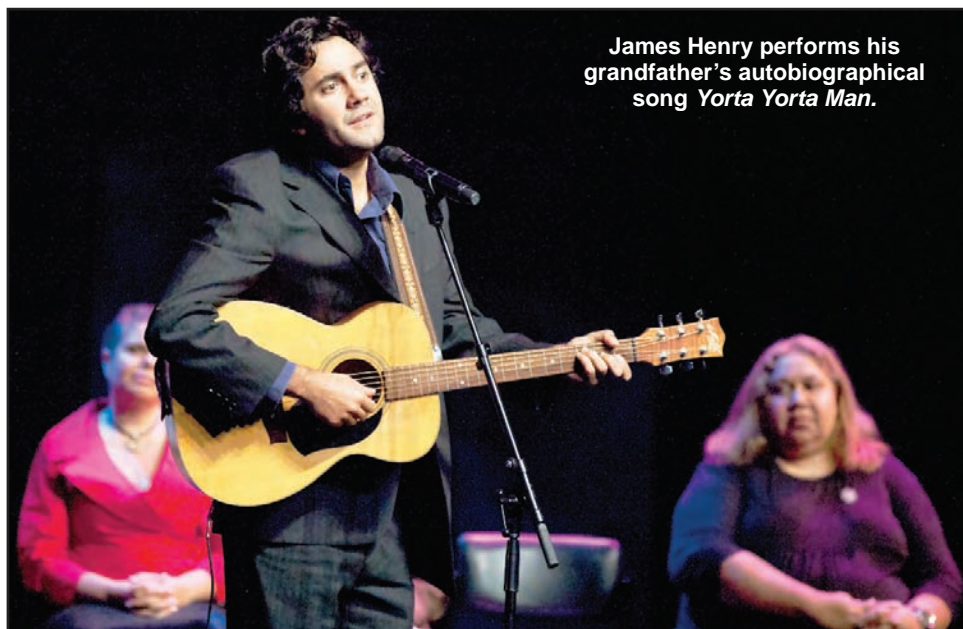
"Poignantly, he challenged the legislation now going before the Federal Parliament (the Stronger Futures legislation that, if passed, will extend the NT Intervention).

"He said the traditional owners of the NT have not given their approval to this legislation. You, Australia, are not listening to the wisdom of the Elders.

"He wanted as his last final heartfelt wish for us to learn to think deeply and listen very carefully."

Mr McMullen also pointed to the work of the Jimmy Little Foundation (JLF), which Uncle Jimmy started after a kidney transplant in 2004.

JLF CEO Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup talked



James Henry performs his grandfather's autobiographical song *Yorta Yorta Man*.

of the excitement Uncle Jimmy would bring to his work with the Thumbs Up campaign, educating young people about the importance of good health.

"He was a positive thinker. He was a philosopher and his outward gentle demeanour could sometimes hide that he really did get angry about the injustices that his people had to suffer," Mr Bidstrup said.

"He really wanted something to change. He wanted a healthier future for Indigenous Australians.

"I saw first-hand the effect he had on everyone he met. His humility, his calm, kind

disposition made people feel they were in the presence of true free spirit, a wise Elder, somebody very special.

"Family was everything to him and the human race was family. No matter what race, colour creed, everyone was equal in Jimmy's eyes."

Uncle Jimmy was also a patron of the Kidney Health Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation and co-patron of Australian Indigenous Doctors.

Dr Brad Murphy asked people to take Uncle Jimmy's message to their hearts.

"He knew that we needed to heal the soul

to restore self-esteem and self-confidence and with that comes sustainable change and real outcomes," Dr Murphy said.

"Take his gentle message of healing, project it forward with strength and wisdom so that in closing the gap for the First Australians we build a better Australia for all Australia."

Bishop John MacIntyre spoke of Uncle Jimmy's ability to give.

"He was a man of the spirit, earthed in his Aboriginality, a Yorta Yorta man, and shaped by the man on the other end of the Royal Telephone," he said.

To end on a high note, one of Uncle Jimmy's favourite comedians, Mary G, joined the Australian Girls Choir, with her mobile phone ringing on the way to centre stage.

"Hello? Hello? Is that you, God? It's me, Mary G, the big black princess from the Kimberley. Are you there, God?"

"Ah, I got no credit.

"But I got a special phone.

"I've got the Royal Telephone."

'Telephone to glory, oh, what joy divine!

'I can feel the current moving on the line,

'Built by God the Father for His loved and own,

'We can talk to Jesus through this Royal Telephone'.

Last week in the Federal Parliament, Prime Minister Julia Gillard also paid tribute to Jimmy Little.

Ms Gillard described Uncle Jimmy as a gentleman of 'effortless grace and dignity'.

"I don't think the 1967 referendum result would have been so decisive without his example and the bridge he built to ordinary Australians," she said.

More photos from Uncle Jimmy Little's State Funeral on the next page

Tribute to Jimmy Little



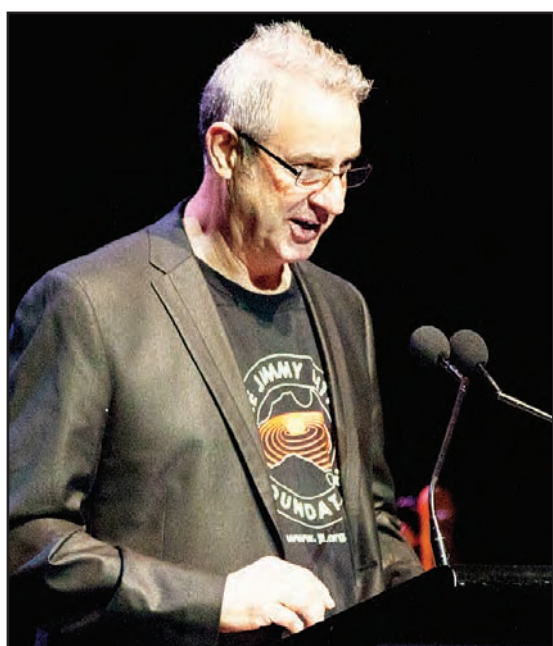
Uncle Jimmy Little's niece opera singer Deborah Cheetham sings the national anthem at her uncle's State Funeral.



Donna Ingram welcomed people to country at the Sydney Opera House.



Kwani Nguruve and Leanne Miller.



Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup, CEO of the Jimmy Little Foundation.



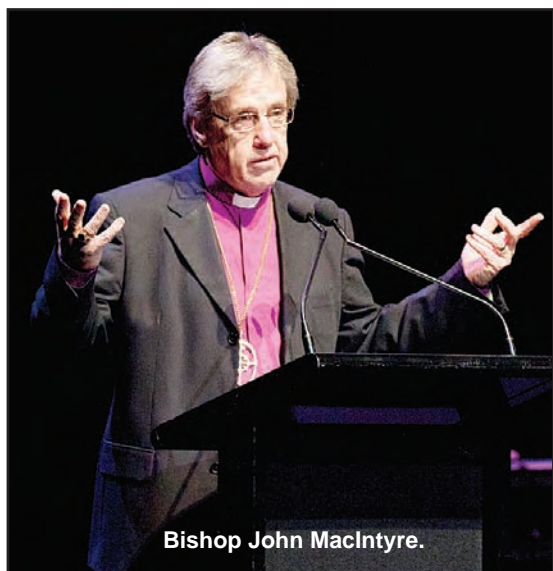
Helen Anu, David Page, Michael Tuahine and Stephen Page.



Cliff and Gail Daylight.



Kim Kruger, Anne Martin and Janina Harding.



Bishop John MacIntyre.



Gavin Jones with Sophia and Vicky Devries.



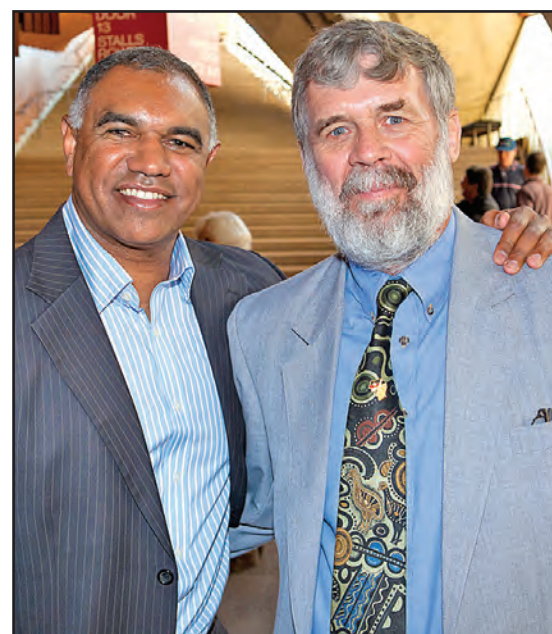
Chris Lawrence, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and Anne Eades.



Jilpia Jones and Gabi Hollows after the service.



Beverley Briggs, Deborah Cheetham and Laurel Robinson.



Ricky Walford and Gerry Rutterman pictured after the service.

Nimbin MardiGrass well managed, say police



THE 2012 Nimbin MardiGrass cannabis law reform rally has been described as 'very well managed' by the police in charge.

"We're very pleased with the

co-operation received from the MardiGrass organising body," Inspector Nicole Bruce said.

"There has been a very low incidence of violence and crime."

About 100 police took part in Operation Taxi, with Inspector Bruce

unable to give final numbers of arrests, but saying they were low compared with previous years.

Crowd numbers were also down, despite perfect sunny weather, with organisers putting attributing that to the high police presence, including road

blocks into Nimbin on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The rally of about 5000 people was led by local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation, followed by the Ganja Faeries, community groups and the Big Joint. – AAP

Engaging times in Tasmania

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHAT is genuine community engagement? This was the question, and the answer was discussed at a forum of the same title held recently in Tasmania.

The forum, the first of this kind, was held in Bridgewater, just north of Hobart.

Hosted by the soon-to-be-opened Tagari lia Aboriginal Child and Family Centre (CFC), the one-day forum had a special focus on engagement with Aboriginal families. It was attended by more than 130 local people, service providers who work with children and families and representatives from the 12 CFCs around the state, many of whom brought others from their own community.

Tagari lia community facilitator Jodi Dickinson described the event as absolutely brilliant, and her pride was undeniable.

"We have a local enabling group made up of community volunteers, we really pulled together as a team. Different skills and leadership skills came out, confirming what's possible, and showing people what we can achieve," Ms Dickinson told the *Koori Mail*.

"We wanted to showcase Bridgewater. Their commitment was huge, for that community it's so important because of the stigma attached to it, Bridgewater is a low socio-economic area.

"I'm a blackfella and I'm a Maynard and I went to Bridgewater High School. Look at where I've got myself today; I love rubbing it on to people.

"It makes people sit back and think because they are making a huge judgment on people because of where they are from, coming from the area and knowing how you can be stigmatised I'm more determined to make a point – don't judge people, you're not walking in their shoes 24/7.

"The sense of family has



Jo James hosts an 'on the couch' discussion at the community engagement forum in Bridgewater with Jeanette James, Emma Robertson and Leonie Dickson.

blown me away. It's like the Aboriginal community, and it's really strong."

Of 12 new Tasmanian CFCs, Tagari lia is one of two Aboriginal centres servicing the Brighton municipality. ABS statistics show 13 per cent of the local population is Aboriginal.

The construction of the complex at the Bridgewater is near completion.

"It's part of reconciliation, that's how I see it. It's open for all, it's about sharing culture," Ms Dickinson explained.

Training

"It's about health and education and non-government organisations coming together to provide services in the one place, there will also be a dedicated Aboriginal cultural training room."

Manager Margie Nolan considers Ms Dickinson as a local community role model, who is looked up to and respected for her willingness to look out.

Ms Dickinson said she was excited about conversations, with guests Tex Skuthorpe and Rex Kantawara from the Northern Territory, and about Tagari lia becoming a sister centre with the

CFC they are developing in Alice Springs.

In his key address and workshop on engaging fathers, Mr Skuthorpe, from the NT's Department of Education and Training, spoke in depth of the importance of respect, responsibility and patience in life and when engaging communities.

"I think our lives are so fast and so driven and we take that into communities with us," Mr Skuthorpe said.

"And we've seen hundreds of people just like you come and go, everyone of those people wanting to achieve their own outcomes and tick their boxes for the funders.

"No wonder it's hard to get community involvement."

Co-chairperson and Tagari lia Elder Jo James hosted a conversation with a trio of Tasmanian Aboriginal women, who also spoke of the endless stream of consultations.

Jeanette James said there was an element of engagement fatigue in the Aboriginal community.

"There is suspicion – someone has always been there, done that," she said.



Aboriginal education workers Paul Mabb and Leanne Pelikan were at the forum.



Jodi Dickinson, from Tagari lia.



Tex Skuthorpe and Annette Fuller, from the Northern Territory Education and Training Department, and Rex Kantawara, chairperson of the Ntaria School Council, are pictured with a set of posters about respect, responsibility and relationships featuring Mr Skuthorpe's paintings.

Title expert to speak



WORLD authority on native title, Aboriginal rights and Aboriginal governance, Canadian Neil

Sterritt will speak at next month's National Native Title Conference in Townsville.

Australia's largest Indigenous policy conference is expected to attract hundreds of participants from around Australia.

Dr Sterritt, a member of the Fireweed Clan of the Gitxan Nation in northern British Columbia, will deliver the Mabo Lecture, one of the keynote speeches.

Co-convened by the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the North Queensland Land Council, the conference will be held in Townsville from 4-6 June. It coincides with major celebrations commemorating the 20th anniversary recognising the High Court of Australia's 1992 decision on native title.

AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor said Dr Sterritt's attendance was a 'significant coup' for the conference and would add to the already diverse range of discussions and presentations on the three-day program.

"Dr Sterritt is renowned world-wide for his work to advance the rights of Canada's Aboriginal population and is author of the *First Nations Governance*

Handbook in 2003," Mr Taylor said.

"His achievements are considerable, in particular his role in overseeing the precedent setting, landmark Delgamuukw Aboriginal rights and title case in which he was on the stand in the Canadian Supreme Court for 33 days as an expert witness.

Decision

"This decision is widely seen as the turning point for treaty negotiations in Canada."

Mr Taylor noted that the Delgamuukw decision confirmed aboriginal title does exist in British Columbia and that it is a right to land itself, not just the right to hunt, fish or gather.

"Dr Sterritt also served for seven years on the International Advisory Committee on Indigenous Community Governance, which dealt with governance issues throughout Australia," he said.

Dr Sterritt's keynote address – titled *International Echoes of Mabo* – will look at the respective Mabo and Delgamuukw (1997) decisions, examining how the two cases were similar but different and what has happened internationally in other cases in relation to the recognition of native title/Aboriginal title since the Mabo decision.

Some 600 to 700 delegates from all parts of Australia are expected to gather at the

conference, including a diverse range of speakers and presenters drawn from representatives from native title representative bodies and service providers across the country.

Other keynote speakers on the program include Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, AIATSIS chairperson Professor Mick Dodson, and Graham Fletcher, of the National Native Title Tribunal.

The conference will address the themes of Recognition, Reform, Revolution, Leadership and Legacies, Families and Youth and Culture and Country.

To register or for more information, visit aiatsis.gov.au



In front, from left, Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association's Tony Lovett, Ballarat mayor Cr Mark Harris, and KEAG co-chair Jamie Lowe with community members who were part of the winning float.

Ballarat float was a winner



A FLOAT designed to showcase Koorie culture and pride took

out a prize at this year's Ballarat Begonia Festival in Victoria.

The Ballarat Koorie Engagement Action Group (KEAG) entered the float under the theme 'From Creation – A Cultural Evolution'.

It took out the prize for 'Best Community Entry'.

As part of the float, the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative truck was

decorated with shrubs and trees while didge players, percussionists, singers, Elders and kids joined the procession in the festival's 60th year.

The dancers were led by local Koorie performers Peter Lovett and Jamie Lowe, along with Tobi Sam-Morris who taught the group a Torres Strait song and dance.

Thirty young Koorie people performed the dance while parading.

Koorie engagement support officer and KEAG co-chair Jamie Lowe was delighted with the success.

"It's great that our kids in the community have the opportunity to stand up and be proud of their culture. This experience will stay with them for a long time to come," he said.

The soundtrack for the float was developed by Ballarat Koorie musician and community services officer Tony Lovett. The lyrics were written by Koorie young people at a NAIDOC event in 2010.

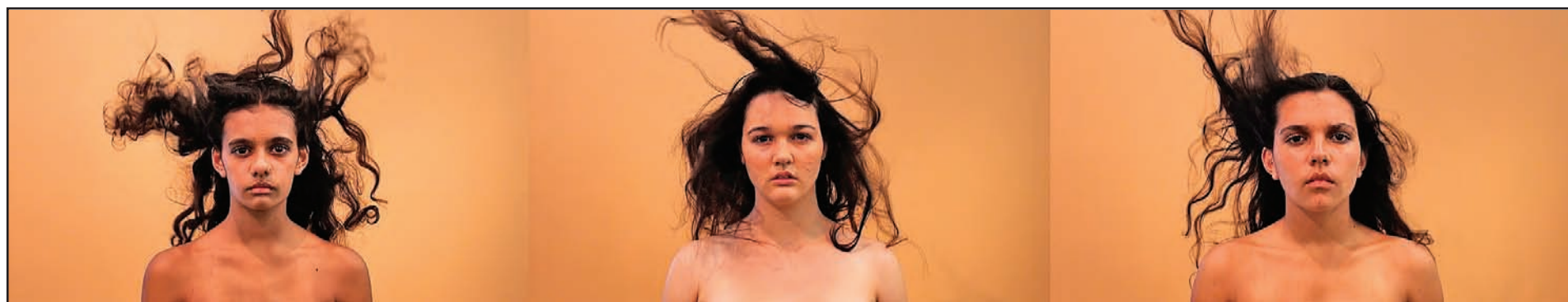
KEAG is Ballarat Council's key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory committee.



The KEAG kids got into the swing of things at the festival.



The Koorie Engagement Action Group (KEAG) float in the Ballarat Begonia Festival parade.



HEAT by Christian Thompson, 2010, 3-channel video installation video 5.52mins.

HEAT is on in a family affair at *unDisclosed*

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



IT was something of a family affair as curator Hetti Perkins gave the official address last Thursday at the National Gallery of Australia as part of the grand opening of *unDisclosed* – the 2nd National Indigenous Art Triennial.

Her daughters Maddy, Lille and Thea are featured on the walls of the gallery as the subjects of a video installation called *HEAT* by Bidjara artist Christian Thompson – one of the 20 artists featured in *unDisclosed*.

Meanwhile, Thompson is currently undertaking his doctorate studies at Oxford University, as one of two of the inaugural Charlie Perkins Scholars.

In her opening address, Hetti Perkins paid tribute to the artists who were featured in the triennial and said her father (the late Charles Perkins, after whom the scholarships are named) would have been so proud to see and celebrate their works, 'to see the purpose-built galleries, to visit this, the second of what will be many, many triennials'.

"And walking through the exhibition I stopped to think how proud my dad would be to see his three grandchildren, my daughters, in the work of Christian Thompson," she said.

unDisclosed guest curator



At the grand opening of *unDisclosed* were Bidjara artist Christian Thompson and, from left, Thea Perkins, Lille Madden and Maddy Madden who featured in his video installation artwork *HEAT*.

Carly Lane said Thompson's photos and video work had also featured in the first Indigenous triennial which was curated by Brenda L Croft.

"In *HEAT*, he's referencing the heat and wind of his country, and referencing the

desert-scapes," she said.

"I chose it because it's beautiful and graceful and elegant and counters the negative stereotypes that circulate about Aboriginal people. It says 'we're beautiful'." In the video installation, the

three young Aboriginal women, each on a separate screen, meet the viewer's gaze unflinchingly.

The wind comes and goes, accompanied by the melancholic sounds of a harp. Lille said the work was

challenging people's perceptions of 'what is Aboriginal'.

"Once you enter the room (where the installation is located) you are under the gaze of the figures, whether you want to relate to it or not," she said.

"That underlies the truth of Aboriginal history staring you in the face."

Thompson told the *Koori Mail* the work was based on his childhood memories of growing up in central south-east Queensland.

"I wanted to explore the seductive nature of the desert, but also this ominous threat of the landscape," he said.

"My family is from Barcaldine in central south-west Queensland, near Longreach. We lived all over the country, but that's where my dad's people are from, so that's my strongest childhood memories."

In the *unDisclosed* catalogue, NGA curator Tina Baum writes that Thompson is 'one of a number of young Aboriginal artists practicing today, whose work is both culturally and politically charged'.

"In *HEAT* Thompson poignantly brings together elements of family and identity, intertwined histories and the overarching, binding element of Country in a stunning and mesmerising film installation," she writes.

● Opening night report, photos on Pages 36 and 37

Auction to raise funds for bursary



AN auction will be held tomorrow (17 May) in Cairns to raise funds for the planned Western Cape Aboriginal Youth Art Bursary. The bursary will honour the memory of the late Thapich Dr Gloria Fletcher, a respected Thaynakwith Elder from the Weipa region and a pioneer in the arts.

Thapich died a year ago, leaving some funds in her will to establish the regional arts scholarship.

A committee working to set up the fund has organised tomorrow night's auction.

KickArts will host the event from 6pm at the Centre of Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott Street, Cairns.

Available for bidding at the auction will be artworks by

Thapich and other respected artists throughout Queensland including Judy Watson, Sam Tupou, Kristen Tennyson and Arone Meeks.

Music students from Tropical North Queensland TAFE will provide entertainment.

Thapich was regarded as an inspiration to many people, not only through her own work but also as a writer and recorder of language.

● Cash donations, which are tax deductible, are also gratefully appreciated and can be made to the Aboriginal Benefits Foundation. Contact treasurer Simon Chan on mobile 0411 138 308.

● RIGHT: *Emu and Brolga stories and the food plants of Albatross Bay, Western Cape York*, cast aluminium sphere, 230 x 250 mm by Thapich Dr Gloria Fletcher.



Saltwater Freshwater is returning to Taree



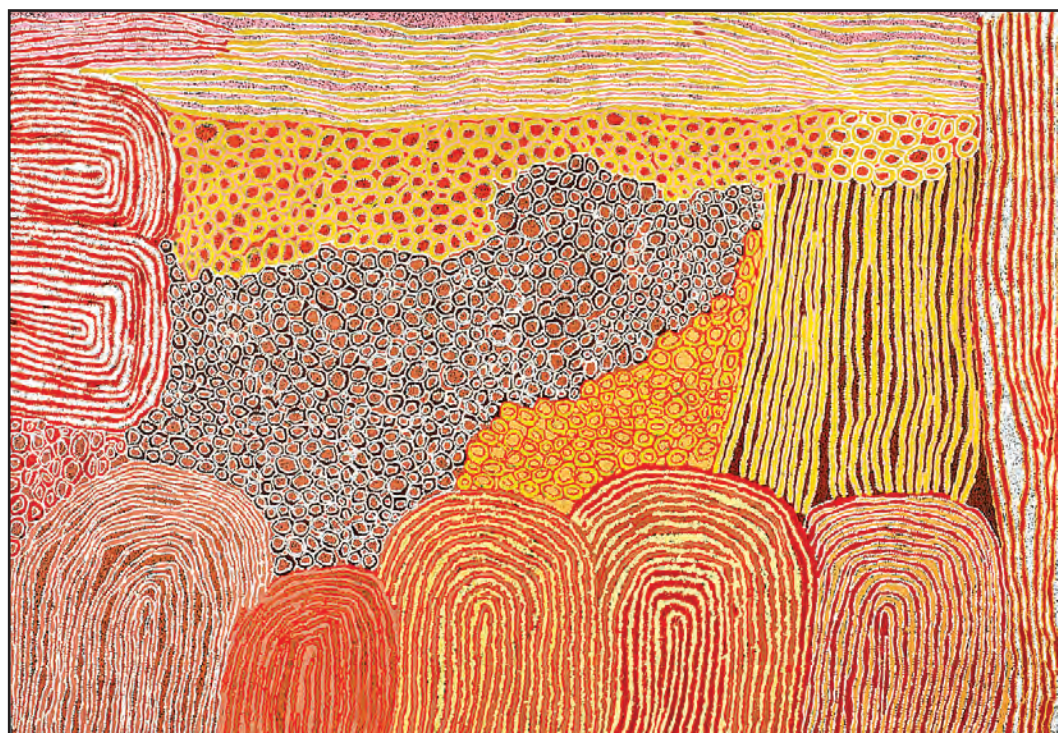
AN AUSTRALIA Day Festival organised by the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance is to return to Taree in 2013 after being washed out this year. Alliance chair Jo-Anne Kelly said that

even though the aim was for the festival to be held at a new location on the NSW mid north coast each year, the Alliance decided the overwhelming support offered by the Manning River community

last year deserved to be acknowledged by bringing it back for 2013.

Greater Taree City Council mayor Paul Hogan said it was a wonderful decision that would allow people of the

Manning Valley to participate and enjoy a community based event that showcased the talents and culture of Aboriginal artisans from across the mid north coast.



A work by Walangkura Napanangka to feature in the Penrith exhibition.

Major exhibition at Penrith gallery



A MAJOR exhibition of works by 34 Aboriginal artists is now on show at the Penrith Regional Gallery in western Sydney.

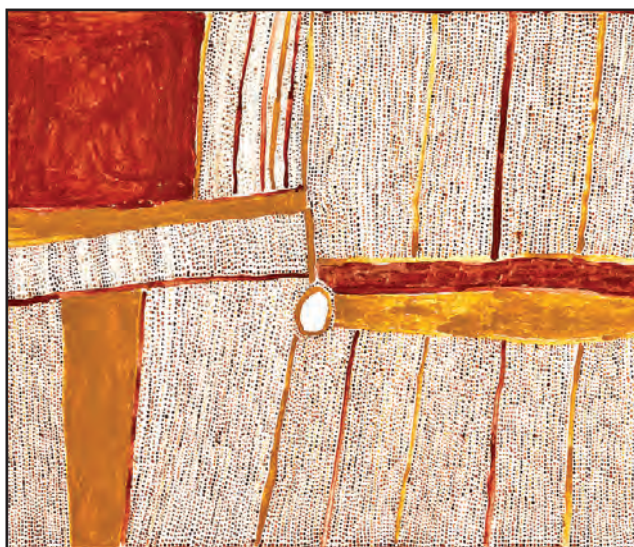
Called *21st Century Beginnings*, the artworks on show are from the private collection of businessman and art collector Patrick Corrigan.

The display, open free to the public until 8 July, features artworks created in the first decade of the 21st Century – hence the name.

Artists featured come from around Australia. A selection of paintings of the Tingari Cycle will be exhibited in the Lewers House Gallery, while the paintings in the main gallery represent a diverse range of stories and traditional subjects.

Exhibiting Artists are Paddy Bedford, Kuntjil Cooper, Alkawari Dawson, Sally Gabori, Kitty Kantilla, Kudditji Kngwarreye, Mitjili Napanangka Gibson, Patsy Marfura, Eubena Nampitjin, Ngoia Pollard Napaltjarri, Walangkura Napanangka, Lily Kelly Napangardi, Ningura Napurrula, Naata Nungurrayi, Lena Nyadbi, Elizabeth Nyumi, Violet Petyarre, Angelina Pwerle, Emily Pwerle, Minnie Pwerle, Shorty Jangala Robertson, Dorothy Napangardi Robinson, Richard Yukukenbarri Tjakamarra, Ronnie Tjampitjinpa, Bill Whiskey Tjapaltjarri, Thomas Tjapaltjarri, Walala Tjapaltjarri, Warlimpirrnga Tjapaltjarri, George Tjungurrayi, George Ward Tjungurrayi, Patrick Olodoodi Tjungurrayi, Willy Tjungurrayi, Yannima Tommy Watson and Regina Pilawuk Wilson.

For more information, go to www.penrithregionalgallery.org



A work by Kitty Kantilla.



Sally Gabori's *Outside Story Place at my Country*, 2006, synthetic polymer paint on canvas. Her works will be a feature at the *21st Century Beginnings* exhibition in Penrith.

Boondie return inspires artists



THE return to country of three Bundjalung clubs or boondies has inspired an exhibition set for the Grafton

Regional Gallery in northern New South Wales.

The works of 12 leading male Bundjalung artists will feature in *Return to Country*, at the gallery from 23 May.

In 2010, the gallery acquired the three clubs, which give an insight into the style, design and quality of tools used by the Bundjalung people in the mid-1800s, for its permanent collection.

The acquisition inspired the artists – Charlie Caldwell, Digby Moran, Eric Ferguson, Jai Walker, Joey Davis, Luke Close, Marcus Ferguson, Michael Philp, Oral Laurie, Oral Roberts, Ray Roberts and Scott Rotumah – to complete the exhibition, which has been curated by Arts Northern Rivers arts development officer Robert Appo.

Return to Country artworks

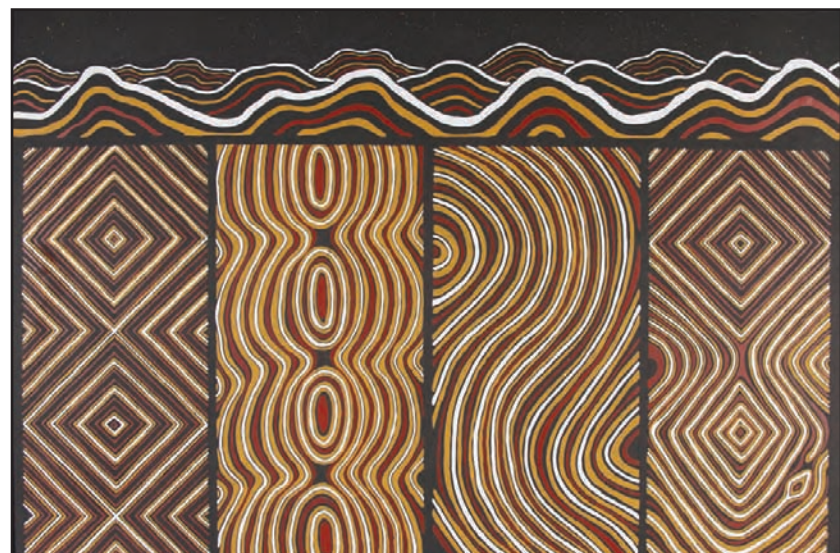
explore the stories, mark-making and interpretation of ancient designs, as well as what it means to be a Bundjalung man and the connection to country.

All are welcome to attend the official opening, from 5.30pm on Friday 25 May at the gallery. RSVP for catering purposes on (02) 6642 3177 to attend this free event.

Examples

On 29 May there will be a talk about the Three Bundjalung Boondies and other Bundjalung artefacts by Marcus Ferguson, Aboriginal sites officer with the Jali Land Council. He will also have examples of other ancient tools and artefacts.

The talk is paired with a one-hour guided tour of the exhibition by Robert Appo. Schools, community groups and others are invited to attend one of three sessions on offer starting at 10am, 11am or noon. Bookings for this free educational program would be appreciated on (02) 6642 3177.



Luke Close's *Everything is One* (2012), which will be one of the works at the *Return to Country* exhibition.

Story of a massacre

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

IT'S certainly incongruous, the thought of a comedy about a massacre. But, somehow, the creators and cast of long-running theatre work *Bindjareb Pinjarra* manage to pull things off. Honesty and respect are key, they say.

Bindjareb Pinjarra is about the Pinjarra massacre, which took place 90km south of Perth in 1834.

The show has toured before but has now been renewed and revitalised and hits the road this week on a tour of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory.

The performance in Lismore, northern NSW, on Wednesday 23 May has \$10 Indigenous mob price tickets and will be accompanied by a free improvisation workshop the day before, which Indigenous people are especially encouraged to attend. There will also be a free barbecue before the performance at Lismore City Hall.

The show's original co-creators, Kelton Pell and Geoff Kelso, are still core members of the cast, and they have been joined by a younger generation of actors in the form of Isaac Drandic and Sam Longley.

Drandic, who was born and bred in Perth to a Nyoongar mother and Croatian father, said the story had very much been handed down in a cultural sense to the younger generation – himself and wadjella (whitefella) actor Sam Longley.

"These guys have taught us the story orally, shown us through their physical story telling, passed it over to us," he said.

"We keep it updated, and keep the show evolving which is what naturally happens to stories. The storytellers bring something new to that story. The core of it remains the same but the way the story is told evolves and changes to suit the storytellers."

Veteran actor Franklin Nannup, who grew up on Pinjarra country and is currently the chair of Winjan Aboriginal Corporation in Mandurah, said that as a traditional owner he jumped at the chance to be part of the show



Co-creators of *Bindjareb Pinjarra* Kelton Pell, left, and Geoff Kelso.

when it was revived to coincide with the 175th anniversary of the massacre in 2009.

"It's a bit different from the mid-90s when they first did it," he said. "When they asked me to be part of it, I jumped at the chance to do something from my country. As far as the rest of the community goes, they are very proud that we are doing a production about that story."

Nannup said the story of the massacre had for many years been whitewashed in history book as 'the Battle of Pinjarra'.

"It's something that I feel needs to be out there so that the truth can be known," he said. "My mob did put up resistance for five years. And that's the way the settlers and the army handled the situation."

"I guess the rest of Australia knows about Yagan (a Noongar warrior who played a key part of in early Aboriginal resistance to British settlement and rule in the Perth area), but we had a warrior called Calyute – a bit of a Jandamarra figure who led the resistance

against the settlers. He's not well known.

"Even touring around with the guys for the last three years, wherever we go someone in the audience comes up and says 'The same thing happened in my country'."

Nannup said that according to white records, there were about 12 people killed 'maybe 15, some have said 25'.

Mass graves

"But according to the local oral stories there were three mass graves with up to 50 bodies in each one," he said. "We still don't know the truth, but the fact is that Governor (James) Stirling (who led the attack) came with the latest in weapons – a gun that could be loaded and fired in 30 seconds – and 25 soldiers or settlers as part of the raiding party. They were there for an hour-and-a-half just shooting at will at all the people around the river."

"As a community we're very happy the story is getting out there and being told

somewhere near the truth."

While some people have at times expressed disquiet at the thought of a massacre being depicted as a comedy, the cast are at pains to stress that at no times is there any disrespect.

"If our play only told the sad and bloody truth about what happened at Pinjarra it would make for very difficult viewing and attract only small audiences," said cast member Phil Thomson in a statement.

"We wished to create a popular work, suitable for families and people of all races and backgrounds so that the hidden story of our country can be shared by many."

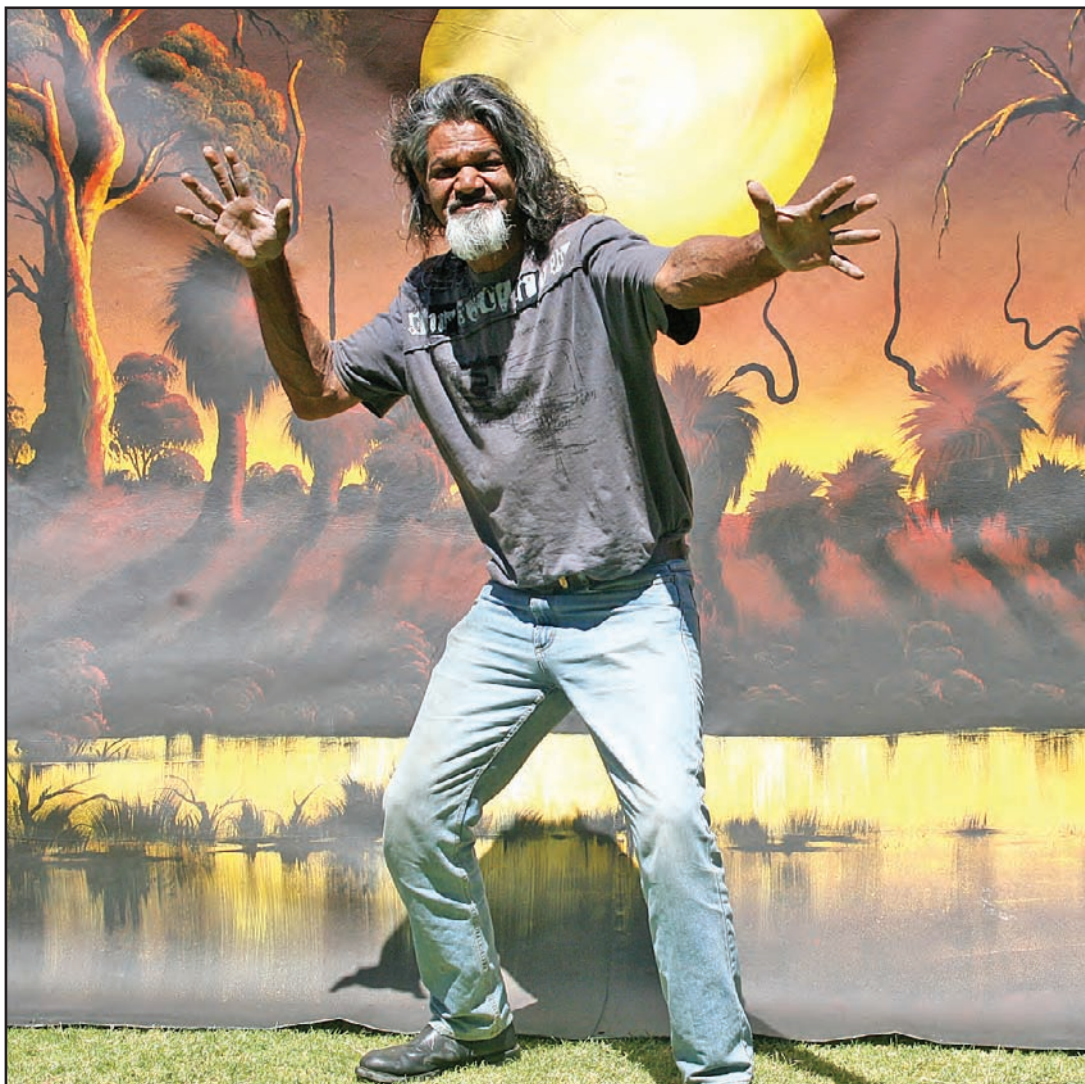
He said more than 250 performances throughout Australia proved the success of the approach.

"Indigenous people in the audience do not feel disrespected and non-Indigenous people are not made to feel guilty," he said.

"We always bring audiences together in a spirit of mutual understanding. It was a very dangerous idea to create a comedy about such sorry business, but our courage has paid off. The show is hilarious and sobering and honourable."

To book special \$10 mob price tickets to the Lismore City Hall performance of *Bindjareb Pinjarra* on 23 May at 7.30pm, or to book for the free improvisation workshop with the actors on 22 May, 5-7pm, call Sharon or Naja at Norpa on 1300 066 772.

Other performances: 17-19 May, 8pm at Logan Entertainment Centre; 25 May (2pm and 8pm), Campbelltown Arts Centre; 26 May-2 June, (10.30am and 7.30pm), Sydney's York Theatre; 5 June (1.30pm and 6pm) and 6 June (10am and 1pm), Sale's Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre; 7 June at 8.30pm, Upwey's Burringa Theatre; 9 June at 7.30pm, Portland Arts Centre; 8 June at 8pm, Moonee Ponds Clocktower Centre; and at Melbourne's Footscray Community Arts Centre on 12 June, 7pm, 13-14 June, 1pm and 7pm, and 15-16 June at 7pm. NT performances in Katherine and Tennant Creek will be in August.



Franklin Nannup joined the *Bindjareb Pinjarra* production in 2009, when the show was revived to coincide with the 175th anniversary of the massacre.

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Head On photo fest features our images



AUSTRALIA'S biggest photographic festival has kicked off in Sydney and it features a swag of Indigenous people both in front of and behind the

camera.

Head On Photo Festival, which began on 4 May and runs until 3 June, attracts presenters and participants from all around the world.

It encompasses more than 200 events for photography enthusiasts, including the Head On Portrait Prize and exhibition, workshops and masterclasses by high profile international and Australian photographers, exhibitions and competitions.

Indigenous or Indigenous-related events during Head On include:

- *A Place of Sense*: An exhibition by local Indigenous photographers Nicole Foreshe and Darren Bell on at Blacktown Arts Centre until July 7, exploring the complexities of identity and location within contemporary Indigenous urban experience. Darren uses his lens to capture his own experience of home and family, and exploits the truth-telling function of the photographic image to dispel stereotypes of Aboriginal masculinity.

- Art curators, artists and media graduates from remote Aboriginal communities feature in a group show *Work of Art* on at Tali Gallery in Rozelle until this Sunday, May 20. It features art curators from Yuendumu, Ramingining and Melville Island, DigiFM (Elcho Island), Amnesty International (Utopia Homelands), Wayne Quilliam (NAIDOC Artist of the Year Award Winner) and Nathan Dyer from the Kimberley. This exhibition reveals unusual glimpses of traditional life, quirky aspects of art creation unique to these remote communities, the integration of aspects of 'western' culture, and evidence of the acclaim and interest in

Aboriginal Art internationally.

- Jagath Dheerasekara's photo exhibition *Manuwangu – Under a Nuclear Cloud* focuses on an Aboriginal community near Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory which is under threat from a nuclear waste dump. This has generated fear and concern among the local Aboriginal community who've responded with ongoing protests. This exhibition is on at Customs House, Level 2 Exhibition Space, 31 Alfred Street, Sydney, until 7 July and will also be taken to Melbourne, Darwin and Alice Springs.

- *Conversations with the Mob*, which is on at Artsite Gallery in Camperdown until 20 May. Walkley Award-winning photo-journalist Megan Lewis lived with the Martu people – one of the last Indigenous groups in Australia's vast Western Desert to come into contact with Europeans. This exhibition captures the beauty, humour and friendship of an Aboriginal community at odds with Western culture.

- Barkly Arts group show *Barkly Captured* on at the Chifley Tower (foyer) in Sydney until 2 June. In July 2011, Barkly Regional Arts invited the region's residents to document life as they know it, using a disposable camera. In a region larger than Victoria, the Barkly's 284,000 sq km were covered and 117 people from all walks of life took up the challenge – 2552 photos were taken and a panel of judges from the Tennant Creek community selected the ones which best reflected the region. The Barkly community spirit, in all its diversity, has been captured.

Head On Photo Festival centres primarily around three key hubs – the Paddington area (including the Australian Centre for Photography), TAFE Ultimo and Bondi Pavilion but also extends to venues in greater Sydney. Most events are free of charge.

For information, go to www.headon.com.au



One of Megan Lewis' photos from *Conversations with the Mob*.



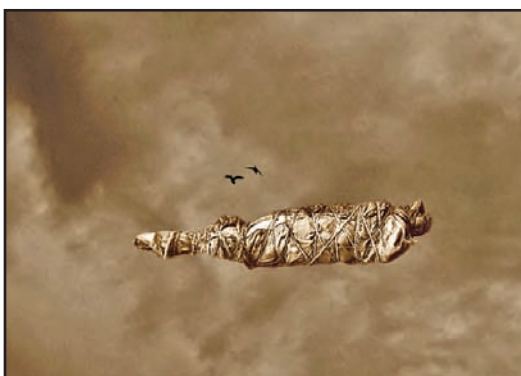
An image from the *Work of Art* exhibition on at Tali Gallery in Rozelle.



A photo by Jagath Dheerasekara in his *Manuwangu – Under a Nuclear Cloud* exhibition.



This image forms part of the *Barkly Captured* exhibition.



A photo from the *A Place of Sense* exhibition.

NT artists dominate Telstra awards



NT Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy.



ARTISTS from the Northern Territory make up almost half of the finalists in this year's Telstra National Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Awards (NATSIAA).

Entries into one of the nation's most prestigious art competitions are in and Territorians dominated the finalist line-up, NT Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy said that of the 63 finalists selected, 29 were from the NT.

"Now in its 29th year, the NATSIAA have proven hugely successful this year with a total of 285 entries received," he said.

"It's great to see that Territory artists are keen to get involved in this premier art award, which will really help them lift their profile and maybe even win an award."

Mr McCarthy said the dominant category this year was general painting, followed by 3D works, works on paper and bark paintings.

"While I can't give anything away until the winners are

announced, I can say there are some really innovative and powerful works in the selection line-up and judges are going to have a tough job determining the top entries," he said.

The NATSIAA comprises a \$40,000 Telstra Award and \$4,000 for four category winners:

- The Telstra General Painting Award;
- The Telstra Bark Painting Award;
- The Telstra Work on Paper Award;
- The Wandjuk Marika

Memorial 3D Award (also sponsored by Telstra)

Winners will be announced at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory on 10 August, the eve of the first Darwin Festival weekend.

"Darwin is set to make its mark on the national arts calendar after the recent decision to hold the NATSIAA on the Darwin Festival opening weekend along with the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair and the National Indigenous Music Awards," Mr McCarthy said.



Residents gather for a community meeting in Wulugurr recently as part of a push to tackle an outbreak of petrol sniffing.

By DARREN COYNE



RESIDENTS of a remote town in Western Australia gathered recently for a community meeting aimed at targeting an outbreak of petrol sniffing.

The *Koori Mail* reported last month that the tiny town of Wulugurr (Beswick), an hour's drive south-east of Katherine, was battling to contain the outbreak after as many as 35 young people were reported to be sniffing petrol.

And while the community and service providers discussed ways to put an end to the outbreak, advocates again called on the Federal Government to legislate to make non-sniffable Opal petrol mandatory in the region.

Graham Castine, who heads up Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation in Katherine, said a working group formed last month was busy

Sights set on sniffing

coming up with region-wide strategies to combat petrol sniffing.

He said it was estimated that about 100 young people across the region were involved in sniffing.

"There'll always be those who will get on to some form of substance abuse, but the sad

thing about sniffing is that it can, and does, lead to suicide," Mr Castine said.

"Even if Opal fuel was able to save just a few lives that would be well and good."

Mr Castine, who was elected spokesperson for the group, said Opal fuel was important, but so were other initiatives such as the

establishment of a rehabilitation facility. "The people of the Katherine region want their kids closer to home when they are going through rehabilitation," he said. "But more important is to address the actual causes, as distinct to the outcomes (of petrol sniffing)."

Those causes include

disempowerment, poor housing, education and a lack of employment.

Mr Castine said the recent community gathering in Wulugurr also gave people input in the development of a volatile substance plan, which would address how and what types of fuel could be brought into the community, and how it would be stored.

He said everyone agreed that tackling petrol sniffing had to take place on a number of fronts.

"From a Sunrise point of view, our board, which includes 16 Aboriginal members from ten communities, want the roll out of Opal fuel and they support the Greens move to mandate that," he said. "Another initiative, which came from the board, was the idea of a break from school, maybe for a year, where young people come out and get under the care of traditional authority, walk through country and learn and be advised on traditional Aboriginal culture."

NT Aboriginal health workers list priorities



ABORIGINAL health workers in the Northern Territory have detailed their major priorities at a large gathering this month in Darwin.

More than 100 workers attending the Aboriginal Health Worker Summit listed education for kids, proper training, and housing as the areas of greatest concern.

And they called on government and fellow health professionals to give an 'absolute commitment to supporting their critical role in closing the gap in Aboriginal health outcomes'.

Senior Aboriginal health worker Patrick Ah Kit said it was time for action.

"The World Health Organisation has pointed out over many years that it is Indigenous health workers that

will be the key agents of change in our health outcomes – and that reflects international as well as national evidence," he said.

"...Ministers (Warren) Snowden (Federal Indigenous Health) and (Kon) Vatskalis (NT Health) gave commitments over the primacy of Aboriginal health workers in the health landscape – let's look to the future and getting it to happen.

Workshop

"At a special Aboriginal health workers-only workshop we mapped out that future and will be directly negotiating with governments and the health profession in coming weeks and months. The most important areas of concern relate to education for our kids, from which we will draw future members of our profession; proper community and region-based training through dedicated health educators; and the

ongoing issue of housing for Aboriginal health workers.

"We are deeply concerned that too many of our young people are not completing school – or leaving with very poor skills in literacy and numeracy: the health profession needs people with strong skills – and that must start in the schools.

"We are calling for at least one dedicated Aboriginal health worker educator for each of the 15 Health Service Delivery Areas in the NT. And we are calling for the housing problem for Aboriginal health workers to be solved once and for all.

"It's disgusting that while non-Aboriginal teachers, nurses, police and Aboriginal Community police officers get housing as part of their employment packages, Aboriginal health workers don't get a look in – indeed it is Government policy to refuse such housing."



The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners



The RACGP National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Working Together

AWARDS FOR THE ANNUAL RACGP CONFERENCE

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is holding its annual conference (GP12) on the Gold Coast on 25-27 October, 2012. GP12 is a highlight event on the general practice events calendar, attended by GPs, medical educators, students, registrars, key influencers in Australian general practice and members of practice teams.

The RACGP's National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health invites applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people for two awards that it offers for this conference:

Standing Strong Together Award 2012

This award provides recognition for partnerships between GPs and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in improving the health of Indigenous Australians. The award will be for a total of \$5000 to be used for the purposes of providing an educational opportunity for the recipients or to continue their work. Each recipient will also receive a commemorative certificate at the conference.

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Medical students currently studying at an Australian university who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are invited to apply for a student bursary to attend this conference.

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Application deadline: 8 June 2012

Cervical cancer major killer of our women



likely to die from the disease than non-Indigenous women.

RATES of cervical cancer have halved in the past 20 years, but Indigenous women are five times more

A report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows there were 637 new cases of cervical cancer diagnosed in 2008, while 131 women died from the disease in 2007.

The figures equate to nine new

cases and two deaths for every 100,000 women.

That is half the figure that was recorded before the Federal Government's National Cervical Screening Program was introduced in 1991, AIHW spokeswoman Chris Sturrock said

in a statement earlier this month.

However, the incidence of cervical cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was more than twice that of other women. Even more alarmingly, the mortality rate was five times as high.

Of the 3.6 million women who underwent cervical screening in 2009-2010, nine in every 1000 had a high-grade abnormality detected. "This kind of early detection allows treatment before possible progression to cancer," Ms Sturrock said. — **AAP**

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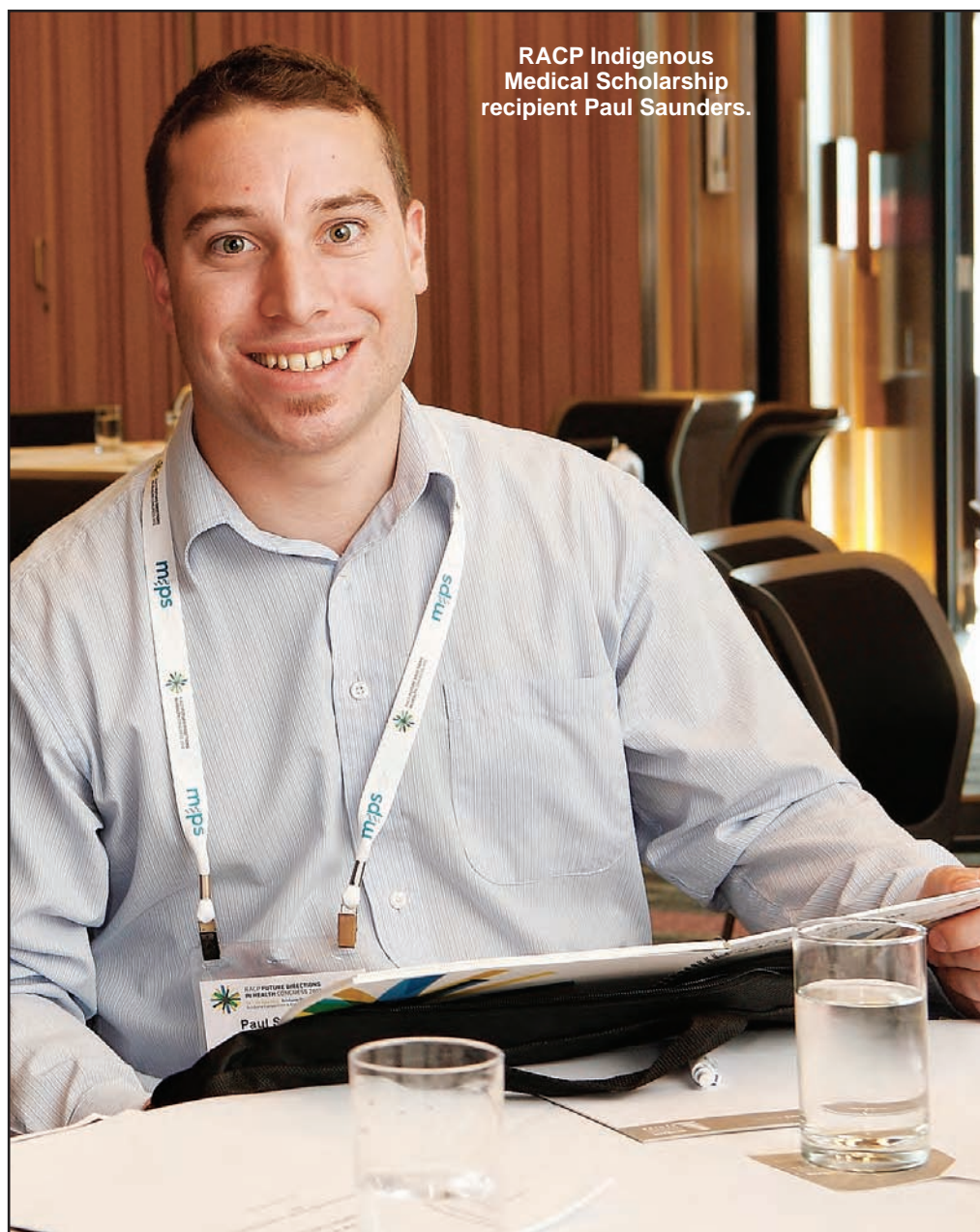
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RACP Indigenous Medical Scholarship recipient Paul Saunders.

Paul out to close gap



WESTERN Sydney medical student Paul Saunders is helping close the gap thanks to a scholarship.

The fifth-year medical student at the University of Western Sydney received an Indigenous medical scholarship from Australasia's largest specialist medical college, The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

He attended the RACP Future Directions in Health

Congress 2012 as part of his award.

Mr Saunders said he aims to increase awareness of cultural diversities between Indigenous and other Australians. He especially wants to improve health care for the wider Indigenous community.

Key focus

"Increasing awareness of challenges in Indigenous health outcomes is a key focus for me," he said. "The RACP Indigenous medical scholarship program is a great initiative that enables

students such as myself the opportunity to attend an eminent medical conference."

RACP president Professor John Kolbe said the college was committed to helping close the gap and improving Indigenous health outcomes.

"We are also keen to recruit more Indigenous doctors into our training pathways," he said.

"This scholarship program, now in its second year, is aimed at supporting Indigenous Australian and New Zealand medical students and trainees in their professional development."



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Action urged to tackle diabetes



THE prevalence of type 2 diabetes in Australia could be reduced by programs targeting high-risk groups.

More than two million Australians – that's over 11 per cent of the population – will have diabetes by 2025 if current trends continue, according to Melbourne's Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute.

However, modelling by the institute's researchers shows 220,000 fewer people would develop type 2 diabetes by 2025 if intensive diet and exercise programs targeted high-risk groups.

This would drop the prevalence of type 2 diabetes to 10 per cent of the population by 2025.

The modelling is based on intensive behavioural modification programs, which typically include six counselling sessions on diet and physical activity with the aim of achieving weight loss of more

than five per cent over a year.

Introducing a junk food tax for the whole population and bariatric surgery for morbidly obese people with diabetes could push the number of cases prevented to 253,000, the researchers found.



Researcher Jonathan Shaw said all three strategies were beneficial, but the one that had the biggest impact was the lifestyle intervention for high-risk people.

Prof Shaw said while there was no

capacity to launch such a large-scale program for Australians at risk of developing type 2 diabetes, the research showed what the best approach could be to tackle the disease.

"It's telling us ... if we work towards getting close to something like that, we would have a major impact on the numbers of people developing diabetes," Prof Shaw said.

Dr Kathryn Backholer, who will present the institute's research at the 19th European Congress on Obesity in Lyon, France, said preventive efforts needed to focus on intensive lifestyle intervention programs for the best chance of reducing diabetes.

"We need to be prioritising diabetes screening strategies to identify those at high risk of future diabetes and coming up with novel ways in which we can recruit and retain individuals into lifestyle prevention programs," she said in a statement. – AAP

Grants on offer for programs



GRANTS to fund innovative health programs for Aboriginal people in Western Australia are now on offer.

Several of the \$5000 Aboriginal Community Innovation Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations meeting criteria.

WA Aboriginal Health Division director Jenni Collard said the health outcomes of WA's Indigenous people remained much lower than that of any other group.

"Improving the health of Aboriginal people across the State requires collaboration across the health and non-health sectors and is everyone's business," she said.

"WA Health is committed to working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and health service providers to ensure that Aboriginal people receive culturally appropriate health care.

"We are looking to fund projects that demonstrate leading thinking on Aboriginal health and will improve the health of Aboriginal Western Australians to equal that of the general population."

Eligible organisations may apply for grants for projects, activities, programs and events that demonstrate innovative and creative activities for Aboriginal men; activities for Aboriginal 'mums and bubs'; traditional Aboriginal healing practices; or NAIDOC Week activities.

Applications will close at 5pm on Thursday 24 May.

For more information or to apply, visit www.aboriginal.health.wa.gov.au/programs

Aboriginal babies missing visits, research reveals



ABORIGINAL babies are missing out on nurses' visits under a special

program designed to support disadvantaged New South Wales families, a new study has found.

Under the State Government's Families NSW strategy, all newborn infants in the state are entitled to one home visit by a nurse within two weeks of birth.

The program aims to engage families who might otherwise not use mainstream services such as early childhood clinics, with nurses providing parenting support and education and determining the family's ongoing support needs.

However, a study by the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association has found Aboriginal families are missing out.

A study of more than 500 newborns at Campbelltown Hospital revealed 58 per cent of non-Indigenous babies were visited within the designated two-week period, compared with just 42.9 per cent of Aboriginal babies.

"Our findings suggest that disadvantaged families are not



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being identified and targeted," lead researcher Associate Professor Elizabeth Comino, from the University of NSW, said.

"There is an understanding within Australian society that all children should have equal opportunity or the best possible growth and development in the formative years of their lives."

Prof Comino said offering an initial home visit to families with newborn infants could improve vulnerable infants'

access to services.

"Our particular concern is ... Aboriginal infants who might also require culturally appropriate post-natal services to enhance engagement with health services," she said.

Prof Comino suggested that early identification during antenatal care, sharing of information about mothers, proactive follow-up of 'at-risk' families and culturally appropriate services might help address these issues. – AAP

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Health



JOAN HENDRIKS



Cherbourg Family Playgroup parents will take books to their homes after taking part in the Parents as First Teachers – Let's Read program. They include Vanessa Alberts with Jakyrh, Phoebe Mickelo with Rhonicha, Elva Landers, Dolly Davidson, teacher Frank Malone and Shantelle Arnold with Lalasa and Draysharn.

ACU honours theologian



THEOLOGIAN Joan Hendriks has received an honorary doctorate from the Australian Catholic University, the highest honour a university can bestow.

A Ngugi Elder from Queensland who and has been working as an educator for more than 30 years, she was nervous about presenting the occasional address – the central speech – at the graduation ceremony in Brisbane.

"I didn't see it as just me, I kept thinking of the many people around in the lead-up as part of the whole. In my culture, it's not appreciated to get up talk about the I and me; it's about being part of a team," Mrs Hendriks said, adding that her educational journey was unusual.

"My story is not as dramatic as a lot of other people but, growing up, I had a sense of being a round peg in a square hole, living in two worlds but not fitting into either."

Mrs Hendriks' path to being an educator started when she returned to study in her late 40s at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unit at Kangaroo Point TAFE in Brisbane. "I always say that place turned my life around, in terms of starting to building up confidence in myself," she said.

A teacher suggested Mrs Hendriks go on to Griffith University – a suggestion she laughed at initially.

Teacher

Two years later, she returned to Kangaroo Point TAFE to be the first Aboriginal teacher of the course she had completed.

"There were a lot of things happening – the Deaths in Custody Royal Commission, reconciliation, a lot of injustice," she said.

Mrs Hendriks became chair of Reconciliation Queensland and in the past ten years has become involved in practical theology.

"Practical theology is about how do you put a Christ-like journey into life in today's culture – it's about the life you lead, helping others, and believing in one another," she said.

"I failed miserably at high school and today I'm an Elder in residence.

"My passion has always been a commitment to Indigenous education, reconciliation, justice and peace."

Mrs Hendriks thought it was fitting that her ceremonial robes for her degree happened to be the Aboriginal colours.

"You can't separate religion and politics, and without our spiritual connection as Aboriginal people, we lose our identity," she said.

"Injustices have happened, terrible things were done to Aboriginal people, but two wrongs don't make a right and there has been a lot of goodwill in more recent times.

"The referendum (about recognising Indigenous peoples in the Constitution) will be a turning point, but we can't lose sight of the people who took up the struggle before then.

Righting wrongs

"Reconciliation lies in righting the wrongs of the past. On National Sorry Day, it's not unusual during the celebrations for somebody to say 'How many times do you have to say sorry?' and that's a sad state of affairs. Sorry our way is about having compassion for what happened.

"Terrible things happened in this country... the removal of children from families, my mother's sister had it happen to her when I was small. She had seven children taken and she never saw those children again.

"Bringing them home isn't ancient history, we're talking last century, right up until 1972 in Queensland.

"You've got to have justice, reconciliation, from both sides, justice helps mend bridges, heal wounds.

"Reconciliation is about changing attitudes now, attitudes embedded systematically in operations. People don't realise that the system of governance is creating the ongoing problems we have today."

Reading is on the program in Cherbourg



CHILDREN in the south-east Queensland community of Cherbourg have been benefitting from a special

reading program.

The local Barambah Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) team says reading to a child for 15 minutes a day 'wires their brains for learning'. So to that end, PaCE recently brought state school teacher Frank Malone to meet the Cherbourg Family Playgroup members.

'Pop Frank', as he's known, gave a demonstration of how to read to infants to keep them interested and spoke of how it helps them learn in later years.

Parents were then given a 'Let's Read' pack including a book, an animated *Budburra* ABC book, fridge magnets and a story bought from Lifeline or donated by the Kingaroy Library and South Burnett community.

There are now plans to establish a mobile library.

Assistant co-ordinator Emma Stewart said PaCE would speak to the community to find the best way to roll out books and the concept of reading to children.

Mum Vanessa Alberts chose *My Body, Time For Bed* and *Say Goodnight* for her daughter Jakyrh, eight months, after she heard the Parents as First Teachers presentation.

She thought the program would be good for Cherbourg.

Shantelle Arnold wasn't a big reader herself, but had a large box of books at home.

"The babies grab them every day and their nan reads to them," she said.

Cherbourg State School principal Peter Sansby said reading to a child from birth was proven to have huge benefits.

"The more parents we get reading to children before they come to school the easier our job will be," he said.

"Their brains will be wired to learn from the time they hit prep.

"School will be even more fun and they'll be able to fulfill their full potential and lead a happier life. Learning starts from the day we're born, not from the day we start school."

Sharon ready to graduate



SHARON Ah Chee is set to join the many graduates on 7 June with a Bachelor of Business from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary

Education.

The Pitjantjatjara woman from Alice Springs says she didn't like school and never wanted to further her education once she left.

But she managed to find a way that not only enabled her to get a good job, but also eased her into her

business degree.

She started with a VET qualification in business, then stepped up until she had completed the Diploma in Business which gave her a head start in her degree.

Ms Ah Chee will present the student response at the Batchelor graduation ceremony and says she intends to emphasise that she now views tertiary education as an important way for Indigenous Australians to bring positive changes to their own lives as well as those of their family and community.



SHARON AH CHEE

Jim plans better future



JIM STANLEY has shaped up in the ring plenty of times, and now education is helping him shape up in life.

The former Australian champion boxer readily admits to once being on the way to losing a battle with the bottle.

The Cherbourg-born man had become bored with his administrative and mining jobs and succumbed to life's stresses.

Mr Stanley, now 36, began to drink too much – so much that his parents warned he was heading to an early grave.

That's when he shaped up again.

He told a group of seven Cherbourg State School classroom mentors, who recently toured his University of Queensland campus, that he knew he had to become better educated.

Today, Mr Stanley is studying at the UQ St Lucia campus in Brisbane to be a town planner.

The brother of Yalari Scholarship founder and CEO Waverly Stanley, he now plans to get his degree and help people with zoning and redevelopment of their traditional countries. He's set to take up a cadetship with the



Jim Stanley holds University of Queensland brochures and encourages more Aboriginal parents to send their children to school every day. He is pictured with UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit project officer Lone Pearce in the background with Cherbourg State School community classroom mentors Marion Burke, Kalchiri Jacobs, Jim's mother Grace, Courtney Kelly who is a UQ student ambassador with Cherbourg family links, Emma Stewart, Bessie Arnold and, at back, Madeline Williams and Rae Pinney.

Planning Institute of Australia in Melbourne in July.

Mr Stanley said he'd like to see more young Aboriginal people go

to school every day and enter university so they can live happy and fulfilling lives.

"I was going to quit because I

had a lot of things going on in my life, but we have a lot of opportunities here at university," he said.

"I'm here to get this degree. There's a bigger world than Cherbourg. It's my home, but I'm going to get this degree."

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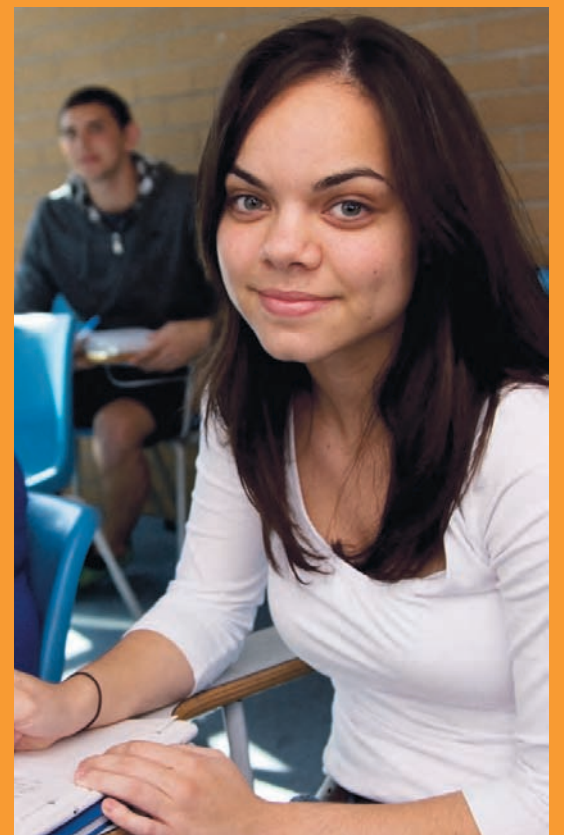
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Yamba a star with kids at Bollon



Jacinta, Yamba and Bollon Aboriginal Corporation president Bill Speedy.



IMPARJA TV star Yamba the honey ant was a special recent visitor at Bollon State School in Queensland's central south.

Together with friend Jacinta, Yamba was at the school as part of a road trip to help promote the benefits of drinking water, cleaning teeth and washing hands.

The pair were invited to the community by Bollon Aboriginal Corporation for Housing and Community Development president Bill Speedy.

"We were delighted that Yamba and Jacinta made time on their road trip to visit the children of Bollon," he said. "Television stars of their standing normally drive straight through town, so it's great that they thought we were important enough to stop for."

The visit was part of the Enjoy Life and Be Healthy project started last year by the Federal Department of Health.



Yamba and Jacinta with some of the children at Bollon State School, southern Queensland.



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Youth will meet for Parliament



FIFTY young Indigenous people from around the country will meet in Canberra later this month for the first

National Indigenous Youth Parliament. The Parliament, designed to give young Indigenous people aged up to 25 a voice, has been organised by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in conjunction with the YMCA to mark the 50th anniversary of the Indigenous right to vote in Federal elections. It is also a major event in the AEC's 'Year of Enrolment'.

Six representatives from each state and territory and two from the Torres Strait have been selected from a field of more than 180 candidates. They will spend a week in Canberra from 23 May to learn how government works, how laws are made and have workshops in public speaking and honing their media skills.

Participants will meet with MPs and there will be opportunities to meet with political leaders.

Bills agreed by the Youth Parliament will be presented to the Government and Opposition to provide a youth perspective on some of the major challenges facing Australia today.

A highlight will be the Youth Parliament itself on the weekend of 26-27 May, where bills addressing Indigenous issues will be debated.

Australian Electoral Commissioner Ed Killesteyn said participants were selected on the basis of their community involvement, interest in the

parliamentary system and the leadership skills they could contribute.

"The Youth Parliament is designed to help close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage in electoral participation," he said.

"There are some estimates that less than half of eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may be enrolled to vote.

"An important aim is to promote youth-led advocacy, active community leadership and the development of a group of future Indigenous leaders."

The Bill topics to be debated

'The Youth Parliament is designed to help close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage in electoral participation'

have been formulated by participants at State training sessions after consultation by them with community members. They are:

- New South Wales – Indigenous Seed Funding Youth Bill 2012
- Victoria – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parliamentary Representation Youth

Bill 2012

- Queensland – Mandatory Immunisation Youth Bill 2012
- Western Australia – Indigenous Housing Reform Youth Bill
- South Australia – Introduction of the Indigenous Youth Opportunities Awareness Agency Youth Bill 2012
- Australian Capital Territory – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Young Offenders Correctional Scheme 2012
- Tasmania – A Bill to make cultural awareness compulsory in the curriculum
- Northern Territory – Integration of Australian Indigenous Lore into the Australian Justice System Youth Bill 2012.

Students inspired to climb high



SIXTY Aboriginal students involved in the Galuwa program have no doubt returned home inspired to succeed after taking part in a recent Career Aspiration Hub.

Galuwa is a Sydney area Aboriginal language word meaning 'to climb'.

The program provides three-year scholarships to Year 6 children, who then receive weekly tutoring in literacy and numeracy.

They also attend two Career Aspiration Hubs each year that focus on leadership, academic achievement and goal setting, with the most recent Hub held at the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre at Gwandalan on the NSW Central Coast.

On their final day, the students from Newcastle, the Central Coast, Hunter Valley and the Central West worked with former NRL footballer and One Community Ambassador David Peachey and *Gardening Australia's* Clarence Slookee.

Galuwa, a joint initiative of Xstrata Coal and the Department of Education and Communities, has been running for three years.

The 20 Year 6 students embarking on the program this year represent the third intake into Galuwa.

Xstrata Coal has provided \$360,000 to the scholarship program this year, as part of its funding commitment for five



Former NRL footballer David Peachey speaks with Aboriginal students from the broader Hunter region as part of a program to boost their climb towards academic excellence and a successful career pathway.

years, to a total of \$1.26 million.

Xstrata Coal NSW chief operating officer Ian Cribb said he was impressed with the students' success so far.

"As an organisation that supports growth and development in the communities in which we operate, we see the Galuwa program as an

opportunity for talented young Aboriginal students to set themselves academic goals and establish pathways to successful careers," Mr Cribb said.

"We are confident that the program will continue to provide valuable support to the students in realising their potential."

Michele Hall, the NSW

Department of Education and Communities director of Aboriginal Education and Training, said Galuwa's success extended well beyond strengthened academic outcomes.

"A clear majority of Galuwa students have demonstrated a marked improvement in reading,

spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy," she said.

"But Galuwa's success is much broader.

"Students and parents report strengthened Aboriginal identity, improved school attendance, a greater desire to achieve at school and increased confidence and motivation."

'Growing kids strong' is goal



THE first of three projects aimed at addressing the trauma passed down from generation to generation among people affected by the Stolen Generations has started in Brisbane.

The Handstand Project at the Murri School in Brisbane was launched on 4 May. Designed to 'grow kids strong', it will be followed by two other projects – in Darwin and the WA Kimberley centre of Kununurra – all run by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

The foundation was set up on the first anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, to take the apology forward through culturally strong, locally run healing programs around Australia, education and training, and research into Indigenous healing.

It says the new project aims to build resilience within children, families and communities in dealing with loss and grief, using the strength of culture.

Working with nine to 19-year-olds and their families, the projects will engage a part-time psychologist and Aboriginal family workers, and involve outreach



A young performer at the launch of the Handstand Project at the Murri School in Brisbane.

support to vulnerable families; healing camps for children and their families; training and support for staff; and monthly activities and holiday camps for children, among other activities.

Up to \$500,000 in Australian Government funding will be made available to each of the three lighthouse

projects, over a two-year period.

"Ultimately, we hope these projects will lead to less children and families coming into contact with the child protection system," Healing Foundation CEO Richard Weston said.

"The projects aim to reintroduce traditional ways of dealing with trauma and grief, many of which were lost when our people were removed from their families and communities. In this way we hope to limit the transfer of trauma from one generation to the next.

"The Handstand Project at Acacia Ridge builds on the wonderful work the Murri School has been doing over many years, allowing them to take this work to the next level and increase their support for students' families and the broader community.

"There are no quick fixes or silver bullets in improving our people's lives, but the amazing commitment of the Murri School shows just what can be achieved when evidence, an Indigenous world view and determination join forces."

More information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is available at www.healingfoundation.org.au

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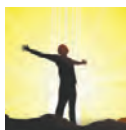
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Karen McAlear, centre, with academic co-ordinator at ACU's Centre for Indigenous Education and Research (CIER) Naomi Wolfe and executive dean of arts and sciences at ACU Professor Gail Crossley. Photo by Sara Coen

Nurse receives first psychology bursary



A NURSE who helped set up mental health programs in western NSW

has been awarded the first ever Australian Psychological Society (APS) Study Bursary for Indigenous people.

Karen McAlear, a psychology student at the Australian Catholic University (ACU), says the scholarship will help her do more for her people.

A psychiatric nurse with more than 20 years' experience, Ms McAlear has been instrumental in

establishing mental health programs at Lightning Ridge and Walgett, in north-western NSW.

"Identifying the needs of those experiencing mental illness and disorders was integral to my work as a psychiatric nurse, but I wanted to do more to help," she said.

"The APS scholarship will provide support for the full duration of my course at ACU and afterwards I will qualify for registration as a provisional psychologist in Australia."

Ms McAlear plans to return

to remote communities after her graduation.

Australia did not have an Aboriginal psychology graduate until 1987, and there are now only about 40 registered Indigenous psychologists.

As a consequence, the APS has established bursaries to support Indigenous postgraduate psychology students in difficult financial circumstances.

The bursaries aim to alleviate some of the financial concerns Indigenous students may experience.

Swinburne pair praised



THE business of learning has become a little easier for Swinburne

University of Technology Indigenous students Tenielle Johnson and Sean Kay.

Both were awarded Indigenous access and Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs scholarships at a ceremony held last month.

And both Bachelor of Business degree students won plenty of praise from Swinburne vice-chancellor Professor Linda Kristjanson.

"Tenielle and Sean have achieved excellent academic results to secure a place at Swinburne and we hope to welcome many more Indigenous students in years to come," she said.

"Scholarships are an

important milestone to celebrate past educational achievements – but are even more important in paving the way to future opportunities.

"At Swinburne, we have integrated a huge range of opportunities for students to embrace diverse and enriching experiences as part of their educational journey, such as work engaged learning, international exchange and research partnerships.

Learning

"This means that the skills students gain are the skills they can use in their careers and as part of life-long learning."

Swinburne is the first Australian university to partner with First People HR, the only national and privately-owned Indigenous

recruitment company in Australia.

Swinburne Professor of Industry Engaged Learning Mike Clements said the aim of the partnership was to improve professional employment prospects for Indigenous people.

"Through collaboration we hope to increase Indigenous access to higher education through employment and educational pathways," Prof Clements said.

"Swinburne is recognised for its high quality, industry-relevant degrees and we hope to increase industry engaged learning opportunities for Indigenous students in higher education.

"We believe this partnership will be of real benefit to Indigenous staff and students at Swinburne."

Maree a shining light



AN ABORIGINAL woman from Broome has taken out the diversity excellence category at this year's Leighton Contractors' Mining Division Excellence Awards.

Perth-based Maree Ansey shared the award with Leighton apprentice master Neil Griffiths.

Leighton Contractors' Mining Division has more than 4000 people – many of them Indigenous – working across Australia and New Zealand.

Ms Ansey won praise for her role as Indigenous employment adviser at Leighton Contractors.

"She is an inspirational role model for our Indigenous school-based trainees and apprentices, as well as Indigenous people and communities across WA," Leighton Contractors' Mining Division executive general manager Steven Keyser said.

"Maree embodies the values of Leighton Contractors and tackles all challenges with thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

"Maree's a big reason why young Indigenous people want to work with

Leighton Contractors."

Ms Ansey, who plays in the WA State Basketball League women's competition in Perth for the Lakeside Lightning, was delighted by the award.

"I've always been passionate about helping people and importantly, helping my people and giving back to the Indigenous community," she said.

"I am very privileged to be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and so assisting young Indigenous people come into our business and set up a future for themselves and their families is hugely rewarding.

"I've found that through my professional and sporting careers, I have also developed leadership skills that I can pass on to the young people involved in our Indigenous employment programs."

Leighton Contractors' Mining Division runs two Aboriginal school-based traineeship programs – business and trade.

Mr Keyser said the other diversity excellence category winner, Neil Griffiths, was widely recognised within the industry as a passionate and dedicated teacher, leader and mentor.



Leighton Contractors' Mining Division Excellence Awards 2012 Diversity Excellence winners Indigenous employment adviser Maree Ansey and apprentice master Neil Griffiths.



Students take message to the streets



STUDENTS from Cherbourg State School, in south-east Queensland, took part in a march against domestic violence on 9 May.

The march was part of local Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities.

The theme for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month 2012 is 'Act as 1 against domestic and family violence'.



Preston Reynolds holding the flag.



● ABOVE LEFT: Cherbourg Elder Lilian Gray's shirt says it all.
● ABOVE: Australian Indigenous Missions (AIM) church pastor Willie Moses and wife Christine were on hand to lend support to Cherbourg State School's march against domestic violence.
● LEFT: Cherbourg State School teacher Frank Malone beats the drum to draw people's attention to a problem that has to be stopped to ensure Cherbourg's happy future.

Photos supplied by Marcus Priaulx

Vibe 3on3 rocks at The Isa



HUNDREDS of young people turned out for this month's Mt Isa Vibe 3on3.

The north-west Queensland city's multi-purpose centre was the venue for what organisers said was an action-packed 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge.

Event producer Mayrah Sonter said it was an 'inspiring event'.

"Mt Isa was fabulous. It has been a long-time since Vibe has been to far North Queensland and we were not disappointed. The children were fantastic. They got right into it," Ms Sonter said.

"The kids loved getting down with dancers Jacqueline Cornforth and Darren Crompton, who hosted the Move it Mob Style dance workshops.

"Dizzy Doolan rapped, and country singer Adam James ran singing and healthy eating workshops as part of the

Jimmy Little Foundation's Thumbs Up to Healthy Tucker Program."

Uncle James Taylor welcomed everyone to country on behalf of the traditional owners – the Kalkadoon people.

"The spirit was great and the kids were really enthusiastic," Ms Sonter said.

"Mt Isa is an area that produces champions such as Pat Rafter and Greg Norman as well as Indigenous role models such as actor Deborah Mailman and didgeridoo player William Barton – it is an area of great sporting and Indigenous talent and I am sure we will see more coming out from there."

● **RIGHT: Georgia Dargan, from Spinifex State College, being tested for blood sugar levels by Cheryl Page, a health worker from Gidgee Healing Health Services at the recent Mt Isa Vibe 3on3. Watching are Georgia's school mates Bree Whale, left, and Saquoia Hartman.**



Deadline looms



WEST Australian people have until just 5 June to comment on planned reforms to the State's Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

The deadline looms as WA Greens MLC Robin Chapple has criticised the way the Government has handled the review, and the 'ludicrous' time frame for comment.

The comment period follows a reform process, started in May last year, ordered by WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier.

Mr Collier said the reform process, run by consultant Dr John Avery, was designed to provide better protection for Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia.

He said seven core principles – clarity,

certainty, compliance, effectiveness, efficiency, fairness and flexibility – were the foundations of proposed reforms.

The Minister said the review had indicated the original objectives of the Act were not being fully achieved, resulting in a lack of public confidence in the legislation.

'Genuine desire'

"Aboriginal people have a genuine desire for their heritage to be preserved and industry and Government want to assist in that process, but all parties require and deserve a system that provides clarity and certainty," he said.

"We will undergo a further period of public consultation that will enable native title holders, other relevant Aboriginal traditional owners or custodians of sites,

industry and the general public to review the seven proposals enclosed in the discussion paper in greater detail.

"The Government has clear advice that change is required and is proceeding with reforms to the Act to deliver greater benefits for West Australians."

Mr Chapple said the review document was 'critically short of detail'.

"Far from improving Aboriginal heritage sites protection, the proposed amendments actually erode current provisions, and they take no account of the vast extent of the State that has yet to be surveyed," Mr Chapple said.

"Perhaps most disturbing of all is the five-week time frame allowed for comment: This is ludicrous when applied to Aboriginal people living in remote communities and

shows a complete lack of understanding about how these groups function.

"Indeed, there appears to be no mechanism to engage with remote communities."

Available online

The discussion paper is available online from the Department of Indigenous Affairs at: www.dia.wa.gov.au

Feedback or comments on the discussion paper can be emailed to aha@dia.wa.gov.au or mailed to Chief Heritage Officer,

Heritage & Culture Branch, Department of Indigenous Affairs, 1st Floor, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000, PO Box 7770 Cloisters Square, Perth WA 6850.

The deadline is 5 June.

Police boost for Kimberley area



THE Looma police sub-district in the Kimberley region in the north of Western Australia has a new multi-functional

policing facility.

WA Police Minister Rob Johnson says the centre is fully equipped to respond to all policing tasks and emergency situations, and will be staffed by two police officers and a community child protection officer from the WA Department of Child Protection (DCP).

The Minister said the centre would service an area of about 32,973 square kilometres with a total population of about 1500 people.

"This facility will provide

much-needed police and community services to the Mangala, Nyikina and Walmajarri community people," Mr Johnson said.

"Services provided by West Australian Police and DCP will enhance the security of the district and lead to significant improvements in police response times, resulting in better outcomes for the health and safety of local residents.

"As the police officers will be working and living directly with the people, they will have the opportunity to establish positive and trusting relationships with the community, particularly with the younger generation of local residents."

High Court upholds SA land decision



A RESOURCES company has urged the South Australian Government to smooth procedures for accessing Aboriginal land, after the High Court upheld a ruling to stop an exploration venture in the state's north.

The High Court agreed on Friday with a ruling by the SA Supreme Court that blocked Argonaut Resources and its joint venture partner, Straits Resources Ltd, from drilling for copper, gold and iron oxide in parts of Lake Torrens and Andamooka Island.

The companies had been given ministerial approval to

access the area, which is part of the traditional lands of the Kokatha Wati and Adnyamathantha people.

But the Supreme Court overturned that approval, ruling that the traditional owners were denied procedural fairness in not being properly consulted.

Leave refused

On Friday, the High Court refused the SA Government special leave to appeal, a decision Argonaut chairman Patrick Elliott said was no surprise.

"I call on the Government of SA to focus its attention on the real job of reforming the Aboriginal Heritage Act to

deliver greater certainty and fairness of process to the benefit of traditional owners and explorers alike," Mr Elliott said in a statement.

He said Argonaut was keen to contribute to any consultation on legal reform, and company directors remained optimistic of a resolution for the Lake Torrens project.

At the time of the Supreme Court challenge, the Adnyamathantha Traditional Land Association said the purpose of the lawsuit was not to block all access by mining companies but to ensure the Minister properly consulted with traditional owners in such cases. – AAP

National

11-15 June: 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference. This first international forum aims to bring together Indigenous housing leaders, senior government officials, researchers and corporate heads from around the world 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'. 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 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 24 May: Arts Funding Program 2013 information sessions. Arts NSW invite you to learn more about their grants and how to apply for them. Representatives from Arts NSW will be travelling around NSW to share information on funding opportunities. RSVP are essential. Details: (02) 8218 2234.

Dates, venues and times:
16 May: Bankstown Arts Centre 2-4pm
16 May: Lismore Regional Gallery 11am-1pm
17 May: Musswellbrook Gallery 11am-1pm
18 May: Orange Regional Gallery 11am-1pm
21 May: Bundendore Palerang Council Chambers 2-4pm
22 May: The Glasshouse, Port Macquarie 11am-1pm
23 May: Bega Council Chambers 1-3pm
24 May: Newcastle Museum, McIntyre Theatre 11am-1pm

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

18 May: NSW Teachers Federation Aboriginal members' conference forum, 6.30-8.30pm, Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills. Should Australia change its Constitution to recognise Indigenous people as the First Peoples of Australia. Chaired by Jeff McMullen. RSVP by 5pm today (16 May). Details: (02) 9217 2113, fax (02) 9217 2481, email library@nswtf.org.au

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

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

25 May: National Sorry Day Bridge Walk. Everyone is welcome to join Winnunga to commemorate National Sorry Day 2012. The event will include a smoking ceremony, bridge walk and lunch, RSVP required if staying for lunch. All welcome. Held at the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, Canberra, from 10.30am onwards. Details: Ian Bateman on (02) 6284 6222 or email Ian.Bateman@winnunga.org.au

25 May: Klub Koori Hip-Hop Warriors. Presented by Koori Radio 93.7FM and featuring Brothablack, Izzy N, The Profi, Dukebox, Sesk, CA and J.Point. Cost \$15 members, \$20 or on line at Moshtix.com and \$25 at the door. Held at Lone Pine, 15 Rooty Hill Rd South, Rooty Hill. Details: Miah Wright (02) 9384 4000 or email miah.wright@gadigal.org.au or visit www.gadigal.org.au

30 May-1 June: National Conference: 'Nawi Exploring Australia's Indigenous Watercraft'. This two-day conference will demonstrate techniques of construction by storytelling sessions, displays performances, lively seminars, discussions

and film screenings. All welcome to register, must register before 31 March, cost involved. Held at the Australian National Maritime Museum Theatre, 2 Murray St, Darling Harbour. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit www.anmm.gov.au/nawi

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@criterionconferences.com or visit www.register.criterionconferences.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

20 May: 'Cultures Come Together' – a reconciliation event allowing government and non-government bodies the opportunity to hold information stalls. Also included are market stalls, traditional cuisine, cultural games for families and live entertainment. All welcome, costs involved. Held at Patterson St, Ringwood East, Melbourne. Details: Melissa Stevens on (03) 9725 2166.

25 May: National Day of Healing. Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation (PPCfR) will commemorate the National Day of Healing/Sorry day with a luncheon. Entertainment and guest speakers will be provided. Entry by gold coin donation. Held at South Melbourne Community Centre, Park St, South Melbourne. Bookings essential. Details: PPCfR on (03) 9699

8804 or email rule@comcen.com.au by 18 May.

31 May: 'We Sing for Reconciliation', celebrating Reconciliation 2012, this event celebrates the powerful and consistent voice of Indigenous Australia that has travelled and survived through the millennia. Performances include Bart Willoughby, Yabu Band (WA), SKIN Choir and Massive hip-hop choir. Cost: \$10. Held at Royal Melbourne Hotel, 629 Bourke St, Melbourne. Details: Jessie Lloyd on (0404) 496 877.

Queensland

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, 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

20 May: Dreamtime by the Sea Australian football carnival. Celebrate Indigenous culture and the contributions that Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people have made to Australian football in Cairns. Traditional dance, prizes, giveaways and other activities. Cost \$6, under 18 free. All welcome. Held at Holloways Beach Sporting Club, 84 Wistaria St, Holloways Beach. Details: Cairns City Lions on (07) 4055 0077.

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Chance for youth to speak up

INDIGENOUS youth will be able to have their say on local issues at a forum next month being organised by the south-western Sydney-based Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Tharawal CEO Greg Bondar says the Indigenous Youth Forum will be an annual event designed to better engage with youth from the council region.

He says youth can discuss issues of importance, including jobs, transport, community services, youth welfare and the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

"We need to ensure that our Indigenous Youth are given the opportunity to re-engage with their community," Mr Bondar said.

The forum will include speakers from the police, education and justice

sectors, with the keynote address by Father Chris Riley from Youth Off The Streets.

"(Tharawal Council) believes that through the forum, Indigenous youth will be able to better contribute and plan their future and own well-being by gaining confidence, skills and information to meet the challenges of a demanding work and social environment and thereby improve outcomes for Aboriginal youth," Mr Bondar said.

"The forum also wants to foster a sense of pride in the cultural identity and heritage of our Indigenous youth."

The forum will be held on 28 June at Tharawal LALC conference centre, Gibbergunyah, in Picton, from 10am-12.30, followed by a barbecue.



FR CHRIS RILEY

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25 May: Annual Sorry Day event. Noonga Reconciliation Group will be holding their annual Sorry Day event commencing at the Stolen Generations memorial site. Free and all welcome. Held at Kalinga Park, on Brisbane's northside. Details: Eloise on (07) 3266 5199 or (0419) 755 508 or email cocostudent@communityliving.org.au

26 May: Stylin Up, a A deadly Indigenous hip-hop & R and B event, including performances by The Last Kinection, KMT, Dizzy Doolan, AKA, Dem Fellas, Sacha Fearless and other emerging artists. Free and all welcome. Held at CJ Greenfields Sports Complex, Freeman Road, Inala. Details: Amanda Manton Carter on (07) 3027 5725 or (0439) 506 157 or visit www.stylinup.com.au

2-3 June: Townsville Reconciliation Festival 2012. A combination of events rolled into one program. Celebrate Reconciliation Week and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision. Free and all welcome. Details Marita Akee on (07) 4799 7199 or (0457) 541 454 or email Marita.Akee@communities.qld.gov.au
Dates, venues and times as below:
2 June: Townsville Reconciliation Day, held at Strand Park, North Ward, from 10.30am-4.30pm
3 June: Mabo Day Commemoration ceremony, held at Victoria Bridge Monument, Townsville City, from 8.30-9.30am
3 June: Mabo Day March, commencing at Anzac Memorial Park, from 10am-12.30pm

Vibe 3on3 coming to Tennant Creek

TENNANT CREEK, in the Northern Territory, is set to host the Vibe 3on3 – the national Indigenous 3on3 basketball and hip-hop challenge – on Friday 1 June.

Vibe 3on3 is a travelling sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and other students for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music.

The event is designed to encourage sportsmanship, teach new skills and build self-esteem, as well as promoting reconciliation at a grassroots level.

At 3on3, students participate in teams of three to five players in a range of activities, including a basketball round-robin, art workshops, a health expo, rap workshops and break-dancing classes.

There is also a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip-hop and Indigenous music.

To participate in the Vibe 3on3, young people need to pre-register in teams of four through their school by Friday 25 May.

"Ask your teacher or principal if your school is getting involved and encourage them to register you and your mates," said event producer Mayrah Sonter.

The event is capped at 400 kids. It will be held at the Civic Hall, Peko Road, Tennant Creek.

The Koori Mail is one of the supporters of the Vibe 3on3.

3 June: Mabo Day Concert, held at Strand Park, North Ward, from 12.30-4.30pm

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

Reconciliation concert to feature plenty of music

SINGING for reconciliation is on the program at the Royal Melbourne Hotel on 31 May.

The city CBD hotel will host We Sing for Reconciliation to honour the journey of reconciliation in Australia.

The event, backed by Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation, aims to share the messages of culture, community and connection through performances by Bart Willoughby, Yabu Band (WA), the SKIN Choir and Massive hip-hop choir.

Bart Willoughby will perform with a full band.

On the final leg of their national tour, Yabu say they will showcase to Melbourne their signature desert rock reggae style.

The SKIN choir is made up of Victorian Indigenous artists who perform songs based around the themes of cultural identity, skin colour and other topics that relate to Indigenous Australians with mixed heritages.

Massive, Australia's first hip-hop



Bart Willoughby will be one of the headline acts at the We Sing for Reconciliation concert at the Royal Melbourne Hotel on 31 May.

choir, is a group of young urban artists from culturally diverse communities to reinterpret original hip-hop tracks for mass voices.

Members will be combining the positive experience of massed singing with the global trend of hip-hop at this shared voices event.

We Sing for Reconciliation is

presented by Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation in partnership with Reconciliation Victoria, ANTAr, the City of Melbourne and the Royal Melbourne Hotel.

The event is at the Royal Melbourne Hotel, 629 Bourke St Melbourne, on 31 May. Entry is \$10 and doors open at 7pm.

Guest at awards

INDIGENOUS education ambassador Cristile Louttit will be the special guest at this year's Moree reconciliation awards.

The north-western NSW centre will host the awards – the fifth to be held – at Pius X Aboriginal Corporation from 10.30am on 30 May.

They are designed to recognise the 'unsung heroes' working for reconciliation in the Moree area.

Organisers say they are delighted to have Ms Louttit as a guest.

Ms Louttit is one of many Indigenous Education ambassadors – a Federal Government initiative – around Australia.

The 2009 Queensland NAIDOC Young Person of the Year, she has been an advocate for Indigenous youth for many years.

A descendant of the Pitta-Pitta and Maiawali/Kurawali people from western Queensland, she has worked with many organisations and she now manages Virgin Australia's Indigenous employment program

Culture on the reef

ENTRIES are open for a photographic competition to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in the Great Barrier Reef.

The Sea Country Partnerships Photographic Competition 2012 is being run by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

There are five categories, each with a first, second and third prize, with the overall competition winner receiving a Nikon D-3100 DSLR with 18-55mm and 55-3000mm VR twin lens kit.

All winning entries will also be displayed at Reef HQ Aquarium in Townsville and may also be featured on the GBRMPA website banner.

Entry forms can be downloaded at www.gbrmpa.gov.au

Completed forms can be sent to indigenous_partnerships@gbmpa.gov.au or submitted with a CD to GBRMPA offices in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton.

For more details, call (07) 4750 0720 or 1800 990 177.

Entries close 1 June.

Brenden happily planted

By DARREN COYNE

BRENDEN Moore could have worked in any botanic gardens in the world as part of his apprenticeship with the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens.

Instead, the Newcastle-born man, with Biripi heritage, chose to complete part of his training in Sydney.

He spent three months working and learning alongside Clarence Slookee, the Aboriginal education officer at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney and *Gardening Australia* presenter.

"I could have gone to Kew Gardens, but I had no interest. It would be all right for the travelling experience, but I had no interest in the plants in London," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I just wanted to learn about bush tucker, and Clarence was great."

Brenden said that although he had always had an interest in working outdoors, he spent many years in jobs which were the exact opposite.

"I moved to Sydney at the age of 19 on my own and started a hospitality course, completed my RSA (responsible service of alcohol) and RCG (responsible conduct of gambling) in a Sydney college course," he said.

"I spent five years working at KFC Maroubra as a shift supervisor after working my way up from a cook, then

worked night shifts at The Great Southern Hotel as a bar attendant, leaving KFC to become a full-time cellar operations/handy man."

In 2008, Brenden wanted a change and applied for an Aboriginal horticulture apprenticeship at the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens at Mount Tomah.

"Two weeks after applying I had a panel interview, two weeks after interview I was successful and started the apprenticeship in 2008," he said.

"Moving to Lithgow Caravan Park, away from friends and family, I was dedicated to make something of myself and thinking that there is more to life than serving alcohol," he said.

"I was also gaining a trade, stimulating my mind and maturity, and also learning more about my culture."

Having now completed his apprenticeship, Brenden is working as an assistant Aboriginal education

officer in the Blue Mountains under the guidance of Aboriginal education officer Rusty Worsman.

He is hoping to begin work soon creating a bush tucker walk at the Botanic Gardens as well as continuing to speak to school groups and others about his culture.

"If you work hard and do your time I reckon you go places. It's happening for me," he said.

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● Above: Brenden Moore undertaking landscaping work as part of his horticulture apprenticeship ... "I could have gone to Kew Gardens, but I had no interest. It would be all right for the travelling experience, but I had no interest in the plants in London."



● Left: Brenden Moore performs an acknowledgment of country as part of his peer review with fellow Botanic Gardens staff looking on.

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Applications must include a Statement Addressing the Selection Criteria and a brief resume.

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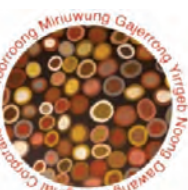
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TWO POSITIONS

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE COB 23 MAY 2012.

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Role Description, Applications Guidelines, Employment Declarations and further information at www.awnrm.sa.gov.au

Enquiries to: Mr Bruce Macpherson by telephone: (08) 8357 3880 or 0429 917 011 or email on: mce@aboriginalnrm.com.au

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications Close: 5.00pm 1st June, 2012

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Casual Indigenous Tutors Wanted

Indigenous tutors are required for casual work at Vincentia High School to work as part of the SIP's (Schools in Partnership) program.

Applications in writing to Paul Hogan, Deputy Principal Special Programs at Vincentia High School by **Tuesday 22nd May, 2012.**

All enquiries and applications to Paul Hogan on 4441 6766 or paul.j.hogan@det.nsw.edu.au or Vincentia High School.

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Location: Nowra Campus

JRN: 12/6014

Duties: As listed in the Statement of Duties for teachers, available with Information Package.

For more information: www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/jobs-illawarra/current-job-opportunities

All applications must be submitted online.

Closing date 3rd June, 2012.

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening. Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.



Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Resource Centre



Aboriginal Family Support Worker

Full - Time
35 hours per week - Grade 4
MCRN Above SACS Award Rate

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977

To apply, all applicants will need to obtain a job package

For enquiries and/or job packages,
ring Jennifer Wilkins on (02) 4782 9402

Applications to: ACRC Employment Committee, PO Box 334, Katoomba NSW 2780

Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 1st June 2012



Administrative Assistant

**Clerk Grade 1/2,
'Balund' - a - Program, Tabulam,
Permanent Full-Time**

Vacancy Number: 00000YSR. Total remuneration package valued at \$64,069 pa including salary range of \$53,407pa to \$58,060 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Provide a range of quality, effective and efficient clerical and administrative support to the operations of the Balund - a - program.

Selection Criteria: Knowledge of Aboriginal issues and a commitment to work with Aboriginal communities to influence the outcomes of this Facility. Well developed verbal and written communication skills. Ability to provide a customer-focused service. Proficiency in the use of a range of office record-keeping and communication systems. Excellent organisational and administrative skills. Proficiency in the use of computer technology and a variety of software programs. Ability to work independently and as a member of a team. Ability to prioritise tasks and effectively manage time and resources to achieve agreed outcomes within tight timeframes.

Job Notes: Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online and attach their resume as a word document to their online application www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

- attach their resume as a word document to their online application.
- provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which must be a current or recent supervisor within the last 12 months.

An eligibility list may be created for future permanent and temporary vacancies which may occur in various locations over the next 12 months.

Inquiries: Helen.Butcher@dcs.nsw.gov.au
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(Toowoomba)**

Term: Full-time continuing
appointment

Ref No: 201646

Closes: Wed 23 May 2012

The Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK) is seeking to fill the position of Associate Director, which is significantly involved in the management and administration of the Centre. The successful applicant would be expected to hold a doctoral qualification in Indigenous Education or Indigenous Cultural Studies and have strong leadership and communication skills. For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under sections 25, 104 and 105 of the *Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991)*.

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Director, ACIKE

Vacancy Reference Number: 212100

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The Director will consolidate and extend ACIKE's reputation and continue the development of the Centre's research and scholarship profile. He or she will be a prominent research leader with a reputation in the field of Indigenous Knowledges.

The Director will build strong partnerships across the two organisations and with other Australian and international Universities and Centres.

Applications Close: 1 June 2012

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Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

PFT, Salary: \$968.70-\$1,461.20 pw, Recruitment No: 78014, Enquiries: Peter Collison, (02) 6829 9900 or pcollison@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 01/06/12.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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The successful applicant will ideally have had considerable experience in a similar role and has expertise in implementing continuous improvement and quality management principles across a range of programs.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Raoul Spackman-Williams on 9385 9000 or by email: raouls@vacca.org

Applications close Friday 25th May 2012



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Indigenous Programs Manager

The AFL is committed to ongoing partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; this role is instrumental in strengthening these relationships.

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- Manage and coordinate all operational requirements of AFL's national Indigenous football programs to promote the opportunity for indigenous participation at all levels of Australian football including
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- Build and leverage partnerships with government, corporate and community partners to ensure education, leadership and training outcomes in all of our programs
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- Support and assist with the implementation of AFL Indigenous Employment Strategy
- Manage Indigenous budgets

The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated knowledge, experience and understanding of Indigenous people, diversity, communities and cultures
- Demonstrated ability to communicate and negotiate across Indigenous groups
- Strong analytical and leadership skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Understanding of sporting pathways – grassroots to elite

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Visit www.afl.com.au/careers to view the position description.

To apply: Submit your application through the AFL's online recruitment system at www.afl.com.au/careers

Closing date:
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To view the Expression of Interest form and guidelines please go to www.jobs.mq.edu.au

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Eligibility: PhD awarded on or after 1 March 2009, or proposed thesis submission date by 29 August 2012.

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Enquiries: Jennifer Newton by email to jennifer.newton@mq.edu.au

Package: Base Salary \$75,510 pa, Level A Step 6 (plus 17% employer's superannuation and annual leave loading)

Expressions of Interest Close: Wednesday 13 June 2012

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Aboriginal Service Coordinator

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Campbelltown
Permanent Full-Time
Requisition No. 00000Z76

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$72,671 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,855 pa) includes annual leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: This position co-ordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the home and community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of Aboriginal frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Strong facilitation, negotiation, conflict resolution, problem solving, written and oral communications.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in Behavioural, Social and Health Science.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client records and basic accounting practices to monitor and work to a budget.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access. Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants **MUST** obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants **MUST** address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

For Enquiries and Information Package: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800 or (02) 4629 1703

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Judith Murray, 12A Dadley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015

Closing Date: Friday, 25 May 2012

Thank you for your interest in this position. (Requisition No. 00000Z76)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the MLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Charles Lynch, by email: charles.lynch@alc.org.au or on 0400491544.

Applications to be marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Cheryl Duroux at:

The Chairperson
Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 70
Moombahlene NSW 2372

Applications close Friday 1st June 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat NSW (AbSec)

AbSec is primarily funded by Community Services (NSW) and is recognised as the peak Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out-of-home-care (OOHC) policy advice to the government and non-government sector in NSW.

An organisational review and expansion of AbSec services requires the creation of the following new position.

Practice and Accreditation Worker (Full time – 2 year contract – possibility of extension)

This position sits within the AbSec Transition Team and is responsible for supporting the transition of statutory OOHC to the non-government sector. The successful applicant will support new and existing OOHC services to achieve accreditation and maintain compliance with statutory requirements.

It is essential that the successful applicant would require a working knowledge of relevant statutory OOHC standards and legislation and desirable that they have a demonstrated capacity in engaging with Aboriginal non-government services. A current NSW driver's licence is required and the ability to undertake extensive travel throughout NSW is an essential requirement.

Over award and competitive salary package (including salary sacrificing) is available for this position and is commensurate with the experience required to undertake this role. If any further information regarding the scope of this position is required contact Gail on the details below. Before applying for this position, applicants will need to request an information package containing the selection criteria and other relevant information from execasst@absec.org.au or by phoning (02) 9559 5299 and speaking to Gail.

Applications close Friday 1 June 2012.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to apply

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Senior Program Advisor, Koori Youth Justice VPSG 5

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- Do you have an understanding of and relationship with the Victorian Aboriginal community?
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Then this role may be for you.

This position has been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. This is pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. VCAT Exemption No. AO67/AO68/2010/0023

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for a position to contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and view the job description visit:
www.careers.vic.gov.au

Reference number: DHS/CYF/70181618

For further information about the role, please contact Matthew Reeder on (03) 9096 0257

Applications close 4 June 2012.

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Community Coordinator - Aboriginal Services



Cancer Council NSW is looking for a Dubbo-based Community Coordinator to be part of our regional team in the fight against cancer to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

- Do you love a challenge?
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To view the job description and remaining selection criteria, visit the 'work with us' page of our website: <http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/about-us/work-with-us/>

Send your applications (quoting reference 'SWS WR 0512 CCAS' and addressing the selection criteria) to: careers@nswcc.org.au or fax (02) 8302 3509 by Monday 28 May 2012.

For further information please call Annela Powell, Regional Manager on (02) 6392 0800.

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A strong understanding of the policy, research and practice relevant to Aboriginal health and health inequalities is highly desirable.

No applications will be accepted without candidates addressing the Qualifications, Experience and Skills required in a cover letter.

If you think you may fit the bill, please contact Joe Goddard HR Manager via email on jgoddard@monashlink.org.au for a position description or Sally-Ann Nadj Community Engagement Coordinator on snadj@monashlink.org.au for more information.

Applications Close: 28 May 2012.

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- Uralla Central School - 02 6778 4204

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- Toukley Public School - 02 4396 4275

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 1 June 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.



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This is a challenging and varied role requiring qualifications in Mental Health or experience working with people with mental illness.

Mental Health Support Worker Casual - Lismore

The ability to be self directing, work autonomously and be part of a team is a must, as well as your capacity to plan, run and evaluate group activities.

People from Indigenous backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply, and are excused from completing the Selection Criteria.

The salary is at NAPSAs SACS Grade 3, plus superannuation and salary sacrificing options may apply. To apply please go to our website: <http://www.otcp.com.au>

Applications Close: 30th May 2012.

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Faculty of Health School of Medicine and Public Health Priority Research Centre for Health Behaviour

PROJECT OFFICER

Vacancy No. 1955

An opportunity exists for a Project Officer to work on the Healthy Schools, Healthy Futures program, which examines the effectiveness of a resilience intervention in reducing smoking and alcohol consumption in adolescents attending secondary schools.

The successful applicant will be required to assist and support school staff in the planning and implementation of a range of program initiatives.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

HEW Level 5 \$55,129 to \$63,951 per annum, plus employer superannuation contribution of 9%.

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CEO, Cultural Tourism, FNQ



Opportunity

Founded more than 20 years ago, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park is Australia's largest Indigenous cultural park, showcasing Aboriginal culture to visitors from around the world. In an increasingly challenging tourism market, the Park will undergo a major redevelopment enabling it to become a hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, dance and the arts.

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Role

- Drive the change management agenda, oversee and maximise the profitability of commercial operations, enhance cultural content and ensure visitor satisfaction, for long term financial sustainability
- Build trust as a Leader, inspiring and developing an effective and productive management team, provide a harmonious work culture, and maximise development opportunities for Indigenous Australians in all areas of the business
- Establish credibility and nurture constructive internal and external working relationships, including the Board, government, arts/tourism bodies, corporate partners and Indigenous communities

Experience

- Commercially astute senior manager with a successful track record in running a profit centre, with experience implementing and managing change, ideally within tourism, arts or the cultural sectors
- An excellent communicator, with an inspirational leadership style who can motivate teams to perform through a period of change
- Proven ability in relationship management, with negotiation and influencing skills and the ability to attract investment and support from a variety of stakeholders
- A strong appreciation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait societies and cultures and the economic and social environment in which Tjapukai operates

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- Administrative Support Officer, VPS1 Eastern Metropolitan Region, VIC
- Disability Development and Support Officer, DDSO1 Southern Metropolitan Region, VIC
- Disability Development and Support Officer, DDSO1 Gippsland Region, VIC

These positions have been exempted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. VCAT Exemption Number: A067/A068/2010.

For more information and to apply, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on: 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 16 June 2012.

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Aboriginal Assistant In Nursing

Manilla Multi Purpose Service

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Tim Whyte 02 6785 4000

Reference ID: 78919

Closing Date: 27 May 2012

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Namatjira Haven Ltd
Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre
Alstonville NSW

Namatjira Haven is a community based government funded Centre based on the Far North Coast of NSW providing residential and outreach AOD programs and services to local Aboriginal communities. Currently we are inviting applications for the following positions:

Living Skills Facilitator

Part time 5 days up to 38 hours per week

This is an identified Aboriginal position and Namatjira Haven Ltd considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

We are looking for a motivated, self-directed professional with the relevant qualifications for this positions and at least 3 years' experience in the chosen areas.

In addition to suitable qualifications and experience in cooking and food safety, the successful applicant will have an appreciation of aims and objectives of "Closing the Gap" initiatives, an understanding of issues faced by Aboriginal communities, excellent communication skills, good computer skills, good literacy and a high degree of professionalism, a current driver's licence and reliable transport. A high degree of confidentiality and role modelling is expected.

Remuneration packages will be consistent with qualifications and experience and will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and be willing to undergo Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Checks. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Administration on (02) 6628 1098.

Applications close on:

5th July at 5pm.

Interviews will be on or near 13th July.

Recruitment

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

(READVERTISED)

This is an identified position

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorized by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended

Our client, a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (AMHW).

This position will work toward increasing access to Mental Health Services within the local Aboriginal Community. This role will be directly responsible for promoting a client focused approach to engaging with family, carers and clients affected by mental health issues. And build productive and meaningful relationships with mainstream health providers.

The successful applicant will have; tertiary or other relevant qualifications in the field of health/social or behavioral sciences, the willingness and commitment to work effectively as part of a multi disciplinary team and deliver services to the whole community.

Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, cultures and health issues is an advantage. As is the ability to communicate sensitively with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

To apply, please log onto:
www.mppersonnel.com.au
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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Equal Opportunity Commission

Project Officer

Substantive Equality Unit

Fixed Term 12 Month Contract

Position No: 280.8547.1

Level: PSGOGAAC Level 6 \$80,000 - \$89,999

Location: Perth CBD

This position provides policy advice to public sector agencies on the implementation of the Policy Framework for Substantive Equality and supports the Manager Substantive Equality on a range of operational matters including assistance in the project management of initiatives relating to the project.

Visit: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the web search No: 280056 or 280.8547.1 to access detailed information or Ph: 9216 3900 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Job Related Information: Please contact Cathy Groves on (08) 9216 3900

Closing Date: 30 May 2012 at 5.00pm

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CASUAL DISABILITY SUPPORT & PERSONAL CARE WORKERS



Position Number: Casual 0014
Based in South West Sydney
GENEROUS HOURLY RATES

We are particularly seeking applicants experienced in working with clients with an acquired brain injury challenging behaviours, physical disabilities and/or in the delivery of personal care services.

The successful applicants will be responsible for facilitating the independence of people with disabilities in the community.

Applicants must be willing to accept a range of shifts across a 24 hour, 7 day per week rotating roster including the possibility of active nights and sleepovers. Maturity, professional disposition and good communication skills are essential.

To obtain an Information Package, please visit:
www.disabilitytrust.org.au

Applications close: 5:00pm Monday 21 May 2012

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Attorney General & Justice

ABORIGINAL SERVICES Administration Assistant (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 1-2

Maclean, Permanent part time
15 hours per week

Salary range: \$22,889 - \$24,883
Total Remuneration Package
valued up to: \$27,458

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. Position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems;
- Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment.

Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Applications must be lodged electronically online via <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>

Inquiries:

Joanne Llewellyn
Joanne-Llewellyn@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 1 June 2012

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeships

Recruiting Now

Be a part of Australia's leading science and research organisation

Australia is founding its future on science and innovation. Our national science agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), is a powerhouse of ideas, technologies and skills for building prosperity, growth, health and sustainability.

We believe that Indigenous Australians have extraordinary contributions to make across cultural, economic and scientific domains. The CSIRO is actively seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are interested in working in an exciting dynamic and supportive organisation.

Learn while you Earn

Our two year traineeships offer exciting work environments for people starting their careers by combining employment with structured on the job training. We are offering the following identified traineeship opportunities for eligible individuals:

Human Resources Canberra x 2	Business Administration Perth x 1 Canberra x 1	Laboratory Technicians Melbourne x 1 Sydney x 2	Marine Brisbane x 2
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Great Career Opportunities

To apply or learn more about these great jobs
Call **Caitlin Buxton** at **Habitat Personnel** on 02 6285 2422 or 1300 301 509

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 8TH OF JUNE



Habitat Personnel
INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

CSIRO acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of Australia's lands and waters.

Koori Mail 0365

HEPATITIS VICTORIA

Aboriginal Health Educator (Part Time) Project Worker - 0.8 EFT/ 4 days per week

Readvertised

Hepatitis Victoria is a statewide, not for profit, community based, public health organisation committed to reducing the impact of viral hepatitis. Hepatitis Victoria provides information, support, referral, education and advocacy for people living with viral hepatitis and training for those who work with them.

The Aboriginal Health Educator will work closely with our team of educators and in partnership with key Aboriginal organisations, to deliver education programs about viral hepatitis to Aboriginal people and workers throughout Victoria.

If you enjoy working on a diverse range of projects, including providing education on an important health issue affecting Aboriginal communities then this will be an ideal job for you. You will also have experience in working directly with Aboriginal services and people. On the job training and support will be provided.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Hepatitis Victoria offers an enjoyable team working environment, ongoing professional development and above award conditions, including attractive salary packaging options and benefits.

If you are interested in this exciting role and would like to talk more about the position, then call Garry Irving (Acting CEO) on 0417 511 691.

Applicants must address the key selection criteria contained in the Position Description. To learn more about Hepatitis Victoria and to download a copy of the Position Description, visit www.hepvic.org.au or call (03) 9380 4644.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 25 May, 2012.



Disability Services Coordinator

- Permanent Full-Time (35 hrs per week)
- \$54,490 to \$60,148 pa, plus super

Are you looking for a challenging, rewarding and exciting position?

Garden Court, located at Glen Innes has a position available for a Disability Services Coordinator. Working in a dynamic and cohesive team, you will coordinate programs and associated activities for disability clients in the program areas.

With formal qualifications in Community Services (or the equivalent) and sound knowledge of the community care sector, you have demonstrated experience working with people with a disability. You have well developed organisational and supervisory skills, can work independently, and are skilled in community consultation, networking and negotiation. A Class LR or Class C driver's licence is essential.

Details of all other selection criteria can be found in the information kit.

It's an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence against children or a Registrable Person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000 to apply for this role. Employment screening and Working with Children Checks apply.

Contact Helen Stapleton on 02 6730 2300 or email jobs@gisc.nsw.gov.au for an information kit. Job enquiries may be directed to Susie Dunn on 02 6730 2431 or 0428 419 085 or email sdunn@gisc.nsw.gov.au.

Aboriginal applicants requiring further information may also contact Di McGuinness on (02) 6730 2504 or email dmcguinness@gisc.nsw.gov.au

Council is an EEO employer. Women, Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people with a disability, and members of racial, ethnic, and ethno-religious minority groups are encouraged to apply.

Apply by 4:30pm on Monday, 28 May 2012, following the directions in your kit. Ref CS11/12/10.

Hein Basson – General Manager

Promoting a safe and healthy workplace



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 position.

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



The Community Restorative Centre (CRC)
is a community based agency providing assistance to people affected by the criminal justice system

We are currently seeking 2 x Targeted Housing and Support Service Workers

- 38 hours per week
- SACS Award G4Y4 + Salary Packaging, transitioning to SCHADS Award Level 4 after 1st July 2012
- One year, full-time and one year part-time contract (up to 30 June 2013) with ongoing employment dependent on funding
- Based in Parramatta

To provide a broad range of transitional outreach casework services to women at risk of homelessness and with complex needs who are exiting NSW Correctional Centres. Casework services are delivered on an outreach basis. Position is generally Monday to Friday between 8:30 and 5:30; with occasional out-of-hours work to be performed as required

Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated casework experience working with people experiencing mental illness, cognitive impairment - including intellectual disability, AOD issues and complex needs
- Experience in providing outreach casework support
- Experience in the delivery of living skills programs
- Knowledge of the issues facing people transitioning from prison to the community
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Drivers License

Desirable:

- Counselling skills
- Knowledge of issues relating to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities
- Knowledge of issues relating to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities
- Knowledge of current Child Protection issues and legislation

Although Aboriginality is not a specific criterion for eligibility for this project, it is anticipated that a high proportion of the target group will be Aboriginal.

Women of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders or culturally & linguistically diverse communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications must include a Statement Addressing the Selection Criteria and a brief resume.

Closing Date: 25 May 2012

Mark your application to the attention of CEO.

Applications may be: Emailed: info@crcnsw.org.au

Faxed: 02 9211 6518 or

Posted: PO Box 541, Broadway, NSW, 2007.

Phone 02 9288 8700 or visit www.crcnsw.org.au for more information.



Aboriginal Study Manager Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Study

Position Number: 76242

Status: Temporary Full Time (12 months from appointment)

Salary: \$80,640.00 - \$95,646.00

Purpose of Position: The Centre for Kidney Research is seeking a Study Manager for clinical health research to manage and actively contribute to an NHMRC funded research screening study to determine early markers of kidney disease in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children and young adults across NSW. The Antecedents of Kidney Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) study commenced in 2002. In this study, you will manage a team of clinical researchers who are examining whether early indications of the increased risk of kidney disease in Aboriginal adults may be seen in Aboriginal young people by screening over a further 6 year period.

The Study Manager is responsible for providing effective strategic and operational leadership in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and strategies which contribute to improving the way research is done in Aboriginal communities.

The Study Manager will primarily be responsible for effectively managing the ARDAC study team and for developing key strategic relationships that will improve the co-ordination, integration, and delivery of research in local communities across NSW.

Selection Criteria:

- Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (NB applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW)
- Previous experience and demonstrated skills in effective team management, highly motivated to work independently, able to set objectives and deliver results within appropriate timeframes. Post graduate qualifications that are applicable to the role are desirable
- High-level skills and experience with a demonstrated capacity for problem solving and managing complex research-related projects, with multiple components and stakeholders
- Experience working with Aboriginal communities
- Excellent communication skills and proven ability to communicate with a diverse range of stakeholders
- Experience in training and managing staff, including support for their professional development
- Experience with overseeing procedures for efficient data collection, transport, storage and handling
- Competence in Microsoft Office products
- A current NSW Driving Licence and must be willing to travel in rural and regional NSW for up to 16 weeks per year

MAKE YOUR APPLICATION COUNT - PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA.

****You may be required to work in any facility within Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Should this occur, reasonable notice will be provided.****

Contact: Nicola Vukasin **Phone:** (02) 9845 0119 **Email:** nicola.vukasin@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 27th June 2012

For further information or to apply online, visit -

<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=73159&mode=Preview>

NSW Health Service: Employer of Choice



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Griffith Local Area Command, Southern Region

Location: Griffith

Job Classification: Clerk 3/4

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000002T3

Salary Package: \$72,142. **Salary:** \$59,705 - \$65,376. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen co-operation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 12 months.
- **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.**
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants must include date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- **You must also attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.**
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- **For your application to be considered, you submit your application electronically via <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>**

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Knowledge of issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Ability to work effectively communicate, liaise and consult with local Aboriginal community, service providers and Police personnel.
- Proven Integrity, discretion and ability to handle highly confidential information.
- Experience in computer skills.
- Contribute to and participate in the development and implementation of local community strategies.
- Capacity to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shift work.
- Holder of a current Driver's Licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

Enquiries: Sergeant Kim Traynor on (02) 6969 4342

Closing Date: Sunday 27 May 2012

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Committed to a diverse, safe and smoke-free workplace.

Applications are invited for the following designated Aboriginal positions available within Council.

Position	Salary Range	Closing Date	Further Information
Trainee Parks and Gardens (Designated Aboriginal Position)	\$411.70 – \$566.40 per week + super depending on age / educational qualifications	21/05/12	Kevin Copas (02) 6620 1655

Information packages are available on Council's website, www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Council, phone 1300 87 83 87.

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DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



EXECUTIVE OFFICER, REGIONAL ABORIGINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Southern Metropolitan Region

VPS Grade 5: \$76,424 - \$92,467 plus 9% superannuation Position No DJ3696 Ongoing, Full-Time

Based in Dandenong, and requiring travel throughout the region, the position of Executive Officer plays a major role in the ongoing operation of the respective Regional Aboriginal Justice Committee (RAJAC) Network. This includes the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and Koori community organisations, providing policy advice, implementing the Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the RAJAC as well as promotion of all Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) initiatives within the region.

The successful candidate will; promote the AJA and Community Grant programs in the region and report regularly to the RAJAC and Koori Justice Unit on the regional implementation of the AJA and related initiatives; develop and maintain cross agency linkages for the RAJAC and provide leadership between the Koori community and justice agencies; co-ordinate, monitor and assist in the development and implementation of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Justice Plan and provide key support, secretariat services and advice to the RAJAC including the preparation of meeting papers, agenda, venue, catering and minute taking.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly 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 Wednesday 30 May 2012

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Australian Government
Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Education and Web Development Project Officer

Indigenous Partnerships Section

Environment and Sustainability Branch

APS Level 4 Salary Range \$59,039 - \$63,903pa plus superannuation

Position Number: 319

Townsville

Closing date: 9am on 21 May 2012

The occupant of this position is responsible to the Indigenous Partnerships Director for education and web development support services within the Indigenous Partnerships section and will work effectively in a cross cultural environment where business acumen, teamwork and communication are essential. This position plays a vital role in promoting the engagement of Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners and Indigenous communities within the Great Barrier Reef region in marine park management. Central to the role is the delivery of the Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program currently managed by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

The occupant of this position will play a key role for the Indigenous Partnerships section within the broader GBRMPA Web Redevelopment Project and have responsibility for coordination, development and presentation of culturally appropriate and accurate information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's environment and cultural heritage management issues within the Great Barrier Reef. To do this the successful person will undertake research and oversee the production and editorial processes on a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander information products relevant to Sea Country management, including sourcing relevant images and stories.

High level skills in photography, web development and proficiency in multimedia software are highly desirable.

This is an identified position and is one in which part or all of the duties involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. Applicants applying for this position must supply a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

Applications must address the selection criteria.

For more information please contact:

Liz Wren – Director, Indigenous Partnerships (07) 47500611

How to apply:

Apply online

Email: recruitment@gbmpa.gov.au

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Executive Officer -

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia

Melbourne (preferable)

AHPRA Level 8, Senior Manager

\$103,695 - \$133,941 plus superannuation per annum

An opportunity exists for a highly motivated and collaborative leader to work in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia to lead and facilitate agreed outcomes of the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The Executive Officer (EO) plays an essential role within AHPRA National Office to advise and support the board on standards, policy, governance, regulatory matters and accreditation issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners.

As an Executive Officer you will be responsible for;

- Developing standards, codes and guidelines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice
- Partnering, leading and facilitate agreed outcomes of the Health Profession Agreement between AHPRA and the National Board
- Developing and managing key relationships with stakeholders both internally and externally
- Reviewing and building capacity to continue to support the Board
- Providing high level executive and secretariat support
- Being an active part of the dynamic team in National Board Services

If you are knowledgeable about the Australian health system, have excellent stakeholder management skills and have high level experience working with boards and committees, apply now via

www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/jobs-at-AHPRA.aspx with a detailed resume and response to the Key Selection Criteria contained in the position description. Closing date midnight Sunday 27 May

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Communications Officers – Aboriginal targeted positions

Various positions and locations -

Operational Communications & Information Command

Employment Status: Permanent Part-Time (up to 17.5 hours per week)

Suburb: SURRY HILLS / PENRITH / NEWCASTLE / TAMWORTH / WARILLA

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001025

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy 2009-2012.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and*
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and*
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person*

This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Salary Package: \$65,884. **Salary:** \$48,324 - \$59,705. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Part-Time salary will be at the pro-rata rate.

Job Description:

Communications Officers provides assistance to the community by dispatching and coordinating Police Officers responding to reports of crime and emergency incidents. They do this by dispatching information by the Police Radio System and processing Triple Zero (000) and other phone calls. This critical role involves 24 hour / 7 days a week shift work using the latest technology in a highly skilled team environment.

Job Notes:

- **Permanent Part-time positions are currently available – one (1) each at Surry Hills, Penrith, Newcastle, Warilla and Tamworth. Applicants must indicate location preference.**
- All applicants who are short-listed from the application stage will be required to undergo a range of computer testing conducted by the NSW Police Force Communications Group including typing speed (a minimum of 35 words per minute with 98% accuracy), data entry, comprehension, short-term memory, etc. Only applicants who rank highest in this process will proceed to the interview stage.
- Training will commence in July on a full-time basis for 10 weeks in Sydney and is fully paid. Successful applicants for positions outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area may be entitled to accommodation at no expense during the training period.
- Successful applicants will be required to perform shift work under the flexible rostering system and be prepared to work 24-hour rotational shifts, 7 days per week. Shift Penalties will be paid as appropriate.
- **For your application to be considered you must attach an up-to-date resume and a written response addressing each of the selection criteria using the text box provided in the online application.**
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- **Applications must be submitted electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au**

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- High level keyboard skills and experience in Windows applications.
- Superior customer service and communication skills.
- High level reading and comprehension skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to control multiple situations occurring simultaneously and make decisions under pressure.
- Ability to perform as a member of a professional disciplined team.
- Effective short term memory and capacity to learn tasks quickly.
- Voice and diction clarity.

Enquiries: HR Coordinator on (02) 9265 3976 or communications@police.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Sunday 27 May 2012

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Ministerial Liaison Officer Identified

Clerk Grade 7/8
Temporary Full-Time
Sydney, NSW
Department of Education and Communities
Reference No. 00000XCU

Total remuneration package valued up to \$97,836 per annum (Salary: \$80,096 pa - \$88,660 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The role of the Aboriginal Affairs Ministerial Liaison Officer is to provide high quality, professional and administrative support to the Minister's Office, on behalf of Aboriginal Affairs. The position is based in the Office of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. This is an identified position. Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position.

Selection Criteria:

1. Highly skilled in executive support role.
2. High level ability in record-keeping and tracking information.
3. High level of oral and written communication skills including literacy in word processing and spreadsheets.
4. Demonstrated capacity to determine and work to deadlines with the ability to influence and negotiate with others to achieve priorities.
5. Demonstrated high level organisational skills.
6. Demonstrated ability to work independently with initiative.
7. Experience in the functions of government and government agencies.

Job Notes: This is a **temporary full-time** position for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. This position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: For information about the position, please call Max Saxby on (02) 9219 0749

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Refer to Reference No: 00000XCU.

Closing Date: Friday 25 May 2012

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INDIGENOUS CADETSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

Various Temporary Positions across NSW

Salary: \$31,193 pa - \$50,619 pa. Cadetship wages are calculated on a pro-rata basis. The rate of pay depends on age, level of schooling and work experience.

Administrative Assistant

(Requisition No. 00000WHZ) - Metro North (Rydalmere)

Assistant Policy Officer

(Requisition No. 00000XZD) - Hunter (Newcastle)

Community Support Workers

(Requisition No. 00000WHP) - Metro North (Rydalmere, Westmead)

Assistant Project Officer

(Requisition No. 00000WHF) - Metro North (Parramatta)

Occupational Therapist/Speech Therapist/Physiotherapist

(Requisition No. 00000WHO) - Western Region

(Negotiable - Wagga, Albury, Bathurst, Dubbo and Mudgee)

Ageing, Disability and Home Care are seeking energetic and passionate individuals to join us in creating an exciting future. The agency is offering this opportunity through the Indigenous Cadetship Support Program which is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to assist students throughout their studies and provide a strong job opportunity upon completion of those studies. The cadetship involves 40 weeks of academic studies and a 12 week work placement. There are 9 positions available for Indigenous Cadetships in the above roles across various locations in NSW, and they will provide support and services to older people, people with a disability and their carers.

Selection Criteria:

1. Confirmation of Aboriginality
2. Current NSW Driver's Licence
3. Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or diploma, advanced diploma in the relevant field of study
4. Current understanding of the issues, trends and philosophies underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability
5. Well developed analytical and problem solving skills
6. Well developed oral and written communication skills
7. Good MS Word and MS Excel skills

To complete your application you need to:

1. Read the Indigenous Cadetship Support information booklet
2. Complete the Indigenous Cadetship Support application form
3. Complete all the selection criteria for the specific position you are applying for
4. Attach your proof of academic enrolment
5. Attach your confirmation of Aboriginality

Enquiries: **Sydney Region** – Annette Houston (02) 9407 7730 or Warren Steadman (02) 4978 6201

Western Region – Chelsea Stewart (02) 6841 1529

Sydney West – Monika Kaatzke-McDonald (02) 9842 2442

To obtain an Information Package and to apply: Visit the website: <http://jobs.nsw.gov.au/>

You may call Noela Watego on (02) 8295 4617 if you have any queries.

Applications close: Friday 08 June 2012

The Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS) is a program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). These positions are targeted to the employment of Aboriginal people and are authorised by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

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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 Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION: Part Lot 530 on Deposited Plan 70848 shown as Lot 541 on Deposited Plan 71571, Being part of Reserve 50948 Volume 3160 Folio 585 Area: 7.6019 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 70848 and 71571. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Carnarvon. **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 the interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Lease of Land. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** In order to assist in the provision of facilities to cater for a substantial increase in road transport and to provide a positive impact to the community through job creation it is intended to release the subject land, by way of a competitive tender process, for the grant of a Lease Agreement for the purpose of "Truck Stop" or "Roadhouse". **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The land has been identified as being a suitable location for the purpose of "Truck Stop" or "Roadhouse". **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 May 2012. **RDL FILE:** 00382-2011-01RO **RDL REF:**112433

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, 140 William St, Perth, 6000. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lily Sutomo, Mid West Region, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4616. **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 Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth no later than **30 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 **30 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 **30 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 11th day of April in the year 2012.

**HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS**

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 30 May 2012

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the area, set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **District Registrar, Federal Court of Australia, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 on or before 29 August 2012**. After 29 August 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 29 August 2012 the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Qantac Pty Ltd

Non-native title interest: In principle approval of an application for a grant of a term lease under the *Land Act 1994* over the area of the non-claimant application.

Federal Court File No: QUD188/12

Description: The area subject to this application is Lot 1 on Plan SP246036 covering approximately 7 hectares situated in the vicinity of the township of Blackwater as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Central Highlands Regional Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Mines, Queensland.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Leila Hunnam-Driscoll on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntf.gov.au.

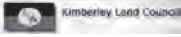
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Family & Community Services
Housing NSW

Senior Client Service Officer

Staying Home Leaving Violence Project Worker
Clerk Grade 5/6

Central Sydney Division, Maroubra Office
Temporary Part-Time

Job Reference No. 00000V6R

Total remuneration package valued up to \$85,816 per annum (Salary: \$70,480 pa - \$77,767 pa). Full-Time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$38.59 ph - \$42.58 ph.

Job Description:

The Staying Home Leaving Violence Project Worker, works across a range of agencies and social housing providers, identifying and servicing the housing and support needs of women in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney who have left a domestic violence relationship.

Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, Behavioural Sciences or related area and demonstrated experience or extensive assessed industry experience.
- Demonstrated experience of working with victims of domestic violence and an understanding of outreach work and client advocacy.
- Demonstrated understanding of homelessness and related issues.
- Experience in case management of people with support issues.
- High level analytical skills.
- Ability to liaise with a variety of human service organisations and to initiate and develop networks.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people with disabilities.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Temporary Part-Time** position for a period of up to 28 hours per week for a period of up to 36 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Margaret Macrae on (02) 9314 4011

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000V6R

Closing Date: Friday, 25 May 2012

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 23 May 2012



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12012/045 Australia Pacific LNG - Gangulu Parties ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 75 square kilometres and extends in a northerly and then north-easterly direction from a point about 43 km north-east of the town of Theodore to a point near the Dawson Highway about 50 km west of the town of Calliope.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Banana Shire Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited and Australia Pacific LNG Gladstone Pipeline Pty Limited (individually and collectively APLNG)

C/- Clayton Utz Lawyers

Level 28, 71 Eagle Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

Edna Fraser, Viola Sheridan, Louis Toby, Karen Austin, Robert Toby, Lynette Blucher, Maurice Barry, Howard Butler, Annette Rutherford and Stacy Hayes (Gangulu Parties)

C/- Robert Carroll

Higgins Chambers

Level 29, 239 George Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following edited statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5. (b) Within 10 Business Days after completion of all construction and rehabilitation works for the ILUA Project, APLNG will give a written notice to the Gangulu Parties (Notice of Completion of Construction) [NCC].

(c) [In accordance with clauses of the agreement] the ILUA Area will be reduced to the area that is identified in, and shown on the map enclosed with, the [NCC] (Final ILUA Area).

(d) The width of the Final ILUA Area identified in the [NCC] may not, in any areas where Native Title Rights and Interests have not been extinguished, exceed 200 metres.

8.(a) The Native Title Parties agree to and consent to: (i) the Agreed Acts [being acts and classes of acts listed in Schedule 2 of the agreement, available on request. Agreed Acts include the grant of petroleum authorities, pipeline licences and any other approvals APLNG or a Third Party considers necessary or desirable for or incidental to undertaking the ILUA Project, the undertaking of acts pursuant to such grants, and the making, amendment or repeal of associated legislation]; and (ii) the undertaking of the ILUA Project.

(d) [the parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply] to any Agreed Acts on and from the date this Agreement is Registered.

1.1 Definitions

"ILUA Project" means that part of the Pipeline Project to be located in the ILUA Area and includes [the planning, design, development, construction, operation and maintenance of: (a) pipelines that may be used for the transportation of petroleum, water, brine and other substances, and all ancillary surface and sub-surface works and associated facilities and equipment including pumps and compressors, valves, meters, fittings, facilities for cathodic protection, communication and power systems and any other works, facilities and equipment that APLNG or any Third Party considers necessary or desirable for the transportation of those substances by pipeline, and decommissioning of the pipeline and (b) infrastructure or other facilities that APLNG or a Third Party considers are necessary or desirable for, or to support the conduct of, the operations referred to at (a) above in the ILUA Area including power lines, conveyors, construction camps, buildings and roads;] and (c) a reference to each and every phase and component of the operations referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above and activities related to, associated with or incidental to the activities referred to in those paragraphs (a) and (b) above (including the phase of decommissioning and completing any final rehabilitation of those operations and terminating or surrendering the Agreed Acts).

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 23 August 2012.**

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, Queensland. 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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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School Improvement

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Student Support

Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre

Transition Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 6

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Eligibility/Other Requirements: Possession of a current driver's licence.

Desirable: Relevant tertiary qualification e.g. Certificate IV or social science degree.

Note: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position.

Contact Officer: Steve Watson (02) 6207 3528 steve.watson@act.gov.au

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If successful as part of this 12 month traineeship you will be required to undertake nationally recognised qualification relevant to your duties and other courses which relate to the provision of community housing.

To access a copy of the position description please visit www.compasshousing.org or contact Debbie Bradfield on (02) 4920 2600.

This is an identified indigenous position and as such, candidates must provide a confirmation as identifying as indigenous to apply.

Please address the criteria contained in the position description and email your completed application to recruitment@compasshousing.org by **20 May 2012**.



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 2
Home Care
Dubbo, Narromine and Warren
Casual

Job Reference No. 00000Z8B

Total remuneration package valued up to \$23.66 ph (casual), plus loadings for out of hours work, non-contributory superannuation and car allowance.

Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

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Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the *Anit-Discrimination Act 1977*. Qualifications in community care, aged care or disability would be well regarded but not essential.

Enquiries: Kelly Doolan (02) 6841 1570

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000Z8B

Closing Date: 1st June 2012

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 30 May 2012

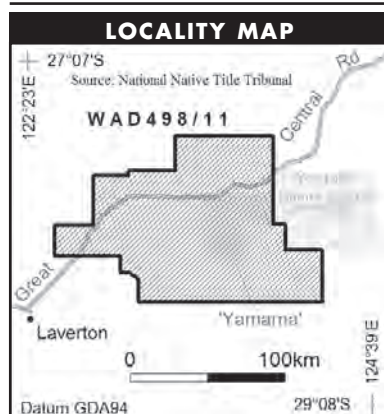


National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837 **on or before 29 August 2012**. After 29 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: Gary Sullivan & Ors on behalf of the Sullivan Family -v- State of Western Australia (Sullivan/Edwards)

Federal Court File No: WAD498/2011

Date filed: 7 December 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 12,260 square kilometres, located about 50 km east north east of Laverton as shown on the locality map.

This application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Laverton.

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

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ashleigh Freeman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Family & Community Services

Director Aboriginal Strategy

Senior Officer Grade 2
Department of Family & Community Services
Strategic Reform

Total remuneration package valued up to \$176,370 per annum (Salary: \$149,737 pa - \$160,294 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Director Aboriginal Strategy is responsible for ensuring that services across the Department of Family and Community Services are appropriate to respond to Aboriginal client and community need and that the needs of the Department's Aboriginal clients are considered across government.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Proven experience in a team leader/management role within a large, complex, diverse and changing environment.
3. Sound demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal affairs, issues and community needs, relevant legislation, Commonwealth and State Agreements and Government policy.
4. High level of specialised knowledge in key areas, such as strategic policy, strategic planning, performance measurement and information management.
5. Proven project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.
6. Demonstrated experience and skills in developing frameworks for strategic initiatives in a policy environment.
7. Sound analytical, problem solving and oral communication skills including proven ability to positively influence, negotiate and resolve conflict using various communication strategies.
8. Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline or equivalent knowledge and experience.

Job Notes:

This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to June 2014 under the terms of Section 86 and Section 27 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria as well as attach an updated Resume.

For enquiries: Maggie Smyth (02) 8753 8582 or Pauline Brown (02) 4978 6200

Information Packs: Amy Charet (02) 8753 8210

For further information regarding the position, or to apply please see www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (Job Reference Number 00000YX1)

Closing Date: Wednesday, 6th June 2012

For more Information about Department of Family and Community Services, please see www.facs.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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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
04/1888	MT PIERRE PTY LTD	384155	415.26HA	30km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 18' S Long: 125° 49' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
09/1054	DAMPIER MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	380156	24.50HA	155km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 12' S Long: 116° 27' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
20/606	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	395951	809.00HA	22km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE
20/608	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	395952	23.43HA	26km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 118° 8' E	CUE SHIRE
25/278-I	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD INTEGRA MINING LTD	395702	190.97HA	59km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 122° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/336	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	395946	23.13HA	61km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
30/387-I	HATCHES NOMINEES PTY LTD	395401	21.01HA	120km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 119° 48' E	MENZIES SHIRE
57/674-I	NEMEX PTY LTD FORTIS MINING LTD	395558	143.81HA	63km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 119° 25' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
59/1242-I	MUTINY GOLD LIMITED	396494	19.40HA	59km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 116° 14' E	GERALDTON CITY, YALGOO SHIRE
63/1437	CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD	395592	94.81HA	18km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 2' S Long: 121° 54' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
77/1787-I	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	395260	96.82HA	57km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 119° 41' E	YILGARN SHIRE
80/3906	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	380960	107.86HA	76km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 127° 56' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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 for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales.

Notification day: 30 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 29 August 2012. After 29 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: Western Bundjalung People
Federal Court File No: NSD2300/2011
Date Filed: 19 December 2011
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application covers areas of Crown land and water in the vicinity of the towns of Grafton, Casino and Tenterfield in north-east NSW. The application excludes freehold land.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Clarence Valley Council, Kyogle Council, Richmond Valley Council, Glen Innes Severn Shire Council and Tenterfield Shire Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information contact Kimberley Wilson on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice to all Noongar people – South West Boojarah #2 and Harris Family

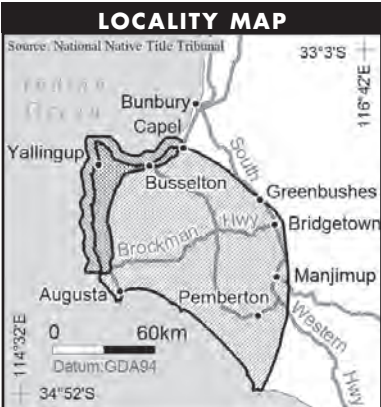


As part of ongoing Native Title negotiations, the Western Australian Government and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council have requested the National Native Title Tribunal invite any Noongar person who is seeking more information about the registered native title claims in the South West to 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 **South West Boojarah #2 and Harris Family** native title claims, or
- Who considers there are additional apical ancestors who are relevant to the claims,

is invited to contact **Karen Holmes** at the **National Native Title Tribunal** on (08) 9425 1119 or on Freecall: 1800 640 501 or by email at: karen.holmes@nntt.gov.au by 15 June 2012.



Application name: William Webb & Others and the State of Western Australia & Ors (**South West Boojarah #2**) and Minnie van Leeuwen and the State of Western Australia (**Harris Family**)

Federal Court File: WAD253/2006 & WAD6085/1998
NNTT File No: WC06/4 & WC96/41

Location: The area subject to these applications is located in the south west of Western Australia and covers a combined total area of about 10,940 sq kms as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of Shires of Augusta-Margaret River, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Capel, Donnybrook-Balingup, Manjimup, Nannup and Busselton.

The South West Boojarah #2 claimants comprise those Aboriginal people who are the biological and adopted descendants of the following ancestors:

- Ryan and Wooragan, an Aboriginal woman from Augusta
- Saul Isaacs and Dorinder, a Wardandie Aboriginal woman
- John Herring and Elizabeth, an Aboriginal woman from Busselton
- Billy Colbung and Nina Bayla Brockman
- Billy Colbung and Clara Brockman
- Billy Colbung and Cloe Wynn
- James Wynne and Bussels Fanny
- George Wattling and Cloe Wynn
- Timothy Harris and Caroline 'Cleo' 'Yorjup' Mallane/Malony/Milany
- George 'John' Dawson and Rebecca, an Aboriginal woman from Busselton
- James Mippy, an Aboriginal man and Edie Ann, an Aboriginal woman from Margaret River
- Mowem Underwood and Ruby Dalgaitch

The Harris Family claim is brought on behalf of:

- Minnie van Leeuwen
- Norman Harris
- Carrie Harris and Dorothy Blurton, and their children as listed;
- Wendy Harris
- Susan Peaker
- Stephen van Leeuwen
- Elizabeth Embry
- Joanne Downey
- Norman Harris
- Geary Harris
- Keith Harris
- Mathew Harris
- Timothy Harris
- Reiner Harris
- Wayne Blurton
- Mark Blurton
- Jenny Maher
- Delarna Harris
- and the biological descendants of their children

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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Assistant Project Officer – Support (ATSI Identified Position)

Clerk Grade 3/4
Western Region, Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 00000ZN2

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary \$59,705 pa - \$65,376 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Assistant Project Officer, Support works in the Regional Operations Team to provide executive and administrative services to the Regional Office. Within the unit, provides information on support, coordination or management issues, or undertakes projects and receives direction from the Regional Manager.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impact in relation to housing and related assistance with a demonstrated commitment to client service.
- Proven expertise in providing secretarial, administrative and support services at a senior level, preferably gained in a community service provider environment with a demonstrated commitment to quality customer service.
- Demonstrated ability to be pro-active, diplomatic and to analyse sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality.
- Knowledge of quality systems procedures and management.
- Well developed communication, interpersonal, public relations and customer service skills including writing skills.
- Excellent organising and self-management skills, ability to successfully complete several tasks concurrently; set work priorities and maintain attention to detail.
- Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision and as part of an organisation-wide, multi-disciplinary team.
- Experience using computer applications and database systems, especially in the use and application of spreadsheets for financial management and support activities with the ability to develop PC based databases, spreadsheets and related applications.

Job Notes: Occasional travel within NSW, including across remote areas and overnight stays, is a requirement of this position. Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position and is authorised under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Inquiries: Laurinne Campbell – Ph (02) 6841 9100

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 30 May 2012

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Community Services

Office for Children Youth and Family Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Out of Home Care

Youth Worker

Administrative Services Officer Class 3
Salary Range: \$51,032 - \$55,076 (PN: Reg052012)

The position of Youth Worker provides direct supervision and support to young residents, assisting with living skills, social and community interaction and linkages to suitable support programs and services. In conjunction with other areas of the Directorate and community partners, the Youth Worker is responsible for providing direct case work support to residents in relation to the development and implementation of case management plans and is responsible for engaging with the young residents in a culturally appropriate, sensitive and supportive manner. The Youth Worker position also plays a pivotal role in providing a safe and caring environment for residents and professional administration of Narrabundah House Indigenous Supported Accommodation, in line with the standards and expectations of the ACT Public Service.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Current driver's licence. First Aid Certificate or willingness to quickly acquire the Certificate.

Notes: These positions will involve shiftwork. An order of merit will be formed from this selection process and maybe utilised to fill any casual, temporary or permanent positions (at level), which may occur within the next 12 months. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Jenny Lintern (02) 6207 6858 jenny.lintern@act.gov.au

For further information, please visit www.jobs.act.gov.au

Applications Close: 25 May 2012

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Jubullum
Local Aboriginal
Lands Council

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(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the JLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

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 Cedrick Walker or A/CEO Ken McIntosh, by email: jubullum@gmail.com or cedrick.walker@ymail.com or on (02) 6666 1337.

Applications can be posted to the Jubullum LALC and marked "Confidential": Previous applicants can also reapply and upgrade their application.

The Recruitment Officer
Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 25
TABULAM NSW 2469

Applications close
Friday 8th June 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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:

Table with 7 columns: Tenement Type, No., Applicant, Area, Locality, Centroid, Shire. Rows include Mining Lease 26/830-1, 27/485, 29/418, and 52/901 & 52/904-6.

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 16 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 16 August 2012.

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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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT
SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Petroleum Exploration Permit application applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA).

Table with 5 columns: NUMBER, APPLICANT, AREA, LOCALITY, SHIRE. Row 1: STP-EPA-0032, FINDER NO 3 PTY LIMITED, 790.78 km², detailed locality description, Shire of Ashburton (0.4%).

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 16 May 2012

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day 16 September 2012, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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Table with 5 columns: NUMBER, APPLICANT, AREA, LOCALITY, SHIRE. Row 1: STP-EPA-0039, EXCEED ENERGY (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD, 4091 km², detailed locality description, Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (100%).

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years for two terms only.

Notification Day: 16 May 2012

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons and those who are a body corporate have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Exploration Licence No 7679
(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 minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 32 units situated approximately 40 kilometres east south east of Armidale, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

PMR1 Pty Ltd is the holder of Exploration Licence No 7679 (Act 1992) for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources and Energy.

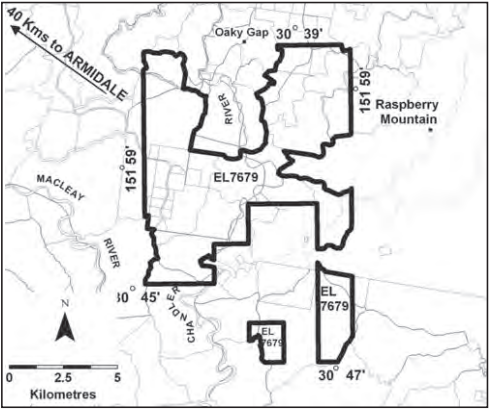
Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

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

How further information about the act can be obtained

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 31-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.



NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) — SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that Sunthe Uranium Pty Ltd ACN 119 366 166 of Suite 48, Level 3, Benson House, 2 Benson Street TOOWONG QLD 4066 and any of its successors and assigns (**Sunthe**) proposes to undertake mining operations of an exploratory nature pursuant to Exploration Licence 4841 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with that exploration licence and any other exploration authority or interest in an exploration authority from time to time held over the area of that exploration licence or any part of it) on the following land (**Land**):

MOONABIE AREA – Approximately 60km WSW of Whyalla, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°04’S and longitude 136°55’E, thence east to longitude 136°57’E, south to latitude 33°08’S, east to longitude 136°58’E, south to latitude 33°10’S, east to longitude 137°01’E, south to latitude 33°16’S, east to longitude 137°02’E, south to latitude 33°19’S, east to longitude 137°05’E, south to latitude 33°20’S, west to longitude 137°03’E, south to latitude 33°25’S, west to longitude 137°02’E, south to latitude 33°28’S, east to longitude 137°06’E, south to latitude 33°31’S, west to longitude 137°05’E, south to latitude 33°36’S, west to longitude 137°02’E, north to latitude 33°28’S, west to longitude 137°00’E, north to latitude 33°14’S, west to longitude 136°57’E, north to latitude 33°08’S, west to longitude 136°45’E, north to a southern boundary of Lake Gilles

Conservation Park, thence generally easterly and northerly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to latitude 33°00’S, east to longitude 136°55’E, and south to the point of commencement.

AREA: 402 square kilometres approximately.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are 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 as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralization and/or water that may include but is not limited to any of the following: Geophysical surveys including airborne and ground surveys of magnetics, gravity, electrical and seismic methods. Geochemical sampling including radon surveys, soil, rock chip and drainage. Shallow trenching and various drilling methods including auger, rotary mud, percussion, aircore, sonic and diamond drilling.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following tenements under the Mining Act 1971:

Exploration Licence 4841 held by Sunthe.

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 or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of the party’s interest in the tenement.

Sunthe seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement for exploration under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Sunthe 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 is invited to contact the proponent Sunthe for the purpose of:

- 1. negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land; and/or
- 2. requesting further information about this notice.

The proponent Sunthe can be contacted as follows:

C/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers,
11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000,
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088
Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266,
Contact: Kate Bickford

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2039	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	45BL	102km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 2' S Long: 124° 12' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/1432	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	11BL	59km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 116° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2332	SUNWAY ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	60BL	139km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 46' S Long: 115° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2361	CROYDON GOLD PTY LTD	60BL	58km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 116° 17' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1959	MUGGON COPPER PTY LTD	76BL	151km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 115° 27' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1961	SIBURAN RESOURCES LIMITED	50BL	77km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 41' S Long: 115° 51' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1965	AURORA RESOURCES PTY LTD	48BL	151km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 51' S Long: 116° 41' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1320	AUZEX RESOURCES LIMITED	16BL	25km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 9' S Long: 121° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
		GGG RESOURCES PLC				
Exploration Licence	21/156	WEST PEAK IRON LTD	4BL	27km SE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 118° 6' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/476	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	11BL	39km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2222	INTEGRA MINING LTD	44BL	103km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 122° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2227	RENAISSANCE WA PTY LTD	1BL	105km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 122° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	37/1130	ZEPHYR MINING PTY LTD	19BL	93km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2705	POSEIDON NICKEL LTD	2BL	15km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2707	POSEIDON NICKEL LTD	1BL	18km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2713	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	7BL	20km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2723	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1689	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	14BL	187km SE'ly of Lavrton	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 123° 51' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1690	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	6BL	75km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3600	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	25BL	96km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 9' S Long: 118° 47' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3911	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	60BL	20km SW'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 41' S Long: 120° 3' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
		COPPIN, Langtree Eric Christopher				
Exploration Licence	45/4001-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	27BL	81km SEly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 6' S Long: 120° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4026-I	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	52BL	120km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 118° 44' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2660	BARACUS PTY LTD	17BL	20km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 116° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2733	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	50BL	142km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 119° 53' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2744	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	5BL	20km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 119° 32' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2749	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	14BL	38km E'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/910	PLASIA PTY LTD	11BL	17km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 119° 11' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3051	STRATEGIC MATERIALS PTY LTD	25BL	236km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 125° 38' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4028	WESTERN AREAS NL	38BL	70km SE'ly of Hyalinea	Lat: 32° 49' S Long: 119° 27' E	KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
		SWANOAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	70/4029	WESTERN AREAS NL	38BL	79km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 1' S Long: 119° 32' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
		SWANOAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	70/4290	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	89BL	17km SW'ly from Hyden	Lat: 32° 34' S Long: 118° 45' E	KONININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4295	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	63BL	52km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 116° 30' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4296	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	70BL	64km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 116° 45' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE, PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2039	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	18BL	24km E'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 119° 22' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2042	TUNGSTEN WEST NL	30BL	23km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 119° 44' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2049	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	19BL	125km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 118° 58' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2050	GOLDEN IRON RESOURCES LTD	1BL	57km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 119° 49' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4337	CANNING BASIN COAL PTY LTD	200BL	14km SW'ly of Balgo	Lat: 20° 12' S Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4678	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	87BL	19km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 10' S Long: 127° 30' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
		NORVALE PTY LTD				
Miscellaneous Licence	57/39	YILGIRON PTY LTD	28821.46HA	57km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 119° 2' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
The purposes of L 57/39 are: a search for groundwater						
Prospecting Licence	15/5694	MCFARLANE, John Vernon	1.98HA	19km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2757	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	37.35HA	48km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4597-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.94HA	46km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4598-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.81HA	52km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4625-8	STOKES, Harold John	686.71HA	45km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4647	FRY, Barry George	191.48HA	53km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2227	GUIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	188.42HA	54km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 122° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2131	BUCKLEY, George	9.99HA	55km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	31/2021-S	QUINN, Michael Thomas	5.19HA	110km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 122° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8198-S	JOHNSON, Chad Graeme	3.65HA	24km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8199	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	67.57HA	41km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8200-3	MINERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	799.68HA	41km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3996	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	66.33HA	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3997	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	131.83HA	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3998	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	83.96HA	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5204-6	MCCRACKEN, Trevor Andrew	598.11HA	72km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 14' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		WATERS, Mark Henry				
Prospecting Licence	39/5270	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	23.51HA	48km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1298	TERRIL GAYE LANTZKE -AFT THE LEONORA INVESTMENT TRUST	189.55HA	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2822	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	100.93HA	63km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 33' S Long: 119° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2824	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	24.18HA	93km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 120° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2825	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	101.69HA	101km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 120° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1801	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	12.01HA	57km E'ly to Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 120° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1802	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	18.01HA	57km E'ly to Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 120° 39' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1803	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	52.36HA	101km W'ly from Telfer	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 121° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1627	SJ CRUSHING PTY LTD	4.25HA	9km SE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 44' S Long: 117° 51' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1642	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	74.02HA	91km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 117° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
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		WIECLAW, Janusz Piotr				
		DUMITRO, Andrew Mark Teale				

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

Surfing event revived after 17 years

THE Australian Indigenous Surfing titles will be revived at Bells Beach, Victoria, later this month.

The event has not been held since the mid-1990s.

Surfing Victoria will host the 2012 tournament from 27 May to 1 June.

Each affiliated State will be guaranteed two places in the event, but the 20 other contestants will be chosen from the entry list. The entry fee is \$66, including GST.

The winner will walk away with \$1000 prizemoney, with \$500 to the runner-up and \$250 to the third placegetter.

The winner also will receive a wildcard entry into the Australian Open Surf Masters at Port Macquarie, NSW, in August. Surfing Australia will pay the entry fee, but the surfer will have to pay for travel and accommodation.

The winner and runner-up also will win a two-day all-expenses-paid camp at the Surfing Australia High-Performance Centre in far northern NSW.

Bennell, Hill re-sign



HARLEY BENNELL



TWO rising Indigenous Australian Football League (AFL) stars have been re-signed

by their clubs.

The Gold Coast Suns received a boost ahead of their clash against fellow expansion outfit Greater Western Sydney, with young gun Harley Bennell re-signing until the end of 2014.

Over in Perth, Fremantle locked in Stephen Hill for three years.

Bennell, 19, has been a shining light for the Suns, booting three spectacular goals and almost lifting them to a shock home win over Fremantle just over a week ago.

"I'm rapt to re-sign with the Suns," said Bennell.

Enjoying footy

"I have got a lot of mates here, I'm enjoying my footy and I believe we are building something pretty special."

Bennell joined the Suns from WAFL club Peel Thunder.

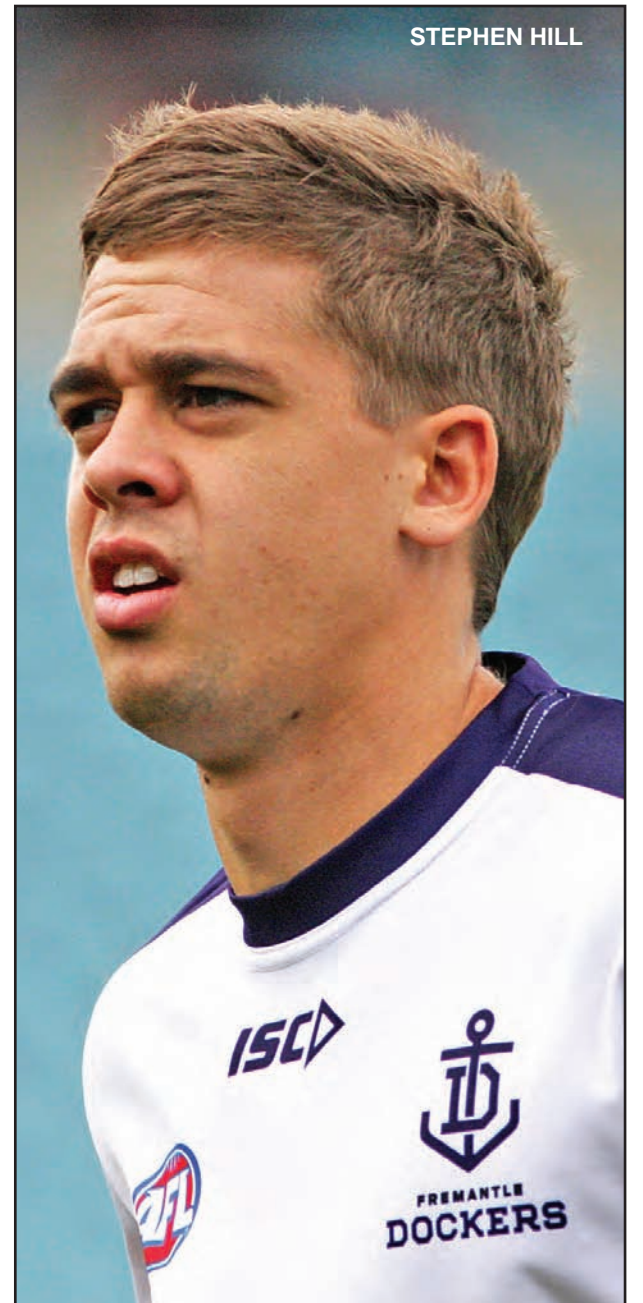
The Giants hosted the Suns in Canberra last Saturday, with both sides still searching for their first win of the campaign.

Midfield speedster Hill, 22, was already signed for next season, but the Dockers have moved early to secure him for a further two years.

Hill has played 73 games since making his debut in 2009.

Fremantle general manager of player management Brad Lloyd said the club was delighted with the new deal.

"We see Stephen as being very much a part of the long-term future of the club," he said. — AAP



STEPHEN HILL

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 30 May 2012

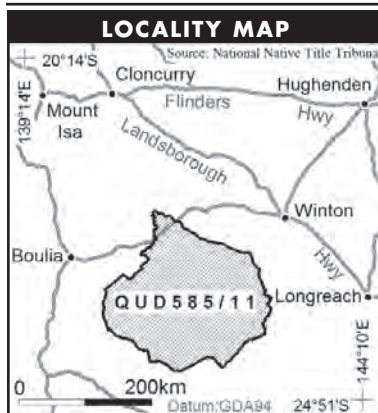


National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **District Registrar, Federal Court of Australia, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 on or before 29 August 2012.** After 29 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: Maiawali People
Federal Court File No: QUD585/2011

Date filed: 6 December 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 37,100 square kilometres and is located approximately 240 kilometres southeast of Mount Isa as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Barcoo, Boulia, Diamantina and Winton Shire Councils and the Longreach Regional Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 30 May 2012

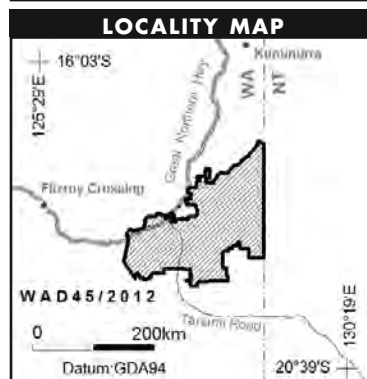


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Application name: Jaru

Federal Court File No: WAD45/2012

Date filed: 15 February 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 28,915 square kilometres. Its eastern boundary extends south along the WA/ NT border from a point 160 km south of Kununurra. Its western boundary crosses the Great Northern Highway about 190 km east of Fitzroy Crossing.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Halls Creek.

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

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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United triumph



Without a training run, these players from Bamaga and Weipa came together as Cape United to win the North Queensland women's rugby league championships.



CAPE United are the new North Queensland women's rugby league champions after beating Mackay 20-4 in

the final of the representative tournament at Jones Park, Cairns on Sunday 6 May.

Made up of players from Bamaga and Weipa, Cape United avenged their 34-22 defeat at the hands of Mackay in the preliminary rounds on Saturday 5 May.

Marlins coach Sam Reuben described the standard of play throughout the carnival as very high.

Many of the players were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

Reuben is of Darnley Island descent and is the coach of the side picked after the championships to contest the State titles at Ipswich in June.

"Women's rugby league in North Queensland is developing into a very strong competition," he told *Koori Mail* correspondent Alf Wilson.

"With five teams competing for the North Queensland championship title, it was good to see all players representing their cities and communities – and at a very high standard.

"It was good to have new team Three Rivers, which had players from Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and surrounding areas.

"There were plenty of excellent individual performances from the girls, so a special mention for Naomie Bobonjie and Natasha Baggow who played out of their skins and were unlucky not to get player of the carnival."

Reuben said the Cape United team would be hard to beat in the coming years with their youthful squad.

Cape United centre and player of the tournament Bianca Ambrum told the *Cairns Post* her side always knew they would produce their best football when it mattered most.

"We had a few injuries over the past couple of days, but we were pretty confident coming in

and we ended up giving Mackay a bit of a touch up in the final," she said.

"We thought we'd go all right. We don't get to train together or anything because half the girls are from Bamaga and the other half are from Weipa.

"But we came together really well, gelled really good and ended up winning."

The *Cairns Post* said Cairns were the defending North Queensland champions, but finished the tournament with only the one victory against Three Rivers, a team from the Cooktown region.

A Northern Marlins representative team was selected after the final to contest the Queensland titles in Ipswich in early June. Thirteen of the 19 players are Indigenous

Marlins team

Marlins: Melissa Micallif (Townsville), Jackie Oberleuter (Cairns), Angie Nadredre (Townsville), Bianca Ambrum (Cape United), Rachael Gordon (Cape United), Brittany Brealey (Mackay), Aggie Solomon (Townsville), Kellie McLean (Townsville), Naomie Bobonjie (Mackay), Natasha Baggow (Mackay), Heather Ballinger (Cairns), Deanne Turner (Mackay), Iyesha Beer (Townsville), Florrie King-Smith (Cape United), Elsja Mosby (Cape United), Lucy Bond (Cape United), Katie Haren (Cairns), Maddie Oberleuter (Cairns), Val Cole (Townsville). Coach: Sam Reuben.

Kahmia Raikiki (Mackay), Evie Evernden (Cairns), Alyssa Wray (Cape United) and Roslyn Roundtree (Mackay) have been selected to play for the Barbarians at the State titles.

Results: Townsville 34 d Cairns 10, Mackay 34 d Cape United 22, Townsville 22 d Three Rivers 18, Cape United 36 d Cairns 8, Mackay 18 d Three Rivers 4, Cape United 36 d Townsville 8, Cairns 16 d Three Rivers 4, Townsville 22 d Mackay 10, Cape United 36 d Three Rivers 0, Mackay 12 d Cairns 4.

Final: Cape United 20 d Mackay 4.



Florence Kepa, of Bamaga, found time to smile as her team ran away to a 36-8 win over Townsville.

Picture: Gordon Greaves (www.gordong.com)



Weipa player Alyssa Wray lines up a pass in the game against Townsville. Supporting her is Florrie King-Smith.

Picture: Gordon Greaves (www.gordong.com)

De La Cruz in 7s squad



THE Qantas Australian Women's Sevens, with Darwin star Bo De La Cruz in the squad, was looking to go one better than their runner-up finish in Hong

Kong when they took the field in London last weekend for the final International Rugby Board (IRB)-sanctioned tournament of the season.

Coach Chris Lane named a 12-player squad for the London tournament.

The defending world champion Qantas Women's Sevens were looking to return to

form in London, after failing to make the final in Dubai late last year and finishing runners-up to England in Hong Kong earlier this year.

While winning tournaments is the goal, Lane is impressed with the improvements his team has made between fixtures.

"You obviously go into tournaments wanting to win them, but as long as we continue to improve, we're successful," Lane said before the London tournament.

"The core of this group have played together in the last two tournaments.

"We're obviously going to London with

the hope of winning the tournament."

Eight members of the squad named for London, including De La Cruz, competed in Dubai and Hong Kong.

De La Cruz was a member of the 2009 Women's Rugby World Cup Sevens winning side.

Big improvements

Lane has worked his squad hard since Hong Kong and has seen real improvement, adding that more game time would allow for further progress.

"Our improvements have come from

hard work and the exciting thing is we're not even half-way there," he said.

"The more competition we have, the better we'll be."

The Qantas Women's Sevens faced the United States, China and France in the pool stage of London and Lane had no illusions of how tough the competition would be.

The third IRB-sanctioned Women's Sevens Challenge Cup featured 12 teams and was run in conjunction with the final round of the HSBC Sevens World Series in London on 12-13 May.

Standing tall



SA

MOANA Beach, south of Adelaide, turned on a perfect day on Sunday 15 April when about 150 Indigenous kids and their families gathered for a learn to surf event.

With a temperature at 29 degrees and a half-metre swell, the children and their families came from metropolitan Adelaide

and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The National Youth Week event was sponsored by the City of Onkaparinga.

"I transported four children who have never surfed before to Moana," said Amelia Kellner, from O'Halloran Hill, near Adelaide.

"I am so excited to see two standing on boards and riding waves. Children these days spend too much time playing

computer games and watching TV."

South Adelaide Health Services health promotions officer Tony Wallace said some of the community groups had come from Adelaide's northern Suburbs.

"It was a big day out for many and we appreciate the barbecue lunch on the beach and prizes given to participants," he said.

"The children got a huge thrill out of

this day. We ran community workshops promoting a healthy lifestyle and it was good to see so many taking part."

Program co-ordinator Tina Atkinson said: "I was pleased to see such a large number of participants and Moana Beach provided a perfect beach day and great waves.

"Many had never surfed and displayed enthusiasm."



Kyle Presley, of O'Halloran Hill, rides a wave.



Monica Bedgegood, of O'Halloran Hill, feels the thrill of standing up on a surfboard.

Indigenous cyclists try their luck in the desert



TWO Alice Springs Indigenous cyclists have joined nearly 200 riders from across Australia and New Zealand for the seven-stage Ingerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro being held in the Red Centre.

The event began last Monday (14 May) and will end on Friday (18 May).

Hayden Jude, 20, and Dudley Clarke, 34, are the two Alice Springs Indigenous riders taking part.

The *Koori Mail* featured Hayden Jude in its sports pages in its 18 April edition.

The enduro is a seven-stage mountain bike event around Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges. Stages begin and end at different locations around Alice Springs each day.

There are 70 Northern Territorians taking part. Some are competing throughout the five-day event, while others are riding in just a few stages.

The event is in its fifth year and is

being conducted by Rapid Ascent, based in Victoria.

Between 2003 and 2006, the event was known as the Central Australian Bike Challenge.

Cyclists competing in every stage will cover 230km in total – most of it on cross-country trails in the MacDonnell Ranges, but also in individual time trials and a night ride.

Full program:

<http://www.rapidascent.com.au/ICME/Uploads/documents/2012ICMEprogram.pdf>

Rioli, Franklin star for Hawks



STAR forwards Cyril Rioli and Lance Franklin combined for 11 goals as Hawthorn scored a vital 35-point Australian Football League (AFL) win over St Kilda on 5 May at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The Hawks stormed home in the last term with five goals to one and won 18.15 (123) to 13.10 (88).

Franklin kicked 5.6 and Rioli, who was mourning the death of his uncle Sebastian, lit up the game in the first half and finished with a game-high six goals.

Hawthorn are rated as a top-four side, but they only had two wins from their opening five games.

The alarm bells were ringing after Sydney opened them up in the second half a week earlier for a big win.

The Saints took it up to them and only trailed by ten points at the last change, but the Hawks went up a gear in the last term before a disappointing crowd of 42,289.

Rioli responded to queries about his form with a best-afiel performance and his 18 disposals were the most he has had in a game this season.

Rioli said he had plenty to play for after the death of his uncle and the need to improve his own form.

"It was shattering, I found out the news on Thursday and took the day off," he said.

"I've got a bit of family down here so we stuck around home.

"It was sad at first and then we told some good stories about him, it made the day a little bit easier.

"But coming into this week's game, I got a bit of motivation from that and from the performance last week – I was happy with my game tonight." – AAP



Lance Franklin, facing camera, congratulates team-mate Cyril Rioli of Hawthorn after Rioli kicked one of six goals against St Kilda during their round six AFL match against St Kilda, played at the MCG on Saturday 5 May. Hawthorn won 18.15 (123) to 13.10 (88). – AAP image

Benn's big throw



DISCUS thrower Benn Harradine is in blistering form in the run-up to the London Olympic Games.

Just over a week ago, the Watjbaluk/Wergia (Victorian Wimmera region) Newcastle-born Harradine bettered his Australian record with a throw of 67.53 metres.

It was the best throw in the world this year and confirms Harradine as a medal prospect in London.

Harradine, who finished fifth at last year's world championships in Daegu, was competing at the low-key Townsville Student and Allcomers Games.

His previous record was 66.45m set in 2010.

"I'm not really getting too wrapped up in it," Harradine said of his Townsville effort.

"It's nice to get it out there and put some pressure on the other guys, but really it's just a number."

Harradine said he was more excited about beating his own record of 66.45m, set in 2010 in Split, Croatia, on home soil.

Welcomed in Townsville

"Townsville was just a really nice place to train and compete, and the people were so welcoming," he said.

"I had my dad up here to help me train and I said to him it would be good to break the national record actually on Australian soil.

"It means a little bit more to me being

able to do it in my own backyard."

Harradine produced three throws in Townsville beyond the Olympic qualifying mark of 65m.

"I threw a foul to start, and then improved from there with a couple of Olympic qualifying throws and of course the big new PB in round three," Harradine said.

"It was a bit different up here from what I've been getting used to in Canberra, where it's been pretty cold, so that was something that really shocked the system today.

"It's a great indicator of where I am at and that's exciting as I prepare to head back to Europe."

Harradine failed to progress beyond the first round of qualifying at the 2008 Beijing

Olympics, but four years on, is considered a medal chance after finishing fifth at last year's world championships in Daegu.

That performance was enough to secure him automatic qualification for the London Games.

Steady improvement

Harradine's performances have steadily improved during the Australian circuit.

The 29-year-old threw 58.37m at the Sydney Track Classic, 60.37m at the Adelaide Track Classic, 63.40m at the Perth Track Classic and 60.51m to win at the Melbourne Track Classic and Olympic trials.

Harradine last weekend was in Doha, in Qatar, competing in the Samsung Diamond League.

Tailwind dashes Josh Ross's Games hopes

A TAILWIND in Japan has blown away a golden chance for Australian sprinter Joshua Ross to book a spot in the 100 metres at the London Olympics.

Ross – a five-times national 100m champion who returned to track and field last year after a two-year lay-off – clocked a slick time of 10.16 seconds in finishing fifth at the Golden Grand Prix meet in Kawasaki in early May.

Ross' time was under the Olympic A qualifying standard of 10.18, but was ruled ineligible because the tailwind was registered at 2.9m per

second, above the legal mark of 2.0.

But it was still an encouraging performance from Ross, who has until early June to claim an individual 100m berth in the Australian team for the London Games.

Ross, 31, also shapes as a key member of the Australian 4x100m relay team, whose chances of qualifying for the Olympics increased when they clocked 38.84 at another meet in Japan in late April.

They were slightly slower in running 39.00 in Kawasaki three days later, but are still ranked well inside the top 16 in the world. – AAP

State of Origin back on AFL agenda



ALTHOUGH it will be a challenge, the Australian Football League (AFL) says it will speak with players over their push to revive State of Origin.

An AFL Players' Association (AFLPA) straw poll indicated an interest in reigniting representative football, whether it be the traditional State of Origin or two teams made up of the league's best.

"It's great the players have an appetite for it," AFL football operations manager Adrian Anderson said.

"Now there's a challenge to sit down with them and find a way it could work."

But former North Melbourne great Wayne Carey, a New South Welshman, said the best players from the minor states miss out under the traditional State of Origin format of Victoria

playing Western Australia or South Australia.

"If you're from NSW or Queensland, you miss out on the big game," he told Network Ten news.

"I'd like to see it, but not sure what format." AFLPA president Luke Ball told the Herald-Sun newspaper the poll suggested a strong interest in reviving the format.

But Ball said there were many factors to consider, including whether to play the match pre-season, mid-year, end of season or as an alternative to a NAB Cup round.

If not the classic State of Origin format, Ball suggested a match following the US basketball system of East against West or an 'old schoolyard selection process where you have two captains and they toss a coin to see who gets first pick'.

State of Origin was last played in 1999 when Victoria defeated South Australia by 54 points. – AAP

Girls 'mix it'

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



GIRLS may have been in the minority at the Gorden Tallis junior rugby league carnival in Townsville, but they held their own.

Forty sides from around north Queensland contested the carnival at the Townsville Junior Rugby League grounds on 5-6 May.

It was named in honour of former champion Queensland State of Origin and Test forward Gorden 'Raging Bull' Tallis, who was at the carnival.

Jeanette Macdonald, one of the organisers and an aunty of Tallis, said it had been a great success.

"About 50 to 60 per cent of the players were Indigenous," she said.

"Palm Island was probably the only all-Indigenous side."

The only two girls in the Palm Island Barracudas side were Vasenai Dabea,

aged 9, and Talita Kennedy, also 9.

It often took three or four defenders to tackle Vasenai, who was one of the stars for the Barracudas.

Her proud mother and team official Leah Dabea said the two girls weren't afraid to mix it.

"They each scored three tries at the carnival and were very competitive," she said.

Boys who stood out for Palm Barracudas included Morris Bourne, Elijah Miller, Jermaine Bulsey and Jahvan Oui.

Palm Island won two games, drew three, but lost them on a countback because the other sides scored first, and lost another four, but overall, team officials were pleased with the effort.

As a junior, Gorden Tallis played with Centrals Club in Townsville.

Ironically, Centrals Black won the carnival, beating Tully Tigers in the final.

Walkerston Wanderers Gold, from Mackay, took out the Reg Matthews

Memorial Trophy for the teams in the runners-up division.

Edmonton Storm, a team that included many Indigenous players, took out the Jannita Dunn Memorial Trophy in the second runners-up division, defeating Emerald Tigers.

Growing each year

MEANWHILE, the coming Laurie Spina Shield continues to grow with a record 66 teams to compete in Townsville on 22-23 June.

Organised by the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys in honour of their first club captain Laurie Spina, it will have eight teams more than last year.

A large number of Indigenous players will be playing, coming from the Central Cape Suns at Weipa in the north, south to the Rockhampton-based clubs Fitzroys, Gracemere and Brothers, and west to the Winton Devils and Mt Isa's Wanderers Devils and Black Stars.



● ABOVE: The Palm Island Barracudas team.

● ABOVE RIGHT: Star Palm Island Barracudas players Talita Kennedy, left, and Vasenai Dabea were the only girls in the side.

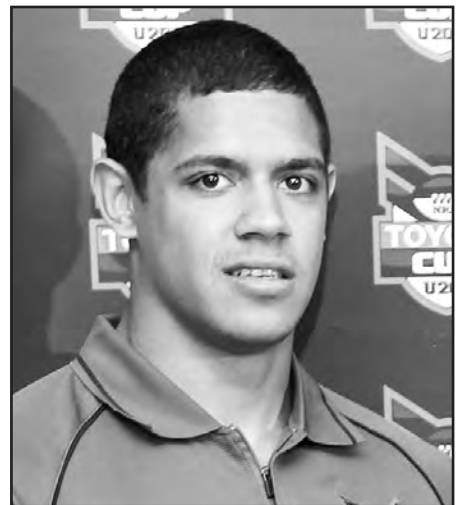
● LEFT: Barracudas player Garry Pearson Jnr about to pass.

● RIGHT: Barracudas player Germaine Bulsey runs with the ball, with Maurice Bourne in support.



● LEFT: Vasenai Dabea brushes off an opponent as she heads for a try. She and Barracudas team-mate Talita Kennedy each scored three tries during the carnival.

● RIGHT: An Edmonton Storm player.



Broncos release Gagai



BRISBANE Broncos coach Anthony Griffin said the door was not closed to youngster Dane Gagai (pictured) if he could iron out the

disciplinary issues which led to the National Rugby League (NRL) club releasing him.

The Broncos have let the promising outside back go despite signing him until 2014 just two months ago.

"I'd never say never and I said that to him yesterday," said Griffin last Wednesday when asked if the 21-year-old could fight his way back into the Broncos fold in the future.

"In a few years, if he wants to come back to the club and we've got a need for him and he's in a different space, then we'd consider it."

Gagai's manager Col Davis said a return to rugby union was not out of the question once all the emotion settled down.

"Dane is remorseful and determined to dig himself out of this," said Davis.

"He was a pretty handy No 10 for Brisbane Boys' College at school, but he just needs to take a deep breath and clear his head before making any decisions.

"His next decision will be critical in his career."

Brisbane gave Gagai numerous chances before Griffin broke the tough news to him last Tuesday.

The Broncos could have made the call to release him weeks earlier, but they wanted to give him an opportunity to turn his attitude around.

Unfortunately, he didn't grasp the consequences.

Blames himself

A gutted Gagai accepted responsibility for leaving Griffin with no option following his latest indiscretion in a string of breaches.

"I stuffed up. It's my fault I'm in this situation," Gagai told *The Courier-Mail*.

"It's the kick in the pants I need to help me become more accountable for my off-field actions.

"I now clearly understand what my responsibilities and obligations are to become a professional footy player."

Griffin did not want to say how many times Gagai had breached the club's rules.

"He's only young and he might learn. If it was only about talent, we wouldn't be making the decision we've made. He's a very talented player," he said. — AAP

More Motlop magic

By PETER ARGENT



GEELONG Cats young gun Steven Motlop's round six Australian Football League (AFL) Rising Star

nomination continues the family's rich history in the code.

He is the second member of his family to be rewarded with this nomination, with middle brother Daniel collecting one in 2003.

Shannon Motlop, the oldest of the four siblings, was a member of the Kangaroos' last premiership in 1999, while sister Lauren played with the Northern Territory side in the national women's championships in Adelaide last July.

Steven Motlop, 21, is a small forward/wingman who has been through a tough initiation in his time at the Cats.

After being drafted in 2009, he just played five games in his first three years at the Cattery.

"I played one game in 2010, but injured my shoulder and missed the next 15 weeks," Motlop said.

"Last year I played four senior games at the back end of the season.

"But I've have played every match this year.

"While you don't feel like you've cemented your place in this great Geelong side, I am just happy playing my role and performing for the team."

Motlop produced his best game in a Cats AFL jumper against the Melbourne Demons at Simonds Stadium, collecting 28 touches, pulling down three marks and kicking a goal.

He has spent more time in the midfield this season, displaying his classy use of the ball and illusive skills.

He kicked eight goals and averaged 16 disposals over the first six rounds of the Cats' 2012 campaign.

"I certainly like kicking goals, but I also enjoy being up the ground as well, as you have more space to work in," Motlop told the *Koori Mail*.

Referring to the Motlop football dynasty, Steven said: "There is a special bond through the entire Motlop clan.

"We are a proud family who love sport and we are very competitive.

"When we were younger, having a large group of cousins to play with was great.

"The group always were playing – a lot of different sports – not only Aussie rules, but also rugby and a number of other games."

Older brother Daniel, who has now entered the coaching ranks in rural South Australia, also won some recognition for his YouTube video titled 'Daniel Motlop = Genius' in 2009 when, at Alberton Oval, he displayed his breathtaking goal-kicking skills.

"I don't reckon I have all the tricks of Daniel, but when I was younger, I used to mimic what he did," Steven said.

Top End dynasty

The Motlop quartet are members of a bigger family from the Northern Territory and have a significant history in Top End football.

Their father Eddie is the oldest of four brothers – the others are Mark, Maurice (known by many as 'Mo') and Paul, who were all elite footballers in the Top End.

In recent times, Mo and Paul have coached NTFL sides to grand finals.

Paul Motlop mentored the Wanderers to a victory in 2010, with Shannon, along with Aaron (Mark's son) and Thomas (Mo's oldest) being members of this flag-winning combination.

Marlon (Mo's second son) is in the WAFL with Swan Districts, having played a handful of AFL games with the Power in 2008-2009, while Aaron was a member of the NT Thunder's inaugural squad, also having won the Chaney Medal as best on ground in the 2010 NTFL grand final.

One of Paul's sons, Brenton, has recently played in the Australian under 18 championships.

"We are a big family, like the Riolis and the Longs," Steven said.

"I also have five young nephews in the next generation – Waylon, Jesse, Brodie, Chase and Marley – who will be worth watching."



STEVEN MOTLOP
Picture: AFL



Some of the Motlop clan: Daniel playing for Port Adelaide in the AFL, above; Lauren playing for the Northern Territory women, above right; and Shannon playing for North Adelaide in the 2007 SANFL grand final, right.

Pictures by Peter Argent



In line for London Olympics



INDIGENOUS basketballers Patty Mills and Nathan Jawai are in the Australian

men's basketball squad preparing for the London Olympic tournament in July.

Mills plays with the San Antonio Spurs in the US National Basketball Association (NBA) competition, while Jawai is playing with Russian team UNICS Kazan.

Australia has avoided the United States, but faces a tough group in the first round of the London Olympic men's basketball tournament following the draw announced in Rio De Janeiro earlier this month.

The Boomers will come up

against hosts Great Britain, Beijing Games silver medallists Spain and top-15 sides Brazil and China in Group B as well as the third-placed team in the world qualifying tournament.

In the only other group, defending champions USA have been paired alongside France, Argentina, Tunisia, and the first and second-placed qualifying nations in Group A for the tournament, which is due to get under way on Sunday 29 July at the North Greenwich Arena.

Four to qualify

Four teams will qualify for the quarter-finals from each group, with the final set to take place on 12 August.

The Boomers have named a 25-man squad for the Games.

The squad will eventually be trimmed to 12.

Mills has enjoyed a good run of form heading into the NBA play-offs with the Western Conference leaders.

After stints in the United States and Canada, Jawai signed a one-year contract in August 2010 to ex-European champions KK Partizan from Belgrade, Serbia.

In June 2011 he signed with UNICS Kazan in Russia.

Meanwhile, the Australian women's team has also been handed a tough assignment after being drawn against Great Britain, Brazil, Russia and the third and fifth-placed qualifying nations in Group B for their competition which starts a day earlier than the men's. — **AAP**

Cox is in Opals train-on squad



THE Australian women's basketball squad preparing for this year's London Olympic Games is in camp in Canberra.

The Opals, silver medallists in the past three Olympics, are in the first stage of an intensive pre-Games build-up to London.

There are 20 players, including Indigenous guard/forward Rohanee Cox, from the West Coast Waves, in the camp.

Selectors on Friday will cut a number of players from the squad. Those remaining will attend a second camp starting on Monday.

Australia is looking to finally break through for the gold medal that has eluded them narrowly in the past three Olympics — and beat the United States.

Cox has returned to her home State of Western Australia, where she is playing in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) for the West Coast Waves.

She first played WNBL with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) from 1996 to 1998, then joined Perth (1998-2000, 2002-2003), the Townsville Flames (2005-2006, 2009-2010).

She sat out the 2010-11 season before signing with the West Coast Waves.

She played 53 international games as a junior and so far

has played 69 senior international matches.

She has toured South American, USA, New Zealand, Europe and Asia with the Opals and won a silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

In 2007 she was awarded the Robyn Maher International Player of the Year award.



Rohanee Cox in action for Australia against Latvia at the Beijing 2008 Olympics. — AP image

These Rubies are real treasures



THE all-Indigenous North Queensland Rubies hockey team has been announced as finalists for the international

Beyond Sports awards.

The Rubies became the first Australian Indigenous hockey team to compete internationally when they took part in a 9s tournament in Singapore last March.

Now, they will be up in against the likes of the Boston Celtics and Tottenham Hotspur for the Beyond Sport award, which recognises sporting organisations that make positive social change in their communities.

Fourfold emphasis

Nine Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players from Queensland's north took part in the Rubies' 'Learn, Lead, Achieve' program, where the emphasis was on career, education, lifestyle and health.

As part of that, the Rubies became the first Indigenous hockey team to compete overseas.

ABC Far North Queensland told its listeners that coach Wes



The trail-blazing North Queensland Rubies.

felt it was important for young Indigenous women in rural and remote areas not to be forgotten.

"Some of these girls in communities get left behind," he said.

"Most of the sports played out there are your rugby league and AFL and a lot of the girls don't always get the opportunity to play.

"So we just try to find a pathway where they can achieve at a State and national level."

Ferns told the ABC that the opportunity to travel to Singapore and play quality international competition had helped several players reach their potential.

"From Cairns (for training camp) to Singapore, the girls

improved 100 per cent. The hunger... the hockey, everything just gelled and moulded," he said.

The Rubies falls under the Remote and Indigenous Hockey Development Program, delivering sports and health programs to 45 communities.

Beyond Sport is a global

organisation that promotes, develops and supports the use of sport as a tool for positive change across the world.

It has just unveiled its short list for the Beyond Sport Awards 2012. Thirty projects were short-listed.

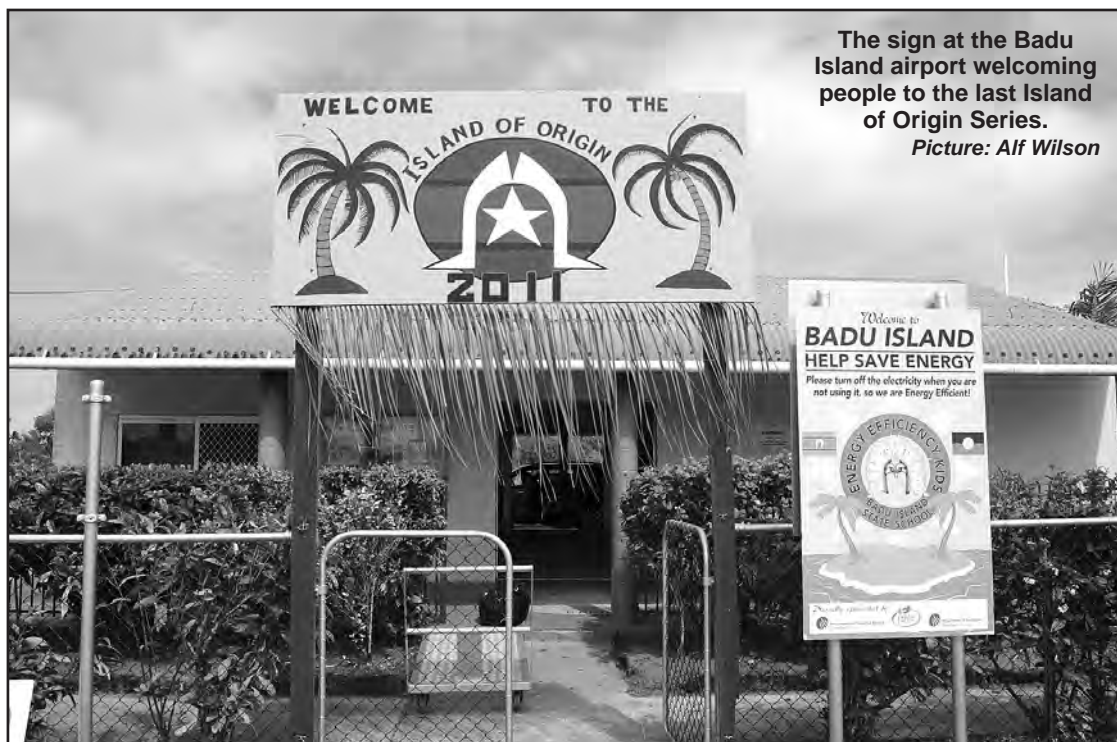
They were chosen from 322 entries from 135 countries that submitted entries.

The awards will be presented in London during the fourth annual Beyond Sport Summit on 23-25 July.

Off to London

By reaching this stage of the judging process, each project has secured an invitation to attend the summit, where shortlisted projects will have the opportunity to interact with Beyond Sport's extensive network of corporate business, government, philanthropy, international aid organisations and sporting federations, all with the ability to significantly impact the reach and capabilities of the sport and development movement.

The Beyond Sport Award winners, to be selected by the panel of Beyond Sport Ambassadors, will then receive a substantial package of business support to help them become sustainable.



The sign at the Badu Island airport welcoming people to the last Island of Origin Series.
Picture: Alf Wilson

TSI Island of Origin cancelled

By ALF WILSON



ONE of the Torres Strait's most popular sporting events – the Island of Origin rugby league series – won't be held this year.

Usually held at Badu Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June, a lack of numbers to help run the carnival has been put down to the shock decision.

The *Koori Mail* received a copy of a statement sent by Wayne Guivarra, who has been the hard-working organiser for many years.

"Please be advised that the 2012 Island of Origin has been cancelled for this year," Guivarra said.

"This decision was made by the two remaining active committee members.

"A number of meetings had been called, but unfortunately only a handful of interested people turned up and we were all of the opinion that the 2012 event should be cancelled, due in part to the very limited community support.

Time constraints

"Badu United Sporting Association had offered the Island of Origin to the KRL for season 2012, but the KRL have indicated that they cannot possibly host the event due to the time constraints.

"There have been groups of people making claims that they can better run sport, including the Island of Origin event, but they have not been seen since publicly making those statements.

"On behalf of Badu United Sporting Association and Badu Island families, I apologise for the inconvenience this cancellation has caused.

"It is hoped that a new committee can be formed so as to prepare for future events, including the 2013 Island of Origin."

The Island of Origin has received extensive media coverage in the past, including from NITV,

which televised the 2011 carnival.

Five men's teams and three women's sides contested that carnival.

Argun Warriors won the men's final and Tl side Sundown Sirens took out the women's decider.

The late Artie Beeton and another former Test forward, Sam Backo, were special guests.

A year earlier, the carnival celebrated its silver jubilee.

The carnival began in 1985 and attracted people from throughout the Torres Strait.

The other major Torres Strait football carnival, the Zenadth Kes (formerly Torres Cup), will be held on Thursday Island in October.

Argun Warriors out to prove they're the best

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION Torres Strait Island side Argun Warriors will compete at the Murri Knockout next September is a bid to prove they are the best Aboriginal All Blacks rugby league side in the country.

Argun Warriors won the 2011 Island of Origin Series on Badu Island, defeating Saguci 20-14 in a

tense final.

Four months later, in October, an Argun Warriors side which included NRL players Chris Sandow (Parramatta Eels) and Travis Waddell (Canberra Raiders) won the Cairns carnival men's final, beating East Coast Dolphins 32-24.

That proved that Argun Warriors were the undisputed champions in Queensland's far north.

Keiji Bowie was a leading player and organiser of the Warriors and is now based at Weipa, here he plays for Napranum Bulldogs in the Goodline Cape York competition.

"We will be competing at the Murri Knockout carnival down south for sure," Bowie told the *Koori Mail*.

The Murri Knockout will be held

from 27-30 September at the Briggs Road Complex in Ipswich.

Argun Warriors organisers have no doubt their side is the best All Blacks combinations in Queensland and maybe Australia.

Last February the winners of the inaugural Queensland Murri carnival met the NSW Knockout carnival winners in a genuine interstate showdown.

The Deadly Choices Interstate match was billed by organisers as the Koori versus Murri Challenge to decide the best Indigenous rugby league team in the country.

NSW Hunter side Mindaribba Warriors beat Queensland's Southern Dingoes 40-18.

Some leading far north Queensland carnival organisers and officials claimed it was not a true championship because the winners of the major North Queensland carnivals did not play in the Murri carnival won by Southern Dingoes.

Bowie said after the 2012 Murri Knockout, Argun Warriors would travel to the Cairns All Blacks carnival to defend their title at North Queensland's biggest carnival. It regularly has at least 30 men's teams.

"We will also be going to Bamaga for the Dan Ropeyarn carnival after that," he said.



Argun Warriors at the 2011 Island of Origin Series on Badu Island.

Geale has fallback plan



INTERNATIONAL Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight boxing world champion Daniel Geale is

optimistic his unification fight against Russia's World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title holder Dmitry Pirog will still go ahead, but has revealed a contingency plan should it not get sanctioned.

Germany's World Boxing Association (WBA) world middleweight super champion Felix Sturm is among the possible options for Geale should his scheduled 25 August clash with Pirog in Washington not proceed.

WBO president Francisco Valcarcel said on his organisation's website last week that it had not sanctioned

the bout. Pirog (20-0, 15 KOs) made a third title defence earlier this month, out-pointing Japan's Nobuhiro Ishida in Moscow.

The WBO wants Pirog to defend the title against the winner of last Friday's bout between Ukrainian Maksym Bursak and France-based Cameroon-born fighter Hassan N'dam N'jikam, within 90 days of that contest.

Geale's global agent Gary Shaw and Pirog's promoter Art Pellulo will meet Valcarcel in Puerto Rico in an attempt to try and persuade him to sanction the bout between their fighters.

"We're not too worried about it, there are a couple of back-up plans if the fight does happen to fall through," he said.

"We've had some pretty good offers

from Felix Sturm to go over and fight for the WBA and IBF unification in September.

"There is also another offer through Ricky Hatton's camp that (Britain's) Martin Murray wants me to go over there and fight and we're considering it.

"There's plenty of options on the board at the moment.

"It's not one of those things that you think it's the end of the world if it (the fight against Pirog) doesn't happen."

Garrie Francisco, a member of Geale's management team at the Grange Old School Boxing Club, believed an agreement with the WBO could be reached over the unification fight, even if it meant step-aside money being paid to the winner of the Bursak-Njikam bout. —AAP

The long road to New York



Rob de Castella with the six Indigenous women athletes in Canberra as they take their first steps towards running in this year's New York Marathon.



SIX young Indigenous women last week descended on Canberra for their first training camp as part of the 2012 Indigenous Marathon Project New York Marathon squad.

Leaving behind the comforts of home, the six women faced a number of challenges, including the Canberra winter, as they took a step closer to running in one of the world's most famous races.

Under the guidance of former world champion marathon runner and former Australian of the Year Rob de Castella, the women, many from tiny remote communities, were put through their paces over the intensive four-day camp.

For 21-year-old Grace Eather, the icy streets of Canberra was a world away from the remote

community of Maningrida, on the coast in the Northern Territory's west Arnhem Land.

Eather was inspired to apply for the project following the success of fellow Maningrida resident Juan Darwin through the Project in 2010.

The team was to take part in the 10km run in the Canberra Mother's Day Classic on Sunday morning, putting their training into practice, and doing their mothers proud.

This was the first opportunity for them to experience the excitement that comes with large running events.

The six women who attended the Canberra camp were 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).

Dust flies at Yalata



SA

YALATA, an Aboriginal community of about 250 people just off the Eyre highway on the far west coast of South Australia, held its second annual sports carnival in mid-April.



WA

Neighbouring Maralinga Tjarutja communities of Oak Valley and Tjuntjuntjara made the trek by road to participate. Tjuntjuntjara is 700km east of Kalgoorlie, in the Spinifex region of south-east Western Australia. Oak Valley is on the southern fringe of the Great Victoria Desert, about 500km north-west of Ceduna.

Yalata won the senior football and softball cups, while Tjuntjuntjara won the women's football and junior football.

Amid the dust, the football grand final between Yalata Warriors and Tjuntjuntjara Desert Hawks was expected to be a battle after the two teams had a tight struggle on the first day of the carnival.

In front of an enthusiastic crowd, Yalata kicked with the wind in the opening quarter and played fast and direct footy to build a seven-goal lead.

Tjuntjuntjara worked hard to get back into the game, but inaccurate kicking and a solid Yalata defence led by man of the match Leon Baker kept the home team well in front at half time. Yalata kicked away again in the third quarter and went on to win convincingly.

Yalata's Kavina Stewart won the cup for best player in the women's softball competition.

Players of all ages from softball and football were treated for injuries with the support of Yalata's Tullawon Health Service and the paramedics from Iluka Resources. The support of SA Police ensured the carnival was trouble-free.

Yalata Community Inc CEO Greg Franks paid tribute to Jack Johncock, from the SA Department of Recreation and Sport, for organising the football and softball umpires. Umpires included former AFL player Harry Miller.

Social events were held in the evenings, with discos for the kids and a battle of the bands, which was won by a band from Tjuntjuntjara.

The carnival was well supported by the region. Sponsors included the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council of SA (ADAC) the Far West Coast Traditional Land Association, and the Piling Trust.



Action in the men's Australian football final between the Yalata Warriors, in green, and the Tjuntjuntjara Desert Hawks.



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Passion for his people

One of Preston Campbell's key motivations in working with youth is to reduce the high incidence of self-harm across Australia. As the Federal Government's Learn Earn Legend ambassador, he is passionate about getting kids to aspire for a better future. Gold Coast Titans cadet Jake Duke is a product of these programs and is studying journalism at university. As part of his studies, he recently interviewed Preston to find out the personal reasons that drive him. Here is Jake's story:



JAKE DUKE
Picture: Solua Middleton

"INITIALLY, while all this trouble was going on, I was contemplating quitting the game. But, once my wife up and left, that's when I started contemplating taking my own life. I tried twice, but found that even then it didn't make a difference..."

THE full-time hooter echoes into the unblemished sky, bouncing off the train tracks only a stone's throw away from the main field.

Through the density of the crowd, his wife endeavours to remain undetected, moving swiftly to snatch a spot from another vacating parent.

Her efforts for anonymity however, are futile; it is the kick-off of the 2009 footy season at the Nerang Junior Rugby League club, and she is arriving with rugby league royalty.

Regardless of his 5ft 7in, 75kg frame, and the absence of his trusty, ever-present headgear, Preston Campbell still manages to attract the attention of every league diehard in the vicinity. Over the past two years he has developed into the heart and soul of the Gold Coast's newly-formed football franchise, renowned for leaving opposition clutching at thin air as he slices past them, tearing down the field like a flash of lightning.

Beaming smile

It is because of this, Campbell won't see much of his son Jaiden's first game. Despite numerous taps on the shoulder from the missus as young Jaiden scores a try or makes a tackle, Campbell continues to scribble autographs, pose for pictures and chinwag with those confident enough to approach him, all with his trademark beaming smile lit across his face.

Now, you would be naive to look at this as an illustration of bad parenting, as it tells you a hell of a lot about what kind of man he is – a man of the people, who defies just about every stereotype the media hurl at rugby league players.

Fast forward three years and

life is very different for Campbell. His office is no longer a 30,000-seat colosseum where Titans do battle every week, but a small, triangular desk situated on level four of the Gold Coast Titans' Centre of Excellence.

Ironically, in retirement he has camouflaged into the everyday hustle of nine-to-five, and he couldn't be happier.

Since wrapping up his distinguished playing career, Campbell has been afforded the opportunity to tackle the other burning passion in his life – the passion for his people.

With the assistance of his beloved Gold Coast Titans, he has begun spearheading a number of initiatives aimed at placing Indigenous youth on education and employment pathways in rural and urban Queensland.

Worn-out thongs

That is why, when inspecting his scarcely vacant work space, you are not bombarded by masses of dust-collecting footballing memorabilia or photos of his personal invitation to meet the Queen – only a pair of worn-out thongs under the desk and a very significant card sprawled open and proudly displayed on the mantelpiece. 'Thanks for the deadly time,' it reads, 'Love, the Cherbourg Mob'.

However, don't let this shortage of detailed reports and exhaustive lesson plans on his desk fool you. Campbell's work is not something that can be mapped out on paper or quantified with a numerical value.

It involves a change that, according to long-time friend and current manager of community development at the Titans, Matthew Francis, 'only someone with his special combination of passion, commitment, skills and personality can achieve'.

But this begs the question: Where does Campbell's hunger and motivation to create such drastic change come from?

Well, to understand the roots of his one-man crusade, we must embark upon a six-hour road trip to the Northern Tablelands of NSW. With a population of only

1000 and hectares of rolling hills, shrubbery, dust and rock consuming everything around it, Tingha is a world away from the picturesque beaches of the Gold Coast, but to Campbell it is still home.

However, an energetic and barefoot childhood was not the only aspect of this quaint town which moulded the man we see today. Tingha is, and always has been, rife with complications, whether it be the 18 per cent unemployment rate or the increasingly prominent substance abuse problem which continues to wreak havoc.

"It's a vicious circle," says Campbell in mournful tone, which is only exacerbated by his slumping body language.

"The young ones see the adults abusing drugs and alcohol and they follow suit. I tried a lot of that stuff when I was younger, but I didn't like it.

"I remember seeing uncles and aunties dying at a young age, relatives drinking three or four times a week and for me it wasn't a happy life, so I went the other direction."

Strict upbringing

However, Campbell is quick to credit his parents, Thomas and Zandra, for giving him what so many other youths are robbed of – a relatively stable and strict upbringing.

"My parents just set a really good example for me as a young fellow," says a now buoyed up and enthusiastic Campbell.

"They weren't the type of mum and dad who drank two, three and four times a week. They kicked me out of bed to go to school; they pushed me to get an education. And when I did get into trouble, they would give me a flogging," he says with a cheeky expression smeared across his face.

"My mum initially brought up four of her own children and then took on a number of adopted and foster children so they could have a safe and wonderful childhood like my own."

Sadly, though, scores of others are not so lucky and were unable to escape their youth without health or criminal record problems.

This inspires the work Campbell has begun to develop for these regional communities – work he one day hopes to take back home.

However, Campbell's own journey has been far from a casual training run.

In addition to confronting a number of monsters on the paddock, he has also had to side-step his fair share of personal demons on his lengthy and vigorous road to success.

In 2001, he stood at the pinnacle of the rugby league



world, accepting the Dally M Player of the Year award following a stellar season at the Cronulla Sharks.

However, management changes to the club in the subsequent 12 months saw him overlooked for a spot in the first-grade team.

As a result, Campbell began to spiral into a murky depression, sinking deeper and deeper into a seemingly never-ending abyss.

Breaking point

The breaking point, however, came when his child-hood sweetheart and future wife Lee could no longer endure the pain and was reluctantly forced to pull the plug on the relationship, leaving with his three children Jake, Tayla and Jaiden.

"The reason why I played footy, the reason why I wanted to do well, was for my family," Campbell says as a dank, solemn expression immediately consumes the space his bright smile once occupied.

"But when they weren't there, I really had no reason to live."

His glassy, piercing eyes begin to stare vacantly into the distance as he remains caught in what seems like an endless pause.

Suddenly he regains focus, but immediately averts his eyes to the desk in an attempt to avoid eye contact, fixing them upon the \$2 coins he is playing with.

He can talk about it now,

but his body language dictates just how difficult it is.

On two occasions he even attempted to take his own life – the first, ploughing his car intentionally into a 100-year-old oak tree at 80km/h after returning from a training run just outside of Ballina, on the New South Wales far north coast.

The second – an overdose on prescription drugs which landed him in a Sydney hospital for a number of days.

However, following a change of club and extensive counselling at the back end of his disastrous 2002 season, Campbell was able to convince his wife to give it one last shot.

"I was so happy when my family came back that I started training harder, my football got better and at the end of that year I was lucky enough to win a premiership," he said. "I have been on that high ever since," he declares as his warm, radiant smile returns to its rightful place.

A high that colleague and fellow rugby league retiree Dean Widders believes could take Campbell anywhere in life.

"He already is a leader by example with humility as his cornerstone, so as long as he has confidence in himself he could be a leader in many spheres of life," Widders says.

"However, I wouldn't like to limit what he may achieve by speculating."

Spreading message



FROM Bourke and Gwandalan, in regional NSW, to the Pilbara region in remote Western Australia, rugby league's One Community ambassador David Peachey hopes he's inspiring hundreds of Indigenous boys and girls to follow their dreams during an 11-day mission.

Peachey left Sydney on 2 May for the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre at Gwandalan, on the NSW Central Coast, to work with 60 Aboriginal students from the Hunter region as part of a program to boost their climb towards academic excellence and a successful career pathway.

Off to Bourke

The next day, Peachey and fellow One Community ambassador Rhys Wesser travelled to Bourke for school visits and the annual Outback Challenge, featuring 18 boys' teams and six girls' teams. The

all-day round robin tournament, involving 240 students from Years 3 to 6, is part of rugby league's commitment to Indigenous Australia and aims to encourage children to be active and make healthy lifestyle choices.

Then to Pilbara

On 5 May, Peachey joined with One Community ambassadors Trent Barrett and Mario Fenech on an eight-day visit to the Pilbara region as part of rugby league's commitment to the development of the game in regional WA. They visited Karratha, Port Hedland and Wickham, with an emphasis on junior development in schools and clubs.

As well as conducting coaching and skills clinics in these areas, Peachey and the other ambassadors showcased rugby league's unique education, health and wellbeing One Community programs such as Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well; Dream, Believe, Achieve; and Rugby League Reads.



Mario Fenech, left, and Trent Barrett speaking to schoolchildren in the Pilbara.



Mario Fenech and Trent Barrett meet some of the locals in the Pilbara.

'Bre' to host league carnival



ORGANISERS of the second annual Brewarrina Rugby League Knockout carnival on 9 June hope to double the number of participating teams.

Six sides contested the inaugural carnival last year and officials hope this year to attract 12 teams.

Prizemoney will depend on the number of entries.

It costs \$500 to enter a team.

The carnival will be held at Geoff New Oval. It will be an alcohol-free event.

To help police the no-alcohol policy, no vehicles will be allowed into the grounds. The tournament is open to any teams. Officials say they expect two Fijian sides and a local Golden Oldies team to nominate. Entries close at 5pm on 8 June and the draw will be made that night at the local RSL club.

A canteen will operate.

Admission will be \$5 adults and \$2 children.

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Key to success



HARLEY BENNELL

ONE great definition of what it takes to be successful is that it requires preparation and opportunity.

The difficulty in life is that we never know when opportunity will present itself.

All we know is that we have to be prepared – and that requires hard work.

Too often in life we only get one opportunity and that is why I am so happy that Harley Bennell has made the most of the second opportunity that he was afforded at the Suns.

Because sometimes success requires another key ingredient – and that is patience.

And that patience sometimes has to come from the people who can offer the opportunity.

There was never any doubt that Bennell had the aptitude and talent to succeed at the highest level of the game.

But as is the case with all emerging talent, it was a question of attitude.

When he was struggling in making the adjustment to living on the Gold Coast, he was given permission from the club to visit home.

He then put his position at the club in question when he arrived back late to duty. It was left to the club's leadership group to determine whether Bennell should be considered for further selection.

Benefited

Bennell, who was taken at number two in the National Draft, also moved in with Karmichael Hunt, who has also benefited from the club being patient with his development.

Last year there was constant talk that Bennell was homesick and wanted to return to Western Australia.

That sort of talk has dissipated.

When he was staying with Karmichael Hunt and Hunt's girlfriend, he said: "It's my dream to play AFL football and I'd love to stay at the club for ten years."

No doubt, the feeling is mutual.

Karmichael's need for patience to be shown was obviously different to that of Harley, but they obviously both were going through a period of adjustment.

I am certain that Harley benefitted from Karmichael's experience in reaching success in rugby league.

This year we have seen a different player and Harley was certainly prepared when opportunity came his way.

And that opportunity came through the unfortunate injury to Gary Ablett.

The absence of the best player in the game has helped unearth perhaps the game's most exciting young player.

While Gary Ablett's time on the sidelines has sparked debate about whether the Gold Coast is a more well-rounded team without him, Harley Bennell's star is shining at its brightest.

Coincidence or not, Bennell has

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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played his best two games for Gold Coast while Ablett has sat out.

The 19-year-old mesmerised not only his Fremantle opponents, but all of those who watched him.

He collected 37 touches, ran hard to be involved at both ends, and delivered the ball with such poise and perfection that it had you guessing whether he was a right-footer or left.

He has penetration and he can put it to space for his team-mates to run on to. Add to this, passing to team-mates is so perfectly weighted that the defender has little chance of spoiling.

He is a game-breaker – a player who sees space when others see clutter, which enables him to seemingly glide through contests.

But it is his ability to make his possessions really count that is his greatest gift.

Without Ablett, Bennell has been given more time on ball, and the returns would please coach Guy McKenna, for in Ablett's absence, the coach has learned he is suddenly a midfield forward and not vice-versa.

Bennell's signature became the club's number one priority.

So the Suns were breathing easier when the gun youngster Harley Bennell signed a new deal that would see him remain at the club until at least the end of 2014 (See Page 79).

They had been in talks with Bennell's management since the start of the season and were always confident he would recommit.

"I'm rapt to re-sign with the Suns. I have got a lot of mates here, I'm enjoying my footy and I believe we are building something special," he said.

Star in making

Gold Coast football manager Marcus Ashcroft said that although Bennell's potential had become obvious to the rest of the competition over the past weeks, the Suns had always known he was a star in the making.

"Harley is an extremely talented young player and we are thrilled that he will continue his playing career with the Gold Coast Football Club," he said.

Bennell joins teammates David Swallow, Sam Day, Tom Lynch, Brandon Matera, Jeremy Taylor, Luke Russell, Jaeger O'Meara and Alex Sexton in re-signing until the end of 2014.

"A number of our players are displaying real commitment to the club; that in turn gives us great confidence that the players believe in our program and are determined to deliver success for the Gold Coast Football Club and our fans," Ashcroft said.

If the club continues to show patience and the players prepare through hard work for the opportunity, then success will surely come.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Christian overlooked for tours of England, Ireland



ABORIGINAL all-rounder Dan Christian has missed out on selection in the Australian one-day and Australia A cricket squads to tour England and Ireland. The NSW-born South Australian was a regular in Australia's one-day and T-20 teams last summer.

But he has been overlooked for the One Day International series in England and Ireland.

Australia will play five one-dayers against England and Ireland in June and July.

Opening batsman Ed Cowan will captain the Australia A team which will play four first-class matches in England in August.

Australia (ODIs against England and Ireland in June-July): Michael Clarke (capt), Shane Watson, George Bailey, Patrick Cummins, Xavier Doherty, Ben Hilfenhaus, Mike Hussey, David Hussey,

Mitchell Johnson, Brett Lee, Clint McKay, James Pattinson, Steve Smith, Matthew Wade, David Warner.

Australia A (first-class matches in England in July-August): Ed Cowan (capt), Peter Forrest, George Bailey, Jackson Bird, Joe Burns, Tom Cooper, Patrick Cummins, Ben Cutting, Liam Davis, Jon Holland, Mitchell Johnson, Michael Klinger, Nathan Lyon, Tim Paine, James Pattinson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc. — AAP

Memorable weekend

By PETER ARGENT



THE centrepiece of the Indigenous Round of the Australian Football League (AFL), which this year takes teams to all points of the nation, is the annual Dreamtime at the G clash between Melbourne rivals the Essendon Bombers and Richmond Tigers.

This marquee contest was the brainchild of current Greater Western Sydney coach Kevin Sheedy and is now a major part of the minor round fixtures.

Richmond leads the head-to-head 'Dreamtime at the G' contests with four wins to three.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to the Bombers' electrifying livewire small forward, Alwyn Davey, who has played in four of the five Dreamtime at the G games.

"It is a privilege to play in these annual Dreamtime games and it's a day on the calendar we look forward to," Davey said.

"For the AFL to recognise the Indigenous people in this way shows how far we have come.

"The entire playing list at Essendon gets behind the boys for this contest.

"From the Indigenous boys' perspective at Essendon, we're looking forward to the game and to showcase our skills."

Of the six Aboriginal players on its list, five (injury notwithstanding) — Leroy Jetta, Courtney Dempsey, Alwyn Davey, Nathan Lovett-Murray and Patrick Ryder — will be expected in the Essendon jumper for this weekend's round eight Saturday evening contest at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Tough game

"It will be a tough game, as Richmond is an improving combination," Davey said.

"They got us last year and we're keen to return the favour.

"At Essendon we were excited about the prospects, but know there is no point getting ahead of ourselves."

Other Indigenous Round events include The Long Walk (Birrarung Marr) from 2pm, a third annual Rio Tinto Cup curtain-raiser (Northern v Southern) on the MCG at 4.10pm.

This will be followed by the pre-match entertainment featuring a contemporary ceremony drawing on traditional customs and rituals, featuring a Wurundjeri creation story, dance, puppetry and lighting, and a



'Welcome to Country' ceremony.

The Indigenous Round and the Dreamtime at the G promotion will feature the iconic Goanna song *Solid Rock*, from the landmark best-selling 1982 album *Spirit of Place*.

Included in the line-up of performers are Shane Howard and his band, along with Dan Sultan, Amy Saunders, Emma Donovan, William Barton, Bart

Willoughby and Tjimba Possum Burns.

"It's a great honour for me to be singing *Solid Rock* as a part of Dreamtime at the G," Shane Howard said.

"It's always such a special evening. "I'm a Tigers man, so it's even more special for me.

"When *Solid Rock* was released 30 years ago, I couldn't have even imagined an event like this.

"It's a great night for all of us, as Australians, black and white, to come together and celebrate as one, the game we all love and call our own — Australian football."

'Great night'

Dan Sultan said: "It's great to be a part of Dreamtime at the G once again. My heritage and my footy are very important to me... it's a great night."

Other key fixtures during the Indigenous Round games include the 2011 AFL grand final re-match on Friday, between Collingwood and Geelong, a Dreamtime in Darwin contest between the Western Bulldogs and the Gold Coast, Hawthorn travelling to Tasmania to take on Fremantle, along with two Sunday games — Carlton taking on the Adelaide Crows at Etihad Stadium (Melbourne) and the West Coast Eagles hosting St Kilda in Perth.



Bart Willoughby, Tjimba Possum Burns and Shane Howard with Essendon's Indigenous players Leroy Jetta, Courtney Dempsey, Alwyn Davey, Nathan Lovett-Murray and Patrick Ryder.



'Mo' Motlop dumped by Nightcliff

By PETER ARGENT



THE Nightcliff Australian Football Club has dumped 2011-12 grand final and ABC NTFL Dream Team coach Maurice 'Mo' Motlop (pictured above).

Motlop had engineered the Tigers' rise from wooden

spooners the previous season to a grand final berth against the eventual premiers, the Tiwi Bombers, in mid-March.

Nightcliff were just a couple of straight kicks from their first flag in nearly four decades, going down by 14 points.

They last won an NTFL premiership in 1964-65.

"I was really looking forward to the challenge," a disenchanted Moltop told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm as disappointed for the supporters as much as I am for myself.

"We made a big commitment to get Nightcliff competitive and both my sons came across to play at the Tigers."

One-year extension option

Interestingly, when he was appointed, Moltop secured the position for the 2011-12 season with an option of a one-year extension.

"The structure of the current contract — one year with an option to renew for an additional year — was in anticipation of an analysis of key benchmarks," Nightcliff president Mark Kelly said in the local NT press.

"The committee believe the club would now benefit by embracing some experience that will deliver a long-term strategy to the coaching group."

It is expected that Thomas Motlop who kicked 69 goals last season with the Tigers, will return to the Wanderers for the 2012-13 campaign.

Marlon Motlop, who played six games for the Nightcliff under his father, is playing good football with Swan Districts and has been touted as a chance to be selected in the WAFL team for the interstate clash with South Australia on 26 May.



**Steven adds
to Motlop
dynasty**
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Testing times for Swans without Goodes



ON the surface, Adam Goodes' likely six-week absence is a crushing blow for Sydney's Australian Football League (AFL) prospects, but Swans coach John Longmire can see the positives.

Longmire spoke of disappointment and Goodes' importance to the team on 7 May when scans confirmed the dual Brownlow medallist had torn his left quadricep in the 5 May loss to Adelaide — the Swans' first defeat of the season.

Golden chance

But the second-year coach acknowledged Goodes' first extended stint on the sidelines presented a golden chance for his side to prove they weren't a one-man band.

"I think it's a tremendous opportunity for a lot of players in the team and outside the team to make sure they step up over this period of time when Goodes' out and play well,"

Longmire said. "We only did it a couple of weeks ago (against North Melbourne when Goodes served a one-match suspension) and now we've got to keep doing it."

Longmire suggested the 305-game veteran's recovery period could be shorter or longer than six weeks, but with Sydney having the bye in round 12, it was unlikely his return would come any earlier than their round 13 fixture on 22 June against Geelong at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

"I'm sure he's going to do everything he possibly can to get back as quick as he can, but even if he's feeling good it's not something that we'll tend to push too hard," Longmire said.

"We know how important Adam Goodes is for us."

No matter how long he's missing for, the Swans are entering largely uncharted waters.

Goodes has missed just seven games through suspension and injury over the past 13 seasons. — AAP



Sydney's Adam Goodes grimaces as he holds his back during the round six AFL match against the Adelaide Crows at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 5 May. — Getty image

'Smiley' Johnstone co-ordinates NSW Rugby League Knockout

Venue announced



IT'S official — the 2012 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival is to be held at Lakeside Oval, Raymond Terrace, just north of Newcastle,

from 28 September-1 October.

It will be hosted by the Mindaribba Warriors Rugby League Club, which has engaged high-profile Indigenous rugby league administrator William 'Smiley' Johnstone as the event co-ordinator. He is the chairman of the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council.

Nomination forms and rules are now available and can be downloaded by clicking on the 'Sports' icon at <http://www.mindaribbalalc.org>

The Mindaribba Warriors won last year's Knockout at Bathurst and then became the winners of the inaugural NACCHO-Deadly Choices Interstate Rugby League Challenge on the Queensland Gold Coast.

The Warriors beat the Queensland-based Southern Dingoes 40-18 at Bob Singh Oval, Miami, as part of the build-up to the Harvey Norman All Stars extravaganza last February.

Mr Johnstone said preparations for this year's Knockout were well advanced.

"The Knockout has become a pre-eminent sporting and cultural fixture in

the Aboriginal calendar in New South Wales and the Mindaribba Warriors, fully supported by the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council, are honoured to be the host club this year," he said.

"The Warriors and the Mindaribba LALC have activated the web link to ensure as many clubs possible nominate as early as they can. We want to avoid any last-minute nominations if possible.

"The Knockout has been attracting more than 60 teams and we want to ensure everyone who wants to compete this year gets a guernsey.

"Good organisation is the key to success."

Mr Johnstone said a full sponsorship and promotions package was being developed and would be released soon.

Draw made in advance

The Knockout draw will be made at the Mindaribba LALC offices, Chelmsford Drive, Metford, at 6pm on Wednesday 12 September.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 7 September.

The carnival will feature men's and women's games, and under 15 and under 17 boys matches.

Qualifying games will be played on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with finals



WILLIAM 'SMILEY' JOHNSTONE

scheduled for Monday 1 October.

Organisers are expecting more than 6000 spectators from Aboriginal communities throughout NSW.

Cultural events will be another feature of the weekend.

Mindaribba Warriors chairman Tom Miller would the Knockout would be an alcohol- and smoke-free event and would provide government agencies and private companies with an opportunity to engage

with Aboriginal men, women and children throughout the weekend.

"We plan to establish an exhibition centre, health precinct and children's precinct with pool access and carnival rides to operate throughout the carnival," he said.

"The Knockout presents a terrific one-off opportunity for government agencies and private companies to promote their commitment to working with our people to 'close the gap'.

"One of the defining principles and objectives of the original Knockout was to create a competition to showcase the rugby league skills of our people and to host a carnival where we could come together to celebrate what it means to be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

"We intend to ensure we build on that tradition.

"The Mindaribba Warriors have a long and proud history.

"We are confident this year's Knockout will find a special place in that history."

Warriors captain-coach Ronald Griffiths said the club was formed in 1995 by a small group who were involved with Mindaribba LALC. The driving forces were the late Trevor Patten, the late Rick Griffiths, and chairman Tom Miller.

The club draws from a large talent base within the Hunter region.



Essendon players fired up for Dreamtime match — P91